

Finland

Finland is politically and financially committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as the country upholds that this is a pre-condition to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This commitment to SRHR has been reflected in the 2021 Report on Development Policy across Parliamentary Terms, which confirms SRHR as a priority for the promotion of the rights of women and girls. Following the 2023 elections, this policy will be replaced by a new Report on Development Policy and Foreign Trade in 2024. Despite being more conservative, the new government in place has pledged to advance SRH within its development cooperation.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Finland kept the same level of financial support to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2022 (-1%)*. The country allocated **48 million Euros** to SRH/FP, equivalent to 3,1% of total ODA. Finland is one of the European donors that mostly relies on the multilateral system to advance access to SRH/FP: only 20% of the country's ODA to the agenda is channelled outside the system. Nonetheless, the most significant increase in relative terms came from government-to-government cooperation, which was fivefold compared to the previous year – even though it remains marginal in comparison with the other funding streams. In absolute terms, the largest surge came from funding to international organisations and initiatives, with additional 2 million Euros, and following the country's commitment in 2022 to set SRHR as one of the priorities for NGO funding. Finland increased investments in SRHR compared to 2021: this amounted to almost **65 million Euros** or 4,2% of the country's total ODA. The same funding trends can be observed as in the Finnish spending on SRH/FP. In addition to the investment in SRH/FP, Finland supports accountability programmes, on top of abortion-focused NGO IPAS and LGBTIQ+ groups. Finland is the country that mostly funds UNFPA to benefit SRH/FP as a share of the ODA, amounting to 2.9% of its ODA - and down from 3.7% in 2021. Even so, the country sustained support to the agency benefitting both SRH/FP and SRHR in 2022. Following the Nairobi ICPD+25 Summit, Finland has been providing 33 million Euros as core funding to the agency, making UNFPA the largest receiver of Finnish core funding among UN organisations.

FORECAST

In 2022, Finland set SRHR as one of the priorities for funding of international organisations and initiatives, so at least the same level of funding can be expected for 2023. The new government in place since late 2023 announced that there will be reductions in development cooperation assistance during its term, which will be implemented gradually. The level of support to SRH/FP and SRHR is yet to be seen, depending on the policy priorities and multi-year funding plan identified under the new upcoming Report on Development Policy and Foreign Trade.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2022

3,1%

%ODA SRHR IN 2022

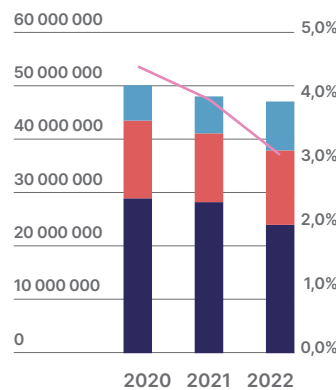
4,2%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

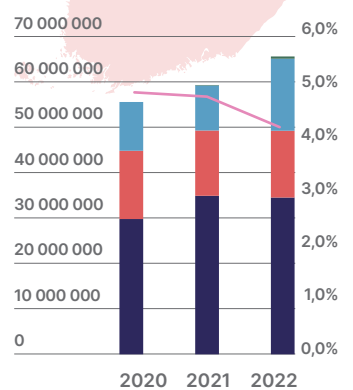


FINLAND'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING



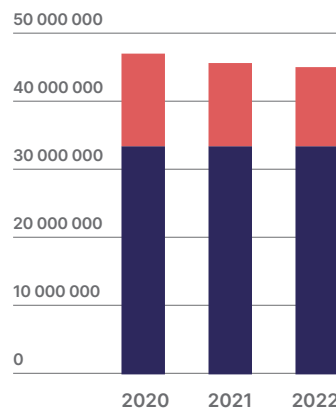
SRHR SPENDING



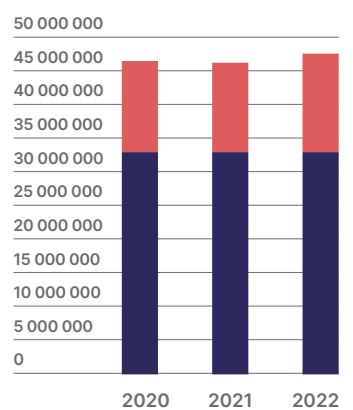
■ Core Multilateral
■ Multilat. projects
■ Int Orgs

■ Research
■ Govt-to-Govt
— Spending as % ODA

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR



■ Core ■ Other UNFPA projects ■ Supplies Partnership

* To be noted however that Finland kept overall efforts also due to updated percentages of multilateral core funding, namely from UNFPA, which indicate that agencies allocated slightly less to SRH/FP in 2022 compared to the previous year, and not necessarily Finnish decreased investments.