

"Reproductive Health as a guarantee for healthy generations – today and tomorrow"



Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted...every childbirth is safe...and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

Reproductive health:



Addresses the reproductive processes, functions and system at all stages of life. Reproductive health, therefore, implies that people are able to have a responsible, satisfying and safer sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so.

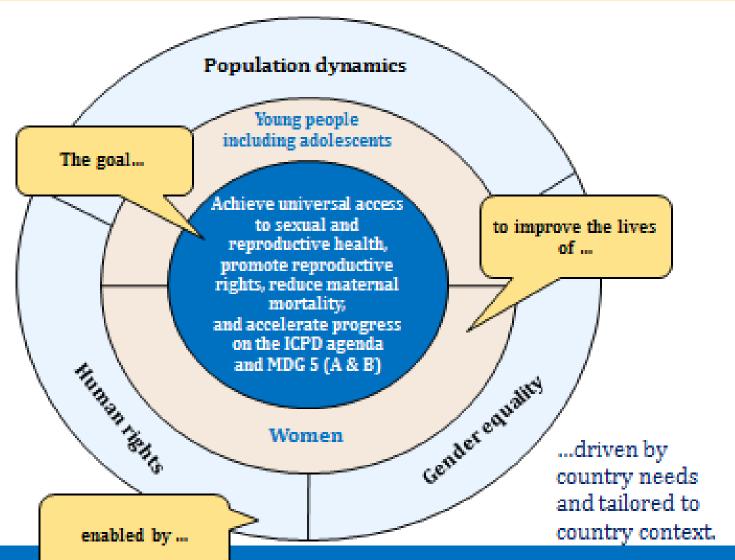
Implicit in this are the right of men and women to be informed of and to have access to safe, effective, affordable and acceptable methods of family planning of their choice; and the right of access to appropriate health care services of sexual and reproductive medicine that will enable women to go safely through pregnancy and childbirth and provide couples with the best chance of having a healthy infant."

UNFPA STRATEGIES FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- 1. Improving antenatal, delivery, postpartum and newborn care
- 2. Providing high-quality services for voluntary family planning, including infertility services
- 3. Eliminating recourse to abortions
- 4. Combating STIs, including HIV, reproductive tract infections, cervical cancer and other gynecological morbidities
- 5. Promoting sexual health.







KEY ISSUES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

- 1. Reproductive health commodity security
- 2. Investing in reproductive health
- 3. Information services
- 4. Youth-friendly information and health services
- 5. Rural women and access to services
- 6. Human rights and reproductive health services
- 7. Emergencies and reproductive health services
- 8. HIV/AIDS and reproductive health services

STRIKING STATISTICS

- Approximately 215 million women in the developing world want to avoid/ plan pregnancies, but lack modern contraceptives
- Meeting this unmet need will result in 53 million fewer unintended pregnancies and approx 100,000 fewer maternal deaths every year
- Every year, worldwide, 358,000 women die from pregnancy-related causes.
- Every year, 10-15 million women suffer severe or longlasting illnesses or disabilities caused by complications during pregnancy or childbirth
- Half of all maternal deaths occur during the first 24 hours after delivery
- An estimated 19 million unsafe abortions take place each year in developing countries (causing every year, an estimated 47,000 deaths and millions more women suffer

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