

Ireland

Launched in 2019, Ireland's international development policy strongly signals that the country takes a proactive, rights-based approach to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and works towards the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). In a significant departure from previous policies, SRHR is mainstreamed throughout the document, which includes a commitment to a new initiative on SRHR. In 2023, the Irish government announced details of this long-awaited initiative through which Ireland will scale up and expand its work on SRHR, with focus on SRHR in emergencies, young people's access to SRHR and the unmet need for contraception.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

In 2022, Ireland increased disbursements for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) by 30%. Total level of investment amounted to **38 million Euros**, which is 2.7% of total ODA. This increase is mostly due to more comprehensive reporting methods from IrishAid, previously identified for 2021 data, but also larger contributions to earmarked multilateral programmes (130%) and international organisations & initiatives (34%). Part of this significant increase was due to new disbursements in humanitarian efforts, including UNFPA's Appeal for Ukraine. Moreover, in 2022 Ireland provided core funding to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) for the first time.

As in 2021, contributions to SRHR increased given Irish support to HIV prevention and control and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV): total funding amounted to **66 million Euros** or 4.7% of total ODA. This is also an increase in absolute terms compared to the previous year of about 30%. Once more, the largest increase was observed in earmarked multilateral programmes.

UNFPA remains a key partner supporting the implementation of Irish policy on SRHR. In 2019, Ireland increased its annual core contribution to UNFPA to 3.5 million Euros. Core funding to the agency was further increased to 4 million in 2022 and 4.5 million in 2023. Like the above-mentioned trend, Ireland also increased support to UNFPA by 53% in 2022, mainly due to larger disbursements to earmarked programmes, including for humanitarian settings.

FORECAST

Ireland has committed to an additional 60 million Euros to ODA for 2024, making it the ninth consecutive year that ODA funding grows. It remains to be seen how this will be translated into funding for SRH/FP and SRHR but there are positive signals: UNFPA is expected to receive more funding, both core and support to the Supplies Partnership, which will be Ireland's first multi-annual commitment. Moreover, IPPF is also expected to receive more funding, in line with the new SRHR initiative.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2022

2,7%

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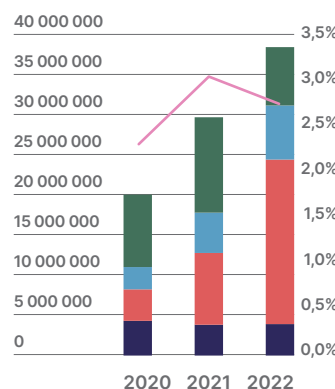
4,7%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



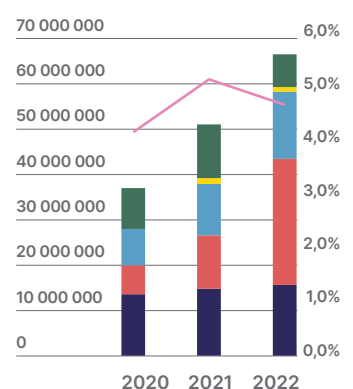
IRELAND'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING



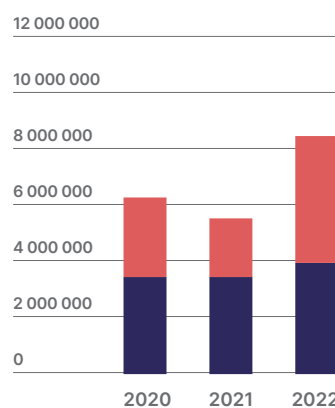
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SRHR SPENDING



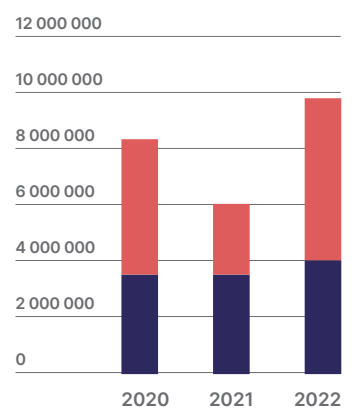
Research
Govt-to-Govt
Spending as %ODA

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



Core Other UNFPA projects

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR



Supplies Partnership