

## UNFPA Supplies Overview

UNFPA's mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA Supplies is UNFPA's flagship programme that helps countries build stronger health systems and widen access to a reliable supply of contraceptives and life-saving medicines for maternal health.

UNFPA Supplies focuses on 46 low-income countries with high maternal mortality, low contraceptive use growing unmet need for family planning, and, in half of the cases, humanitarian situations. Established in 2007, the programme has mobilized over \$1 billion.

## Promoting Sustainable Solutions

Nearly 225 million married women in developing countries lack access to modern contraceptives. UNFPA Supplies increases the availability of quality-assured reproductive health products, including contraceptives, for family planning and prevention of sexually transmitted infection, and life-saving maternal health medicines.

For every \$1 invested in family planning the return for partner countries could be as high as \$120 in health savings and socioeconomic benefits. Voluntary family planning services help women and families thrive through reduced unintended pregnancies. These and other improved health outcomes yield strong economies due to increased educational attainment for women and children, and greater female labour force participation.

UNFPA Supplies's ultimate goal through its comprehensive interventions is to have each country procure its own contraceptives under a national health system able to supply every person who needs them with a choice of quality family planning methods. To this end, countries supported by UNFPA Supplies are increasing national expenditures in reproductive health. Since the programme began its support and advocacy efforts, 35 of these countries have implemented national budgets for contraceptives. In 2014, national expenditures totalled \$62.9 million.

UNFPA Supplies leverages its role as high-volume procurer to reduce prices for reproductive health supplies, and supports countries to achieve sustainable procurement and distribution. The Programme aims to help countries move from long-term donor support to independent national family planning programmes through:

- **Resource Mobilization** //
  - Advocacy with governments to increase domestic funds for family planning
  - Engaging with partners to mobilize external funding and donations
- **Technical Assistance** //
  - Supporting countries in developing sustainable financing mechanisms and market-driven approaches
  - Sharing best practices in optimizing use of donor funding mechanisms
- **Funding Schemes** //
  - Introducing co-financing for family planning resources, reducing the share of donor contributions over time.

# Key Facts & Figures



## PROVIDING CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS

In 2015 alone, support from UNFPA Supplies helped some 18 million women in more than 46 countries receive access to modern contraceptives and reproductive health services.



## INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

When women work, they invest 90 per cent of their income back into their families, compared with 35 per cent for men. Providing pathways for women and girls to control their futures positively impacts their lives, their families and communities.



## UNFPA SUPPLIES' IMPACT

Contraceptives provided through UNFPA Supplies since in 2008 are estimated to have saved families and countries US\$ 2.6 billion savings in direct health-care spending.

***"Family planning has really helped me in my activities both in business and in farm work. I don't think I could carry out my activities with a pregnancy or a baby on my back."***

*- Pascaline Outtara in Matroukou, Burkina Faso*