

# United Kingdom

The UK has been one of the largest European donors of ODA and has repeatedly been the largest contributor to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in monetary terms. In 2020, the Department for International Development (DFID) and Foreign and Commonwealth Office merged to form the new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). Subsequently, the UK's legal commitment to 0.7% GNI to ODA has gradually been reduced to 0.5%. The FCDO's International Development White Paper released in 2023 nonetheless commits the UK to investment in comprehensive SRHR. The UK also launched a new International Women and Girls Strategy, which significantly strengthens FCDO's policy ambition on SRHR.

## MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

After having curtailed funding levels for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2021, the UK recovered some of its level of investments: in 2022, the country spent **306 million Euros**, or 2.8% of total ODA. This represents an increase of 26% compared to the previous year, bringing in an additional 64 million Euros. This increase was observed in all streams, except for government-to-government support, which was reduced for the third consecutive year.

Contributions to SRHR also increased by almost 8%, reaching a level of **544 million Euros** in 2022, and equivalent to 5% of total ODA: this significant difference from SRH/FP spending is due to core contributions to the GFATM and its focus on essential HIV services, as the UK was one of the major donors supporting the Fund. The UK government has been further advancing the SRHR agenda through other HIV initiatives, in addition to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and safe abortion. The country mostly invests in the multilateral system to advance the SRHR agenda (78%).

Funding to UNFPA was also strengthened, by 64%. The largest surge observed in the Supplies partnership programme, which more than tripled, now amounting to 78 million Euros. This was by far the largest contribution to the programme across European governments, and following substantial UK reductions since 2020. In total, funding to SRH/FP through UNFPA amounted to 117 million Euros and 118 million were allocated to SRHR.

## FORECAST

Despite the ongoing reduction in ODA/GNI spend, overall UK investments in SRHR are expected to be maintained.

### %ODA SRH/FP IN 2022

2,8%

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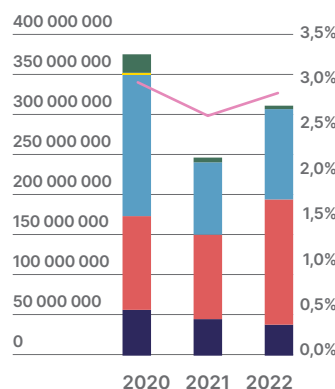
5%

### LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

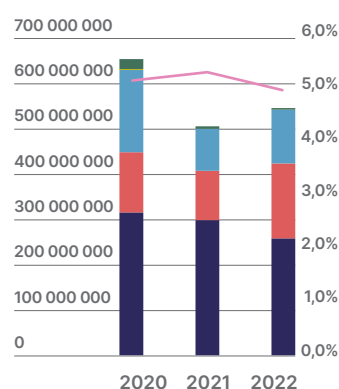


## UK'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

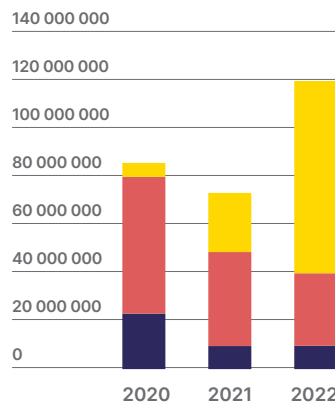
### SRH/FP SPENDING



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### CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



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