UNFPA and the United Kingdom

A partnership for women and girls

The United Kingdom’s support to UNFPA means more women and girls worldwide are empowered to realize their full potential while being shielded from violence and harm.

Discover how the United Kingdom is making an impact.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

An ally in responding to humanitarian crises

Core funding provides UNFPA with the flexibility to plan ahead and to respond to emerging crises. As one of UNFPA’s top five bilateral humanitarian donors, the United Kingdom helps UNFPA deliver life-saving aid, sexual and reproductive health, and gender-based violence protection services to the most vulnerable women and girls, in places such as Afghanistan, Somalia and Ukraine.

A long-term partner with a lasting impact

The United Kingdom has been a leading donor to UNFPA for many years. This investment in our mission supports the United Kingdom’s commitment to advancing the rights and choices of women and girls worldwide. Specifically, the United Kingdom has been an indispensable partner in programmes aimed at ending child marriage and eliminating harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation.

Provider of life-saving supplies

In 2023, the United Kingdom maintained its position as the top donor to the UNFPA Supplies Partnership, which provides critical maternal health medicines in many of the world’s lowest-income countries. Between 2008 and 2020, the programme is estimated to have prevented 89 million unintended pregnancies and 1.6 million child deaths.

ABOUT UNFPA

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

All UNFPA funding is voluntary – we rely on partners and donors like you to champion our mission and support our programmes!

Our three transformative results:

- end the unmet need for family planning
- end preventable maternal deaths
- end gender-based violence and all harmful practices

Read more about the United Kingdom and UNFPA engagement on UNFPA’s website:
RESULTS FOR RESOURCES IN 2023

1,632,936 unintended pregnancies prevented
3,090 maternal deaths averted
531,639 unsafe abortions prevented
2,455,259 women and young people reached with sexual and reproductive health services

581,987 sexually transmitted infections prevented by providing female and male condoms
7,802,269 years of protection provided from unintended pregnancy
791 women and girls living with obstetric fistula received treatment
13,368 HIV infections prevented by providing female and male condoms

900,262 marginalized girls reached by life skills programmes
82,097 women, adolescents and youth received high-quality services related to harmful practices
14,736 girls saved from female genital mutilation

Key results are illustrative only and reflect a calculation based on the donor’s contribution proportionally to UNFPA’s overall results.