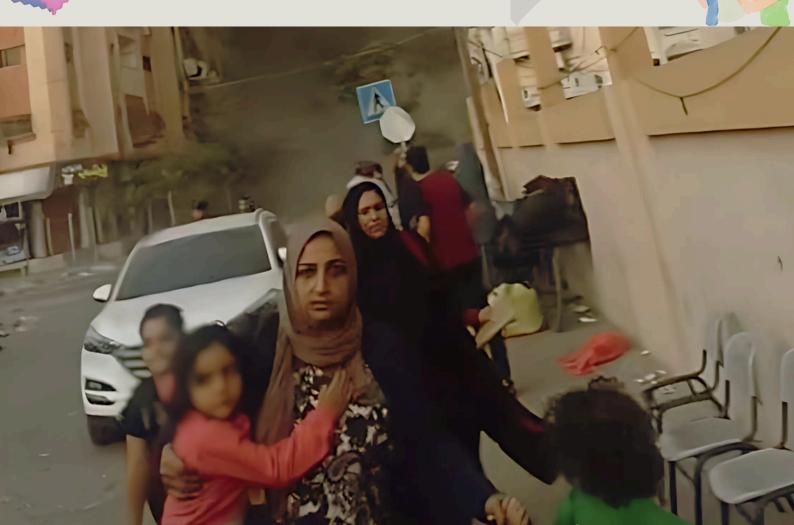


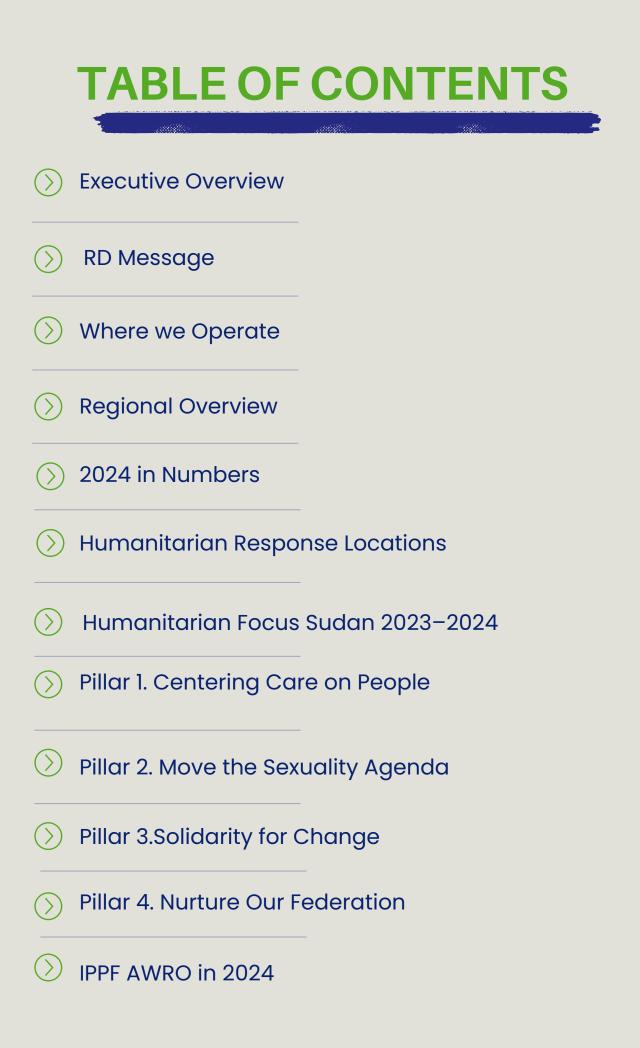
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Leaving No One Behind

Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) during transitional times





Executive Overview

In 2024, the Arab World Regional Office of IPPF (AWRO) demonstrated unwavering commitment to promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) amidst political instability, humanitarian crises, and social upheaval. In this regard, our Member Associations (MAs) delivered essential, rights-based services, advocated policy change, and expanded digital and community-based health delivery models. From crisis response in Sudan and Palestine, to educational reforms in Tunisia, and inclusive healthcare in Lebanon, we remained steadfast in our mission to make sure that no one is left behind. This report highlights our collective achievements through the lens of four main IPPF global pillars:

1.Centering Care on People2.Move the Sexuality Agenda3.Solidarity for Change4.Nurture our Federation

From our nonstop SRH Humanitarian response in Sudan and Palestine amid times of war and peace, to Algeria's historic perineal rehabilitation policy to Tunisia's integration of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in schools, and Lebanon's emergency support for LGBTIQ+ communities during war, and AMPF Mauritania extended global experts support to FGM programming globally,our collective efforts has always endeavoured to make sure that **No one was left behind**.





A Year of Resilience, Renewal, and Shared Purpose

Dear partners, colleagues, and champions of sexual and reproductive health and rights,

In a region marked by complexites and contradictions — where enduring hardship meets hope, and progress is often pursued amid instability, 2024 was a testament to the enduring strength of our movement.

Across the Arab World, our Member Associations have delivered critical services, challenged harmful norms, and stood in unwavering solidarity with the most vulnerable. They did so in conflict zones and under siege. They did so while navigating through economic collapse, climate shocks, and political uncertainty. And they did so not out of obligation, but out of a deeprooted belief: that **sexual and reproductive health and rights are universal, inalienable, and non-negotiable even in times of crises**.

This year, we witnessed extraordinary courage. Youthled initiatives in Yemen transformed trauma into healing. Safe spaces in Palestine, Sudan and Tunisia restored dignity to survivors of violence. Digital innovation in Morocco, community care in Lebanon, and grassroots organizing in Pakistan brought SRHR closer to people who need it most. And through pioneering research in Tunisia and collective action through our FGM Center of Excellence in Mauritania, we reshaped the very discourse around rights and resilience in our region.

Yet, beyond our programs and statistics, what defines us is how we show up for one another. **This is the essence** of our Federation one rooted in solidarity, shared learning, and collective power.



At the Arab World Regional Office, we have been proud to walk alongside our Member Associations enhancing governance, accreditation progress, social enterprise development, and cross-regional exchange. And we remain committed to ensuring that every organization in our network is equipped to grow, lead, and sustain its mission with excellence.

Regarding the future, our challenges remain significant but so is our determination. We are building a region where **every individual**, **regardless of identity or circumstance, can access the information, services, and care they deserve.** This is not just a goal; it is our responsibility.

To our teams on the ground, our partners, donors, and communities: thank you. Your resilience, trust, and partnership make this work possible. Let us continue, together with courage, care, and the conviction that change is not only needed, but within reach.

With my solidarity and gratitude,

Fadoua Kakhadda **Regional Director**

IPPF Arab World Regional Office









Where we Operate





Collaborative PArtners Member Associations

Navigating Crises with Commitment

In 2024, the regional office of the Arab World, strategically located in Tunis, took assertive actions to support member associations, collaborative partners, and strategic allies as they confronted a complex web of overlapping crises. These crises, each distinct in its intensity and effects, demanded our focused attention and concerted response. The regional office encompasses a rich and diverse geography, reaching hundreds of vibrant cultural, religious, and ethnic communities. From the bustling refugee camps along the rugged Pakistan border to the lively fishing communities nestled along Morocco's picturesque Atlantic coast, our influence spans a wide array of environments. We engage with key immigration checkpoints along the Mauritania borders, facilitating accesses to women and girls in need of SRH services in every country that Members, partners and alliances are in action. Additionally, we attentively monitor the crucial returnee influx points straddling Sudan and its neighboring countries, ensuring support for displaced individuals and maximizing Reproductive care facilities for women and girls at reproductive age. At the epicenter of our efforts lies the Gaza Strip, a region engulfed in conflict and turmoil, which reverberates intensely throughout the broader Middle East. The ongoing crisis in Gaza has created powerful shockwaves, significantly impacting neighboring Lebanon, Syria and spread out to Yemen and the red sea southern gate of the region.

