## **EU** institutions



he EU is a unique actor: through contributions from its Member States, it is the biggest multilateral donor worldwide. The EU institutions remain committed to the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as reflected in the European Consensus on Development. Recently, the EU reaffirmed this commitment in the new funding instrument for EU cooperation – the 'Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument/Global Europe (NDICI/GE)' –, the Samoa Agreement (which is the follow-up of the Cotonou Agreement between EU and ACP states) and the new EU's Gender and Youth Action Plans, among others.

## MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

In 2022, EU support to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) increased by 44%, amounting to 112 million Euros. Enhanced investment was mostly observed in funds channelled through international organisations and initiatives, followed by earmarked multilateral programmes. This may be partially justified by the fact that several programmes of the new EU budget cycle started implementation in 2022 only. To note that the EU only provides core funding to the GFATM.

On the other hand, in 2022, EU contributions to SRHR decreased by 36%, with total disbursements amounting to **240 million Euros**. Such difference is mainly due to support to the GFATM, which more than halved compared to 2021. It is also justified by reduced EU contributions to the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, which aims to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Although it is expected that only a small share of this Fund will directly benefit SRH/FP, this has been considered a major EU initiative to advance SRHR, by preventing and protecting against sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). In addition to this initiative, the EU further promotes change of social norms, including for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer (LGBTIQ+) people, through international organisations and initiatives.

EU funding to UNFPA also more than doubled, namely due to resumed contributions to the Supplies Partnership since 2019, now amounting to 45 million Euros. This was the second largest contribution across European donors in 2022. As part of its multiannual commitment, the EU is expected to continue funding this programme in the next years. This disbursement was more than enough to offset decreased support to the agency's earmarked programmes, for both SRH/FP and SRHR.

## **FORECAST**

Even though it is not possible to identify a financial forecast for SRH/FP or SRHR, support from EU institutions is expected to be at least sustained given the commitment expressed in the different multiannual EU policy frameworks, and the new Team Europe Initiative on SRHR in Sub-Saharan Africa, which will include an additional 60 million Euros for 2023–2027.

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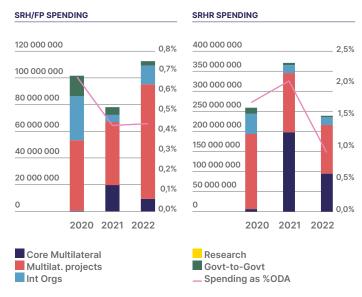
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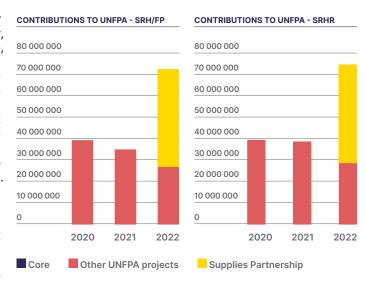
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LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



## **EU FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR**









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