

# Italy

Italy's strategic priorities for development cooperation are spelled out in the 'Three-year cooperation programming and policy orientation plan 2021 – 2023'. Priority is given to initiatives aimed to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, combating all forms of violence and ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), among others. In 2023, the new conservative government (in office since October 2022) announced a new Partnership Plan for international cooperation, entitled Piano Mattei and presented as a 'virtuous model of collaboration and growth' with Africa, intending to counter Islamist radicalism, promote social stabilization, and support economic development by investing in strategic sectors, such as energy. It is unclear how this will affect the above-mentioned priorities.

## MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

In 2022, Italy disbursed almost **36 million Euros** for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP), which is almost double than the level of investment from 2021. The country has therefore doubled its share of ODA allocated to SRH/FP, from 0.3% in 2021 to 0.6% in 2022. This increase came mostly from earmarked multilateral programmes, namely, but not exclusively, for humanitarian settings, including Ukraine. Italy supports SRH/FP mostly through the multilateral system (79%).

In 2022, Italy's contributions to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) reached a level of almost **72 million Euros**, which is 42% more than in the previous year. This represented 1.1% of Italy's ODA in 2022. Such difference is mainly due to the emphasis that Italy places in preventing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and fighting HIV/AIDS: Italy allocates almost as much to these components as to SRH/FP.

In 2022, Italy tripled its support to UNFPA, having channelled 23 million Euros through the agency to benefit SRH/FP and 29 million to benefit SRHR. As above, this rise was mostly due to the country's response to UNFPA's humanitarian appeal, through earmarked programmes, and to the fight against harmful practices and SGBV.

## FORECAST

Given the new right-wing government who took office in October 2022, and its agenda which is clearly against SRHR, resources allocated to international cooperation by the Italian government are expected to decrease starting from 2023, with a high probability to affect the SRH/FP and SRHR agenda. Contributions to SRHR through the UN system are however expected to be kept at the same level, in line with Italy's commitments made at the Generation Equality Forum.

### %ODA SRH/FP IN 2022

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### %ODA SRHR IN 2022

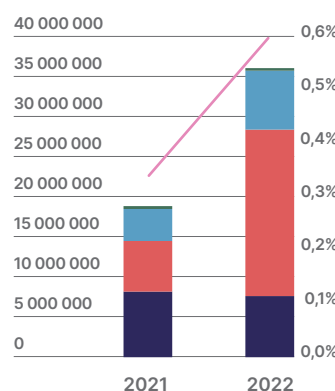
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### LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

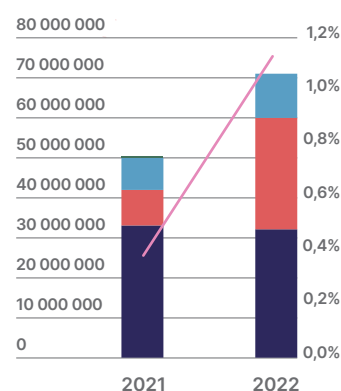


## ITALY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

### SRH/FP SPENDING



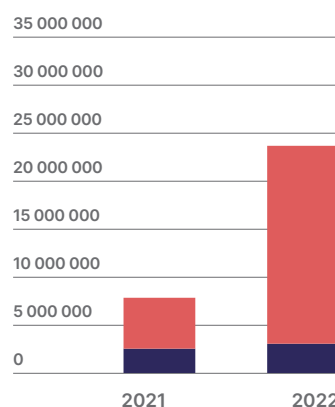
### SRHR SPENDING



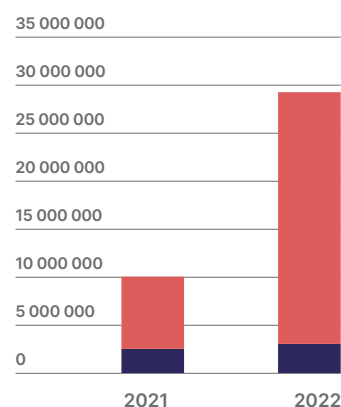
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Int Orgs

Research  
Govt-to-Govt  
Spending as % ODA

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR



Core Other UNFPA projects Supplies Partnership