The current security landscape in the region is marked by an intricate and precarious situation, defined by active conflict zones in four critical areas: Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon, and Yemen. Each of these war-torn countries experiences its own unique challenges and crises, contributing to a complex web of instability that impacts the entire region. Adding to this complexity is the region's strategic geographic position as a central transit point for migration flows from the Global South to the Northern Hemisphere.





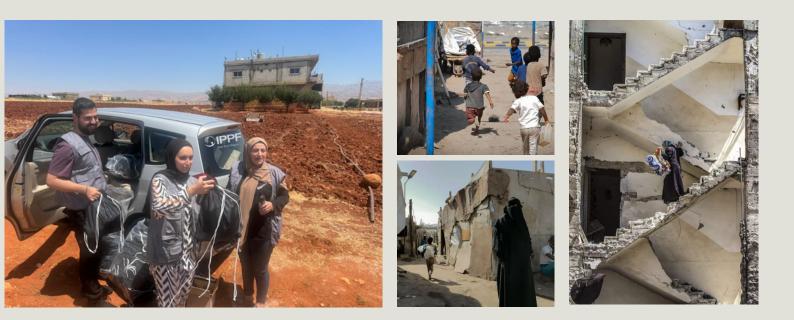
Navigating Crises with Commitment

Countries such as Sudan, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania, and Algeria have increasingly found themselves at the crossroads of migration, serving as crucial transit nations for countless individuals seeking refuge from conflict, persecution, and economic hardship. These dynamics blur the lines between those merely passing through and local citizens who are similarly fleeing the severe hardships caused by ongoing wars and pervasive economic crises. As a result, these nations are evolving from transient territories into countries of origin for many would-be migrants seeking safety and stability. The humanitarian crisis has not only prompted significant internal population movements but has also spurred cross-border migration. In 2024, this region is home to three of the five countries reporting the highest levels of internal displacement due to conflict and violence: Sudan, with approximately 3.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs); Palestine, with around 3.2 million; and Lebanon, hosting about 1.05 million displaced individuals. When including Yemen, which is grappling with 4.7 million displaced, and Syria, which has a staggering 7.4 million, the region collectively harbors more than 10 million IDPs. This accounts for a substantial share of the global total of 20.1 million displacements resulting from conflict and violence, underscoring the severity and urgency of the crisis affecting millions of lives.

The situation in **Gaza** has spiraled into a dire **humanitarian crisis** following the disturbing escalation of violence in October 2023. As of today, the resilient population of approximately 2.1 million faces considerable food shortages, with the prospect of relief taking on renewed urgency as the global community begins to elevate its focus on this pressing issue. Currently, nearly 500,000 individuals are suffering from severe hunger, among are 125, 000 women and girls at reproductive age and among them we expect a total of 7,500 current ongoing pregnancies and expected 10,000 birth for the next 12 months that will need heath facility assistance. Alarmingly, around 71,000 children under the age of five are at imminent risk of acute malnutrition, underscoring the critical need for immediate support and intervention. Further complicating these challenges, over 60% of health facilities have been severely compromised by the relentless bombardment, leaving countless individuals without essential medical care. Yet, amidst this grim landscape, there are ongoing and concerted efforts to restore medical services and improve access for those in desperate need, illuminating a spark of hope in an otherwise bleak scenario.

Navigating Crises with Commitment

The situation for women and girls in this region is particularly heartbreaking, with approximately 24 million in need of humanitarian assistance. Among these, around 6 million women of reproductive age*2 face alarming and multifaceted challenges. The urgency of addressing issues like gender-based violence, access to reproductive healthcare, and support for survivors is more pressing than ever. Organizations are mobilizing to provide crucial assistance, striving to mitigate suffering, and advocate for the rights of these vulnerable populations. Moreover, the alarming prevalence of female genital mutilation (FGM) in countries such as Somaliland, Egypt and Sudan, where an overwhelming 87% of women have undergone this devastating procedure, underscores the need for a unified global response. The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and its dedicated partners are actively engaged in eliminating this harmful practice by fostering community involvement, advocating for systemic change, and providing support to those affected. Amidst these overwhelming challenges, we must not overlook the plight of sexual minorities, who are also facing increased persecution and discrimination. In Lebanon, proposals to criminalize homosexuality have emerged, highlighting the urgent necessity for vigilance in safeguarding the rights of LGBTI individuals. Organizations such as Human Rights Watch continue their tireless advocacy for the dignity and rights of all individuals, reminding us that, now more than ever, we must come together to uphold human rights and cultivate a culture of respect, acceptance, and solidarity in the region.



IPPF Arab World Responses and Achievements

Despite these challenges, IPPF's Arab World Regional Office (AWRO), alongside its Member Associations (MAs), **remained on the frontlines.**

In Sudan, for example, The Sudan's Family Planning Association deployed, in 2024, mobile telehealth to conflict zones, reaching roughly 9.8 million people with SRH services ⁹. In Lebanon, a number of Japan-funded projects were launched to expand maternal and reproductive healthcare for thousands of Labanese women in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley as well as inAden and Amran in Yemen¹⁰.

Across the region, the IPPF affiliates also distributed contraception and dignity kits, trained outreach workers and advocated for rights-based policies.

These efforts underscore IPPF Arab World's vital role as "**A leading healthcare provider and advocate for SRHR in North Africa and the Middle East**...committed to delivering essential services and championing reproductive rights, particularly in crisis settings" ¹¹, in order **not to Leave anyone behind.**



2024 IN NUMBERS

Total Clients Served 20 578 833 Vulnerable Clients 15,318,383 Clients in humanitarian contexts 11,253,498 Youth Reached via CSE 1,235,344

