Priorities for Policy Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Globally

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Broad Relevance of Findings

- Countries
- Multilaterals
- Bilaterals
- Private donors
- Regional bodies
- Provider associations
- Partners & advocates
- US policymakers
## Policy Actions for LMICs

### Fiscal Policy
- Prioritize SRHR in domestic budgets
- Facilitate open discussion of SRHR and use of donor and domestic funding
- Raise awareness at all levels about cost-effectiveness of SRHR investments

### Legal and Policy Reform
- Liberalize abortion laws to make safe abortion services accessible
- Adopt WHO standards on comprehensive abortion care, task-shifting to more cadres
- Support new models of care to increase access to contraception, MNCH, HIV & STI care
Policy Actions for External Funders

Short-term

• Include SRHR supplies in list of essential COVID-19 medicines
• Call for and support abortion as an essential service
• Help avert loss of gains made in SRHR over last few decades, especially for marginalized groups

Long-term

• Adopt GLC comprehensive definition of SRHR
• Include SRHR as part of UHC efforts, protect SRH investments
• Improve flexibility in funding to address emerging SRHR needs
• Increase focus on marginalized groups, including adolescents, and the barriers to care they face
Policy Actions for Other Stakeholders

**Regional Bodies**
- Ratify and implement the Maputo Protocol
- Implement Montevideo Consensus
- Facilitate sharing of best practices, policies, tools

**Provider Associations**
- Assist with clinical guidelines as countries establish safe abortion
- Include SRHR in clinical packages and standards
- Advocate for liberalization, task-shifting

**Partners & Advocates**
- Advocate for liberalization of abortion laws
- Document and share individual stories from the frontlines
- Provide technical support for integration of SRHR into UHC
Policy Actions for the US

Permanently repeal the Helms Amendment: *Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act of 2020*

Permanently repeal the Global Gag Rule: *Global Health, Empowerment and Rights (HER) Act*

Support sustained funding to UNFPA: *Support UNFPA Funding Act*

Scale up funding for family planning and reproductive health: $1.66B annually
For More Information

Adding It Up 2019:
Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health 2019

Abortion and unintended pregnancy:
Unintended pregnancy and abortion by income, region, and the legal status of abortion: estimates from a comprehensive model for 1990–2019

Global Gag Rule:
Investigating the Early Impact of the Trump Administration’s Global Gag Rule on Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Delivery in Uganda

The Guttmacher-Lancet Commission:
Accelerate progress—sexual and reproductive health and rights for all: report of the Guttmacher–Lancet Commission