Total services **84,153,016**

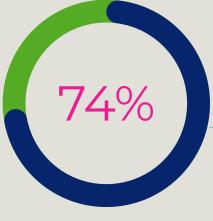
Contraceptive Services Provided

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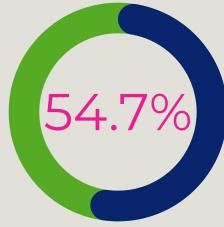
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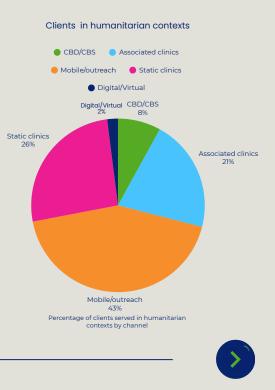
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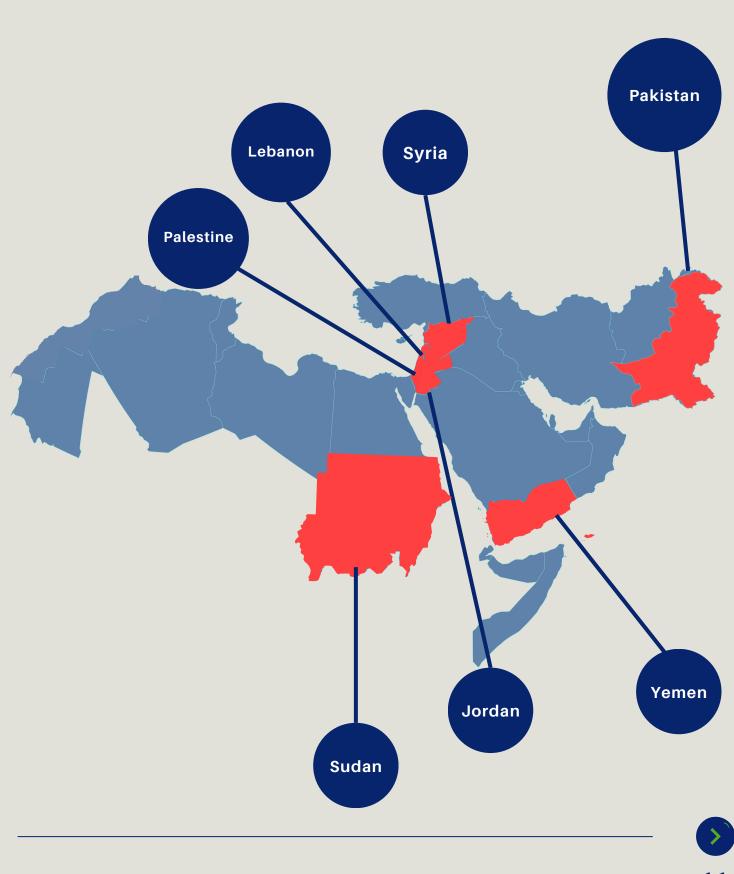


Percentage of Vulnerable Clients Served





HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE LOCATIONS



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE 2024

In a year marked by escalating humanitarian needs across the Arab World, IPPF Arab World Regional Office (AWRO) and its Member Associations (MAs) delivered around 20 million life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in some of the world's most challenging environments.

From **active conflict zones** to **fragile health systems**, our teams mobilized quickly and compassionately to reach those most at risk — particularly women, girls, youth, and displaced populations

Key Humanitarian Responses in 2024:

Palestine

In the face of extreme violence and collapsed infrastructure, the PFPA provided:

- Emergency obstetric care and safe delivery services
- Tele-counseling and psychological support.
- Mobile clinics reaching displaced women and girls
- Distribution of dignity kits and maternal health supplies

Estimated Palestinian clients served in humanitarian contexts in 2024: **157,540**

(GBV Services including counselling first line support and psychological support :

243 682





Lebanon : LGBTQ+ Solidarity Under Fire

Amid economic crisis and conflict, Proud Lebanon offered:

- HIV services and mental health support to LGBTIQ+ communities
- Mobile outreach to reach marginalized groups
- Emergency response for over 250 vulnerable individuals during wartime



Lebanon : One War Different Scenarios

When war broke out in the Bekaa governorate, what was once a relatively stable zone for the delivery of SRHR and GBV services turned into an active conflict zone, cutting off thousands from essential care and support.

SALAMA was immediately and severely impacted. Its two static clinics in Bekaa were forced to shut down due to escalating violence, leaving a critical gap in SRHR and GBV services. Of the core team, six out of eight staff members, alongside most volunteers and several service providers, were displaced to safer regions

Despite the unforeseen scale of the war, SALAMA was not entirely unprepared. The organization had developed a detailed contingency plan covering three escalating conflict scenarios. Staff were trained in safety protocols and equipped with skills to deliver SRHR services during emergencies.







SALAMA's Response during the crisis :

• **Geographic Expansion:** Operations were extended into new governorates less affected by the conflict.

• **Project Shifts:** Programs were restructured to focus on humanitarian emergency response.

• Flexible and Trauma-Informed Work: Staff worked under flexible conditions, guided by trauma-informed leadership practices.

• **Mobile Units and Outreach Teams:** New mobile SRHR units and community-based outreach teams were deployed to reach internally displaced populations.

• **Grassroots Coordination:** Collaborated with local municipalities and grassroots networks to quickly set up new service points and mobile SRHR activities.

• **NGO and Cluster Collaboration:** Coordinated efforts with NGOs and health clusters to streamline service delivery, reduce duplication, and ensure referral pathways.

• **Digital Health Services:** Teleconsultations, hotlines, and online SRHR information platforms were scaled up to ensure continuity of care and confidential GBV case management.

• **Resourcefulness:** Staff repurposed personal resources—cars, laptops, fuel—to keep services running.

Yemen

In partnership with local health authorities, IPPF supported:

- Emergency obstetric units in Aden
- SRH and maternal health care in Amran and rual areas.
- Psychosocial support and awareness campaigns in crisis-affected areas









📍 Jordan

- Support for Syrian refugees and vulnerable host communities through integrated SRH services.
- Delivery of services via **static clinics, mobile outreach units, and communitybased distributors**, ensuring access even in remote or underserved areas.
- Focus on maternal health, contraception, STI prevention and treatment, and support for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Coordination with the **Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis** (JRPSC), which is the national framework for managing the refugee and resilience response.



🧴 Syria

Key aspects of IPPF's humanitarian response to Syria in 2024 included:

- Restoration of essential SRH services in conflictaffected areas.
- Support for mobile health teams and community outreach to reach vulnerable populations, especially women and girls.
- Provision of contraceptives, maternal health services, and care for survivors of gender-based violence.
- The response was funded in part by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) under the SPRINT Initiative.





HUMANITARIAN FOCUS SUDAN 2023-2024

Sudan: Delivering Care in the World's Largest Displacement Crisis



OVERVIEW

Since April 15, 2023, Sudan has been consumed by a severe humanitarian crisis following the outbreak of the first clashes between the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Sudan Armed Forces (SAF). This conflict led to massive displacement, with Sudan now hosting the **largest internally displaced population (IDPs) in the world over 11 million people.** Additionally, the acute hunger crisis, which followed, has affected approximately 25.6 million individuals, with famine threatening 755,000 people across 10 states.

Exacerbated by flooding, disease outbreaks, and an ongoing gender-based violence (GBV) crisis, the conflict has increased the need for sexual and reproductive health

(SRH) services for women and girls, particularly for pregnant women and those at risk of GBV.

SFPA'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SFPA has been at the forefront of delivering SRH services across Sudan, operating in 15 of 18 states. Through various initiatives SFPA has addressed critical SRH needs, including services for survivors of GBV and mental health support in conflictaffected areas.





• WISH Program (October 2022 - September 2023):

Focused on providing comprehensive SRH services, reaching vulnerable populations in Sudan.

• IPPF Stream 3 Response (May - October 2023):

Addressed emerging humanitarian needs due to escalating conflict.

• SPRINT-Supported Emergency Response (Nov 2023 - May 2024):

Focused on Kassala, White Nile, and Blue Nile—states with large IDP populations.

• Humanitarian Response (Nov 2023 - Mar 2024):

A targeted response to identified areas with high SRH service gaps, focusing on Sennar and Red Sea states, with a mapping exercise to avoid duplication.

The conflict, compounded by flooding, disease outbreaks, and an ongoing gender-based violence (GBV) crisis, has heightened the need for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for women and girls, particularly for pregnant women and those at risk of GBV.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 18,770 clients reached (159% of target)
- 112,740 SRH services provided
- **23,978 individuals** attended SRHR information sessions
- **157 Community-Based Distributors** deployed for grassroots outreach
- Mobile clinics and telehealth lines ensured continuity of care

SFPA's emergency response has proven essential in addressing the SRH needs in Sudan's conflict zones. The response was crucial in ensuring that vulnerable women, children, and displaced populations received necessary care and support amidst escalating violence and displacement.

SFPA's response was multifaceted:

- Mobile Teams and Clinics: 3 mobile teams and 3 mobile clinics reached hard-to-reach populations in IDP sites.
- Community-Based Distributors (CBDs): 157
 CBDs and 12 community mobilizers ensured the delivery of SRH services in remote areas.
- **Call Centre Services**: Provided information on SRHR to clients from September to December 2024.





The crisis in Sudan remains dire, with a continuous need for **SRH services**, **mental health support, and protection from GBV**. SFPA remains committed to providing essential services to those affected by the conflict, with the support of the **global community**.





CENTERING CARE ON PEOPLE

Putting People First: Dignified, Inclusive, and Rights-Based Service

In 2024, the Member Associations (MAs) across the Arab World region reaffirmed their commitment to people-centred care by delivering inclusive, accessible, and rights-based sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services. Under IPPF's first pillar, "Centering Care on People," the region prioritized listening to communities, tailoring services to their realities, and responding with dignity and respect to their needs especially for those too often overlooked.

PAlgeria : Inclusive SRHR for People with Disabilities

The Algerian Association for Family Planning (AAPF) led a groundbreaking initiative to make SRHR information accessible to persons with disabilities For the first time in Algeria, the association developed tailored SRH education tools, including:

- Braille brochures on contraception and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) for people with visual impairments
- Sign language videos addressing the same topics for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing

This initiative represents a crucial step toward ending information inequality, dismantling stigma, and ensuring that every individual, regardless of physical ability, can make informed decisions about their health and rights. By embedding accessibility into SRHR programming, AAPF modeled what inclusion looks like in practice.





In Mauritania, the **Empow'Her project**, funded by the Government of Canada, focused on **improving the quality of care for women and girls by investing in the people who serve them**. The Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of the Family (AMPF) conducted targeted trainings for SRH service providers, with a special emphasis on:

- Family planning (FP) services
- Post-abortion care (PAC)

These trainings equipped healthcare workers with client-centered, rightsbased approaches ensuring that **services** are not only technically sound, but also **respectful, empathetic, and free from judgment**.



As a result, women of reproductive age across Mauritania now benefit from safer, more informed, and more dignified care. The project also contributed to shifting norms within the health system, emphasizing the importance of trust and patient-provider dialogue.

Yemen : Standing with Women Affected by Cancer

Recognizing the intersection between reproductive health and chronic disease, the Yemeni Association for Reproductive Health (YARH) took action to support women affected by cancer. On World Cancer Day 2024, YARH's Youth Committee led a holistic initiative that included:

- Awareness sessions for 160 women on cancer prevention, care during pregnancy, and early detection
- A solidarity visit to the Al-Amal Cancer Center, where young volunteers spent time with women and children undergoing treatment, offering psychosocial support and companionship

By addressing the often-silent struggles of women navigating cancer particularly in a conflict-ridden context like Yemen the **YARH reaffirmed its commitment to dignity, empathy, and care that heals beyond the physical** In a country where LGBTIQ+ communities continue to face discrimination and criminalization, Proud Lebanon and IPPF partnered to deliver inclusive healthcare training for **more than 50 medical professionals**. The training promoted:

- Stigma-free practices in SRH services
- Inclusion of **SOGIESC** (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics) considerations in care
- Improved understanding of HIV treatment, gender-affirming care, and mental health needs for LGBTIQ+ individuals.

This initiative marked a significant step in transforming clinical environments into safe, welcoming spaces for all **regardless of identity or background**. It not only improved providers' capacity to deliver care but also challenged harmful norms that prevent vulnerable groups from seeking help.

Pakistan : Telemedicine and Mobile Outreach Through R-FPAP

The Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan (R-FPAP) revolutionized access to SRH services through a two-pronged approach:

- **Telemedicine**: Women across Pakistan were able to access essential SRH services directly from their phones, tablets, or laptops. This digital care model offered privacy, convenience, and immediate access to medical advice and counseling especially for those unable to reach clinics due to mobility, stigma, or cost barriers.
- Mobile Health Camps: Complementing its digital efforts, R-FPAP organized mobile health camps in underserved areas such as Lahore, Nowshera, and Badin. These camps provided in-person consultations, contraception, maternal health services, and awareness sessions for over 1,000 clients the majority of whom were women from remote communities.





Syria : Economic Empowerment Through Vocational Training

In a country scarred by over **a decade of conflict and displacement**, the Syrian Family Planning Association (SFPA) recognizes that comprehensive care extends beyond clinical services it includes **restoring hope, dignity, and the means to rebuild.**

In 2024, SFPA expanded its work with women and girls through **vocational training and economic empowerment programs**, designed to help individuals reclaim agency over their lives after facing poverty, loss, and gender-based violence.



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MOVE THE SEXUALITY AGENDA

In 2024, IPPF's Arab World Region continued to challenge stigma, shift harmful norms, and promote rights-based sexual and reproductive health (SRH) education. Under Pillar 2, The Member Associations (MAs) worked to **normalize conversations around sexuality, empower marginalized groups with knowledge and access, and influence policy to expand the scope and inclusivity of SRHR programming.**

${f T}$ Algeria : Advancing Women's Health and Breaking SRHR Taboos

Following sustained advocacy efforts with the Ministry of Health and the UNFPA, the Algerian Association for Family Planning (AAPF) achieved a significant policy milestone in 2024: the official inclusion of perineal rehabilitation into Algeria's public health framework.

This achievement was cemented through **Decree No. 87**, published in the Official Gazette **in December 2024**, which formally recognized perineal rehabilitation as a core responsibility of midwives. This reform places women's physical recovery and well-being during and after childbirth at the forefront of maternal healthcare policy a long-overdue step toward holistic reproductive health services.

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In parallel, AAPF led bold efforts to normalize public discourse on SRHR:

- Two national press forums were held in Boumerdes and Guelma, attended by major TV, radio, and print media outlets.
- The forums tackled sensitive but essential issues such as:

Young people's sexual health and behavior Menstrual hygiene management The role of SRHR in gender equality

Widespread media coverage helped break long-held taboos, amplify youth voices, and bring SRHR into the public eye — signaling a new era of open dialogue and progressive policy reform in Algeria.

${f T}$ Morocco : Deepening the Evidence Based Practice on SRHR

In 2024, the **National University Observatory for Sexual and Reproductive Health** (ONUSSR) in Morocco intensified its academic contribution to the SRHR field.

Through high-level research and data analysis, ONUSSR provided valuable insights that support evidence-based policymaking, programming, and advocacy ensuring SRHR interventions are tailored, targeted, and informed by the realities on the ground.



📍 Lebanon : Inclusive Health Services for LGBTIQ+ Communities

In a challenging political and humanitarian context, Proud Lebanon, with support from IPPF, continued to break barriers in delivering inclusive, stigma-free SRHR services to LGBTIQ+ individuals. The centerpiece of this work was a landmark national training workshop, held in Beirut in December 2024, under the theme:

"Creating an Inclusive Healthcare Environment for LGBTIQ+ Individuals in Lebanon."

The workshop convened over **40 healthcare professionals,** including doctors, nurses, and mental health practitioners, for a transformative experience. Through expert-led sessions, participants explored:

- Gender-affirming care
- Inclusive mental health support
- Clinical practices that respect diverse identities and lived experiences

Beyond education, the partnership between IPPF and Proud Lebanon translated knowledge into action. Despite insecurity and infrastructure collapse, mobile clinics continued to deliver:

- HIV testing and treatment
- STI screening
- Hormonal therapy
- **General SRHR services** in bars, street-based sex work areas, and informal settlements

Mental health care was also a priority. A dedicated team of psychologists and psychiatrists provided ongoing support to individuals experiencing trauma, anxiety, and PTSD — affirming the principle that health is a right, not a privilege.

To amplify visibility and advocacy, the partnership also produced public awareness campaigns:

- A powerful video campaign for World AIDS Day emphasized the U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable) message.
- On Human Rights Day, another campaign featured a beloved Lebanese actor addressing discrimination and violence faced by LGBTIQ+ communities during times of war.





The Tunisian Association for Reproductive Health (ATSR) made major strides in engaging youth and influencing national policy.

Under the Stream 2 "Youth in Action" project, ATSR hosted a sub-regional youth forum, bringing together young leaders from Member Associations in Burkina Faso, Benin, Togo, Mali, and Niger. The forum created space for cross-border dialogue on:

- Gender-transformative education
- Youth-friendly SRHR service models

• The role of youth in reshaping social norms

The exchange culminated in a joint guidance document capturing recommendations to ensure that SRHR services are accessible, equitable, and responsive to young people's realities.



Tunisia : Historic Milestone CSE Integrated into National Curriculum

After years of persistent advocacy, a breakthrough was achieved in 2024: the Tunisian Ministry of Education formally signed an agreement with ATSR to pilot **Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in public schools.**

This marks the first time CSE is being taught systematically in classrooms in Tunisia. Despite political sensitivities, the porgam is now being delivered by **trained educators**, with a structured monitoring and evaluation plan in place.



This milestone paves the way for future scale-up and national institutionalization, ensuring that **young Tunisians grow up with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to make informed, healthy decisions** about relationships, gender, and their bodies.



Mauritania : Establishing the IPPF Center of Excellence to Eliminate FGM

A flagship initiative in IPPF's fight against harmful practices, the **Center** of Excellence (CoE) for the Elimination of FGM in Mauritania, led by AMPF with IPPF AWRO support, emerged as a regional hub for innovation, collaboration, and capacity building in 2024.

With an FGM prevalence of 69.9% in the country, the Center focused on:

- Supporting Member Associations with advocacy, research, and education tools
- Coordinating interventions through capacity-strengthening workshops and peer exchange
- Positioning itself as a leader in promoting evidence-based, rights-based strategies to eliminate FGM





In July 2024, IPPF AWRO launched an open call for global experts to join the Center's Committee of Experts. A total of **25 professionals from 32 countries** including Australia, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Tunisia, Sudan, south Africa, Malisia, Madagascar, India, Tnazania, USA, UK were selected.

Following two virtual meetings, the first annual **in-person convening** was held in **Nouakchott, Mauritania**, in November 2024. The meeting:

- Defined the operational framework of the CoE
- Developed a strategic plan anchored in the theory of change
- Set measurable short-, medium-, and long-term objectives

By creating a diverse, international platform for action, the CoE in Mauritania is leading efforts to **build a world where no girl suffers the violence of FGM.**



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Mauritania : Mauritanian Religious leaders join the fight to reduce maternal mortality

As part of the **EXPAND PF project** supported by USAID, AMPF brought together **Imams and religious leaders** for training sessions that addressed **maternal mortality, family planning, and birth spacing,** using approaches tailored to **Mauritania's religious and cultural contexts**.

The program also validated a faith-sensitive communication tool that supports positive messaging around SRHR from the pulpit—creating a more enabling environment for community acceptance of these services.





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Pakistan : Youth and Civil Society Leading the FP2030 Agenda

The Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan (R-FPAP) took a bold step forward in advancing youth and civil society leadership under the FP2030 commitment framework.

Their Key achievements included:

- Launching a CSO and Youth Working Group, uniting over 30 organizations
- Hosting 12 quarterly convenings to build alignment between government, NGOs, and private actors
- Advocating for legislative reforms, including updates to the National Population Policy and **Child Marriage Restraint Act**

${f T}$ Bahrain: Advocating for Legal Reform on Early Marriage

In Bahrain, public advocacy around **early marriage legislation** gained momentum through **interactive panel discussions** and **legal awareness sessions.** These events attended by community leaders, legal experts, and young people helped drive national conversations about the long-term impacts of child marriage, and the importance of aligning legal frameworks with international human rights standards. The initiative marked a growing societal push toward protecting girls' rights and delaying marriage through legal reform and social education



P Yemen : Confronting gender-based violence and promoting women's voices

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in 2024, YARH overcame significant challenges to organize impactful online and offline activities.

- A short awareness video highlighting types of violence against women was produced and shared on YARH's Facebook page and gained wide coverage.
- A youth-led debate on the role of men and women in humanitarian work engaged 50 participants.
- A panel discussion and live skit at Al-Razi University attracted an audience of 250 students, sparking dialogue on gender, roles, and power dynamics.



Pakistan : Advancing the FP2030 agenda

R-FPAP has made significant strides in advancing the FP2030 agenda by reinforcing partnerships with civil society organizations (CSOs) and empowering youth champions. By establishing the FP2030 CSO and Youth Working Group, bringing together over 30 organizations, R-FPAP has created a platform for collaborative advocacy and action.

Through 12 quarterly convenings with participation from **70 CSOs**, R-FPAP fostered stronger coordination among government bodies, civil society, and the private sector. The organization also played a key role in advocating for legislative reform, including the revision of the National Population Policy and amendments to the Child Marriage Restraint Act.

R-FPAP's approach is rooted in inclusive and sustainable change. By deepening partnerships and elevating grassroots voices (especially youth) R-FPAP continues to push for accessible, rights-based family planning and sexual and reproductive health services across Pakistan.



Algeria : Media engagement to break taboos

The AAPF organized two **press forums** on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Boumerdes (Central region) and Guelma (Eastern region). Attended by national TV, radio, and print outlets, the events sparked **rich, open discussions** on:

- Young people's sexual health and behavior
- Menstrual hygiene
- The broader role of SRHR in gender equality
- The forums received **widespread media coverage**, increasing public awareness and visibility of **SRHR issues in Algeria.**







SOLIDARITY FOR CHANGE

From Crisis to Courage: Centering Care on the Margins

In 2024, IPPF's Arab World Region stood in solidarity with those facing conflict, displacement, and marginalization reaffirming that sexual and reproductive health and rights (**SRHR**) are non-negotiable, even in crisis. From refugee camps to war zones, our Member Associations (MAs) delivered care that restored dignity, built resilience, and demanded justice.

Solidarity was not a slogan. It was a daily reality. It meant continuing services under bombardment. It meant showing up for those who are excluded because every person, regardless of status, identity, or circumstance, deserves health, safety, and hope.

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During a joint mission in Lebanon and Syria, what began as a technical assessment transformed into a powerful human encounter. Amid fragile health systems and deepening humanitarian needs, **IPPF AWRO stood beside Member Associations who continue to deliver SRH services under extraordinary pressure.**

But the most enduring impact came from the voices of people themselves refugees, internally displaced people, young people, and survivors of violence. Their stories were not statistics; they were raw, honest, and unforgettable. They reminded the world that **SRHR is not a luxury in times of crisis it is a lifeline.**

Their calls for access, dignity, and justice now echo through IPPF's global

advocacy.







Palestine: Safe Spaces for Women Survivors of Violence

In Hebron, the Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association (PFPA) operates as a Safe Space for women survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), offering:

- Psychosocial support and emergency mental health first aid
- Legal counseling and case management
- Guidance on economic empowerment and independence

One survivor reflected:

"I didn't know a place like this existed. Now I feel stronger, no longer alone in facing life's challenges. I've regained my confidence and know my rights must be respected."



Tunisia I Dignified Care for Migrant Women

In Tunisia, the Tunisian Association for Health Reproduction **(ATSR)** upheld its commitment to **universal care** by centering services on vulnerable **migrant women,** including those living with HIV. Clinics welcomed all women regardless of origin, background, or legal status. As one client shared:

"I was welcomed with great kindness... Today, I feel safe. My health needs and HIV treatment are fully supported. ATSR gave me hope and a future for both me and my daughter."





${f ?}$ Yemen I Youth-Led Mental Health and Empowerment Initiatives

In Yemen, the Yemeni Association for Reproductive Health (YARH) activated youth leadership for emotional healing and empowerment in a country scarred by war. The Highlights included:

- A World Youth Day virtual forum with 60 young participants, exploring leadership, communication, mental health, and community engagement
- A **World Mental Health Day event** at Al-Risala Hospital, where youth organized a full-day of creative expression art, music, theater bringing joy and connection to patients in a healing setting

The hospital issued an official certificate of appreciation, recognizing the profound emotional impact of the event.

\red{P} Pakistan I Care Centers Supporting Survivors of Violence and Unsafe Abortion

In Pakistan, the R-FPAP continued to operate care centers that support survivors of domestic violence and unsafe abortion, providing:

- Post-abortion care and trauma counseling
- Legal and psychosocial support
- Referrals for shelter, healthcare, and reintegration services

These centers are a testament to the principle that survivors deserve not only safety, but also agency, support, and dignity.

Achievements in Social Enterprises

Empowering Communities Through Innovation and Sustainability

In 2024, the IPPF's Social Enterprise Acceleration Programme (SEAP) made remarkable progress in strengthening the entrepreneurial capacity of Member Associations (MAs), supporting their financial sustainability, and fostering innovation to deliver greater social impact.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The 'Master's Programme in Social Enterprises' (MSe) was successfully held from May 27 to June 7, 2024, livestreamed from FPA Sri Lanka. This sixth global edition recorded the attendance highest to date. gathering 54 participants from 29 organizations IPPF across five regions. Notably, three members from Egyptian MAs and three from Pakistani MAs participated actively, demonstrating regional commitment to entrepreneurial learning.

Social Enterprise Success Stories

Morocco (AMPF) : Integrated Economic Empowerment

The AMPF's social enterprise model blends access to SRH with local economic development. Highlights include:

- A community café, vocational training centers, and sales outlets
- Training in sewing, hospitality, and beauty care
- An expanding contraceptive product platform and online sales model
- Partnerships with Entraide Nationale and INDH, strengthening the Sahrij Gnaoua Training Centre, operating successfully since 2009

Palestine (PFPA) : Youth-Friendly Clinics with a Social Mission

The PFPA clinics provided SRH services at symbolic fees, using the income to sustain operations and offer free care for GBV survivors. With upgraded labs and three youth-friendly centers, PFPA integrated medical, legal, and psychosocial support into its service model ensuring community trust, access, and sustainability.







Somaliland (SOFHA – Diyaar Initiative) : Nutrition Meets Healthcare

SOFHA's Diyaar Initiative, launched in 2022, mills local grains into nutritious porridges to enhance food security and maternal health. Revenue supports both clinic services and future expansion — including plans for baby cereals and dried food products — proving that innovation and care can go hand-inhand.





NURTURE OUR FEDERATION

Investment in People, Sustainability, and Collective Strength

The strength of IPPF lies not only in what we do, but in how we work together. Pillar 4 focuses on building the internal capacities, partnerships, and systems that allow Member Associations to thrive, innovate, and lead with confidence. In 2024, the Arab World region saw bold steps forward in **leadership development, governance reform, entrepreneurial growth, and cross-border collaboration.** It was a year of renewal — deepening our roots so we can grow further, together.

Tunisia : Exploring the Intersection of Climate Change and SRHR

pioneering effort, the Tunisian In а Association for Reproductive Health (ATSR) exploratory studies led two in 2024 examining how climate change intersects with sexual and reproductive health and (SRHR). The research riahts assessed national legal and structural frameworks while capturing the lived experiences and vulnerabilities of young people affected by environmental shifts.

These studies filled a critical gap in Tunisia's national discourse and positioned SRHR within the broader resilience and climate adaptation agenda — offering valuable insights to inform policy and protect communities in the face of escalating ecological threats.





Algeria : Investing in Informed, Empowered Youth

The Algerian Association for Family Planning (AAPF) rolled out a comprehensive youth program to strengthen SRHR knowledge and advocacy. In 2024 alone, AAPF:

- Trained 214 youth through in-depth workshops
- Reached 1,266 youth via awareness sessions
- Engaged 1,298 youth through SRHR sensitization days

These efforts fostered a new generation of informed, motivated youth leaders equipped to advocate for their rights and influence future policy.

Yemen: Inclusion, Care, and Creativity in Youth Outreach

On World Children's Day, youth from the Yemeni Association for Reproductive Health (YARH) organized a creative awareness event at a juvenile center. The open day included games, competitions, and indirect education on child abuse and harassment through quizzes and storytelling — ensuring child-friendly communication in a safe and engaging environment.

This initiative embodied IPPF's values of inclusion, youth-led engagement, and emotional care even in fragile humanitarian contexts.

[¶] Mauritania : Knowledge Exchange Through the FGM Center of Excellence

The Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of the Family (AMPF) expanded its role as a regional knowledge hub through the Center of Excellence for the Elimination of FGM, launched in partnership with IPPF AWRO. Through a collaborative, multi-stakeholder approach, AMPF provided technical support, hosted capacity-building sessions, and enabled cross-country learning strengthening not just its own capacity, but that of Member Associations across the region.

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[¶] Morocco : Digital Innovation for Youth and Remote Access

In 2024, the AMPF in Morocco invested in digital SRHR outreach, launching:

- **GeNext Web Radio**, a youth-led platform providing SRHR education and dialogue
- **Digital medical kits** to facilitate remote SRH services delivery in hard-toreach areas

These tools bridged the digital divide and expanded access to SRH information for marginalized communities.





STRENGTHENING YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE FEDERATION

In 2024, IPPF AWRO reaffirmed its commitment to meaningful, structured, and sustained youth engagement across the region. Through the reactivation of the Arab World Regional Youth Network (AWRYN) and participation in global fora, young leaders from across the Federation were supported to influence decision-making, shape policy, and drive SRHR advocacy from the ground up.

Reactivating AWRYN: A New Chapter for Regional Youth Governance

A major milestone this year was the **formal relaunch of AWRYN**, the Arab World Regional Youth Network. This marked a pivotal step toward ensuring that young people have **a clear, institutionalized role in shaping SRHR priorities within the region**. The year's work included:

- Defining AWRYN's vision, mission, and governance structures
- Developing official **regulations** to guide youth participation, representation, and strategic engagement
- Focusing on three key pillars: youth leadership and governance, advocacy, and inclusive capacity strengthening

AWRYN now serves as a structured and youth-led platform for amplifying young voices in regional and global SRHR spaces.

${f 1}$ Reactivating AWRYN: A New Chapter for Regional Youth Governance

During the Regional Youth Forum, young participants from across the Arab region came together to share experiences, align priorities, and draft a set of actionable recommendations for the Federation. These included:

- 1. Strengthening youth roles in governance and decision-making
- 2. Supporting youth in humanitarian and crisis contexts
- 3. Investing in leadership and advocacy training
- 4. Creating inclusive programs for youth with disabilities and minorities
- 5. Establishing monitoring indicators to track youth impact
- 6. Enhancing regional collaboration between youth networks
- 7. Promoting digital platforms and financial participation
- 8. Ensuring access to psychological support
- 9. Building intergenerational mentorship programs
- 10. Maintaining continuity in youth participation beyond volunteering cycles

These recommendations serve as a roadmap for mainstreaming youth participation across all pillars of the Federation's work.

Reactivating AWRYN: A New Chapter for Regional Youth Governance

In June 2024, AWRO youth delegates participated in the IPPF Youth Network Induction Event at the Central Office in London — part of the implementation of the Come Together Strategic Plan 2028. The event convened youth leaders from across IPPF regions to:

- Build shared understanding of youth roles and governance
- Receive training in safeguarding, resource mobilization, monitoring, and CSE best practices
- Exchange strategies for enhancing youthled projects and leadership models











African Youth Pre-Conference in Morocco

In 2024, **over 320 young participants from more than 20 African countries** gathered in Morocco for a dynamic Pre-Conference on SRHR. The Arab World youth delegation contributed to shaping the **Youth Declaration** presented at the 11th African Conference on SRHR. Key demands included:

- Universal access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Addressing mental health in SRHR programming
- Combatting **gender-based violence** and child marriage
- Recognizing the impact of climate change on youth SRHR
- Advancing youth monitoring of the SDGs and Agenda 2030

This gathering reaffirmed the power of intergenerational and interregional solidarity in advancing youth rights.



 ${ extsf{T}}$ The 11th African Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Well-being

Under the esteemed patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the 11th African Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Wellbeing was successfully held from 26 February to 2 March 2024 in Rabat, Morocco. The event was co-organized by the IPPF Arab World Region (IPPF AWR) and the Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale (AMPF), in collaboration with national, regional, and international partners.

With over 500 participants, the conference convened a wide array of government officials, policymakers, civil society organizations, academics, youth leaders, and international agencies, united by the shared goal of advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) across Africa and the Arab region.



Set against Rabat's historical and cultural backdrop, the conference featured high-level plenaries, technical sessions, and strategic dialogues addressing SRHR challenges in both stable and crisis-affected contexts. Particular focus was placed on youth, women, and marginalized groups, reinforcing the importance of inclusive and rights-based approaches.



KEY OUTCOMES AND COMMITMENTS

The Rabat Declaration

The conference culminated in the adoption of the Rabat Declaration, a bold and forwardlooking statement of intent to advance SRHR across the continent. Among its most notable recommendations and priorities were:

- Youth Leadership & Participation: Affirming the pivotal role of young people in advancing SRHR, the Declaration calls for increased investment in comprehensive sexuality education and their meaningful participation in policymaking and implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Humanitarian and Crisis Settings: Participants urged governments and partners to prioritize SRHR in humanitarian contexts and integrate Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) training into emergency responses, especially for displaced populations and refugees.
- **Inclusive and Equitable Access:** The Declaration emphasizes the need to address the SRHR needs of vulnerable populations, including minorities, migrants, and marginalized communities, through culturally sensitive and targeted policies.
- Legislative and Policy Reform: A strong call was made for the harmonization of national laws with international commitments such as the Maputo Protocol, and the removal of legal and structural barriers that limit access to services.
- **Gender Equality and Harmful Practices:** Delegates condemned child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM) as grave violations of human rights, calling for urgent action to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence.
- **Digital Advocacy and Social Norms:** Recognizing the transformative potential of digital platforms, the Declaration encouraged responsible use of social media to raise awareness and challenge harmful stereotypes and gender norms.
- **Climate and SRHR Linkages:** The Declaration highlighted the intersection between sexual and reproductive health and climate change, promoting integrated and sustainable approaches.
- **Community Engagement:** It encouraged the active involvement of religious and community leaders to bridge traditional beliefs and modern SRHR approaches, and emphasized the importance of engaging men and boys in achieving gender equality.
- **Investment in Health Systems and Research:** The call for increased public and donor financing, particularly for underserved communities, was underlined, alongside a renewed emphasis on capacity building, data generation, and evidence-based policymaking.



The Rabat Declaration reflects a shared vision of a future where every individual, especially women and youth, can enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights with dignity and equality. It embodies the spirit of solidarity, intergenerational collaboration, and accountability that defined the conference. P Director General's Visit to Morocco and Mauritania: Advancing SRHR Commitments Across the Region

In February and March 2024, IPPF's Director General, Dr. Alvaro Bermejo, undertook a pivotal mission to Morocco and Mauritania, reaffirming IPPF's commitment to expanding access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) across the Arab region.

In Morocco, the visit began with the inauguration of the AMPF Migrants and Refugees Center in Tangier—a new facility offering critical health services to vulnerable populations. Dr. Bermejo delivered a keynote speech alongside national partners, highlighting the role of integrated services in promoting dignity and care. This was followed by a visit to a new AMPF franchise initiative in Tetouan, developed in partnership with the Moroccan Red Crescent, where two Memoranda of Understanding were signed. The mission underscored the importance of partnership in scaling up services for marginalized communities, including drug users and migrants.

During the African Conference on Sexual Health and Rights in Rabat, Dr. Bermejo joined ministers, first ladies, and youth leaders to advocate for SRHR across the continent. His meetings with youth leaders, UN partners, and the Ministry of Health emphasized innovations in HIV prevention and youth engagement.





In Mauritania, the delegation engaged in high-level meetings with the Prime Minister and Minister of Health, discussing a national strategy to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and plans to expand access to family planning. Dr. Bermejo also joined a press conference to launch the FGM Elimination Framework in collaboration with AMPF and national stakeholders. A standout moment was the opening of an international training for frontline service providers, underlining capacity building as a cornerstone of sustainable change.

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From December 2–5, 2024, the Arab World Region was proudly represented at the AWID International Forum in Bangkok a global community event and a space of radical personal transformation. The forum brought together feminist and youth movements under the theme "Rising Together." The regional youth delegates:

- Co-facilitated IPPF's global session on "Strengthening Feminist Solidarity for Collective Care"
- Engaged in strategic sessions on SRHR, feminist economics, and collective healing
- Highlighted the specific challenges faced by youth in the Arab region

The forum deepened cross-movement partnerships, reinforced IPPF's commitment to intersectional advocacy, and elevated the voices of young Arab feminists in global conversations.

T Strengthening Governance, Accountability, and Accreditation Across the Region

1.Promoting a Culture of Accountability and Continuous Improvement

In 2024, the IPPF's Arab World Regional Office (AWRO) advanced its strategy to foster resilient, transparent, and accountable Member Associations. Accreditation became more than a compliance checklist. It served as a catalyst for self-reflection, organizational growth, and credibility.

Through tailored support, the AWRO helped the MAs align with the 4th Accreditation Cycle, reinforcing quality standards, improving donor confidence, and ensuring community trust.

2.Regional Progress on Accreditation and Collaboration

Three Member Associations **Tunisia, Morocco, and Yemen** underwent rigorous **accreditation processes**, advancing through self-assessments, documentation reviews, and compliance with IPPF's 156 checks. AWRO's dedicated technical support included:

- **Risk mitigation strategies** in high-risk contexts like Lebanon, Sudan, and Palestine
- **One-on-one coaching** with Architects of Cooperation (AoCs)
- Tailored follow-up plans with regular progress tracking

In July 2024, the Arab World Regional Forum in Istanbul featured a dedicated accreditation session showcasing best practices, inclusive self-assessment methods, and risk response strategies.









3.Strengthening Governance for Resilient Leadership

Throughout 2024, the AWRO prioritized governance strengthening to ensure Member Associations are equipped to lead with integrity, strategy, and sustainability. Actions included:

- **Promoting IPPF's Online Governance Course** for board members and Executive Directors
- Delivering targeted trainings on board roles, risk management, and organizational oversight
- Providing customized technical support to MAs.

The AWRO also supported the rollout of the IPPF Governance Reform Initiative, helping MAs like Algeria and Mauritania prepare for its implementation in 2025. Support included orientation sessions, documentation packages, and technical briefings.

This work reinforces the foundations of leadership, empowering the MAs to navigate complexity with confidence, while remaining aligned with IPPF's values of justice, equity, and inclusion.

P Investing in Humanitarian Preparedness and Resilience

In a region constantly facing political instability, conflict, and climate-induced disasters, the IPPF's Arab World Regional Office (AWRO) prioritized humanitarian preparedness as a core aspect of federation resilience and sustainability. In 2024, the region undertook a structured, multi-level approach to risk management, crisis planning, and staff capacity development.

1. Risk Assessment and Contingency Planning

Between February and March 2024, the AWRO conducted bilateral risk assessment sessions with SPRINT-funded MAs from Egypt, Yemen, Lebanon, and Jordan — as well as Palestine — in collaboration with the IPPF global security team. These sessions identified key threats, contextual vulnerabilities, and appropriate mitigation strategies. Each MA contributed to a regional risk matrix, which informed targeted follow-up actions.

In April, Contingency Planning and Crisis Management Training was held in Tunis with participants from seven countries (Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, and Tunisia). Practical sessions focused on scenario-based planning, risk differentiation, and operational continuity.

By May 2024, each MA had finalized comprehensive contingency plans detailing:

- Likelihood and impact of top national risks
- Country-specific challenges: conflict escalation (Lebanon, Palestine), cybersecurity and infrastructure hazards (Egypt, Jordan), and post-conflict fragility (Yemen, Sudan)

These plans ensure that preparedness is embedded at the national level, not just in theory, but in actionable strategies.

2.Regional Trainings and Simulation Exercises

To address the urgent need for skilled humanitarian responders, the AWRO led several high-impact training initiatives:

- Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) Training
- Held in April in Tunis, this five-day workshop brought together participants from seven MAs to strengthen emergency SRHR response skills. The training filled a critical gap in MISP-trained personnel across the region.
- Emergency Response Simulation (December 2024)
- Over 40 professionals from 13 countries and IPPF Secretariat staff participated in a live simulation featuring sessions on SRH in emergencies, GBV, project and risk management, and media/stress response. The training received strong feedback for its real-world relevance and hands-on learning approach.
- Psychosocial Support (PSS) Day
- Hosted by ATSR immediately after the simulation, this event focused on staff well-being and emotional resilience — promoting mental health awareness, stress management, and the importance of a supportive workplace culture.

3. Advancing Humanitarian Research and Visibility

In 2024, the AWRO increased regional visibility of humanitarian efforts through media and research:

- Two regional videos documented our work:
 - "IPPF AWRO Humanitarian Response" showcased challenges across conflict and climate-affected contexts
 - "Youth in Humanitarian Settings" celebrated youth leadership and resilience in emergencies
- A regional study on FGM in humanitarian settings, developed in partnership with EVID Consultancy, explored the practice's prevalence and the need to integrate prevention into GBV and emergency response frameworks. This research positioned AWRO at the forefront of rights-based humanitarian strategy.

4. Coordinated Funding and Emergency Response

The AWRO leveraged multiple funding streams to support MAs responding to crisis and disaster:

- SPRINT Projects
 - Regional Preparedness: The MAs in Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, and Egypt received security training and prepositioned supplies
 - Sudan: Responded to the world's largest internal displacement crisis (11M displaced) with critical SRHR support
 - Pakistan: Recovery from monsoon flood emergencies
- Stream 3 Internal Funding
- Supported conflict-affected operations in Sudan, Lebanon, Palestine, and climate-related emergencies in Morocco
- Japanese Supplementary Budget (JSB)
- Provided emergency grants to Yemen, Palestine, and Sudan
- Additional Support
 - Palestine: Received USD 70,000 to cover urgent financial gaps
 - Sudan and Lebanon: Received field vehicles to improve mobility and service delivery

These flexible and responsive investments ensured that no MA stood alone in crisis, strengthening regional solidarity, service continuity, and trust with communities.



${f !}$ Launching the Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (ADI)

In 2024, the IPPF's Arab World Regional Office (AWRO) took a transformative step toward institutionalizing inclusion and equity through the creation of the Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (ADI).



Building on momentum from a 2023 regional meeting in Tunis, the ADI was established as a collective platform dedicated to championing the rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities and other marginalized groups across the Arab region and South-West Asia.

The alliance emerged through a participatory, consultative process that engaged grassroots activists, community leaders, and civil society organizations from Lebanon, Tunisia, Jordan, Syria, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, and Pakistan, with early engagement from Sudan, UAE, and Qatar. Through a series of coordination calls and strategic planning sessions throughout 2024, stakeholders co-developed a shared regional vision for advancing inclusion, legal reform, and emergency response.

The working group overseeing ADI formalized its structure and values in a Terms of Reference (ToR) document, underscoring the alliance's commitment to intersectionality, social justice, and the meaningful leadership of LGBTIQ+ communities and key populations.

Today, ADI serves as a regional engine for advocacy, capacity-building, legal reform, and resilience-building, reinforcing IPPF's long-term vision for inclusive, rights-based health systems. Its first in-person convening is scheduled for June 2025 in Tunis, marking the start of a new era of deepened solidarity and collective action.

This coordinated humanitarian preparedness strategy reflects IPPF AWRO's commitment to building resilient systems, safeguarding frontline workers, and ensuring that essential SRHR services reach the people who need them most even in the hardest times.

Together, we will keep delivering on our mission... IPPF AWRO TEAM

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 will be a year of transformation and scaling. With continued political instability, humanitarian challenges, and increasing youth demands, the IPPF AWR is committed to:

- Expanding youth-led CSE initiatives
- Mainstreaming climate resilience into SRHR programming
- Strengthening digital health platforms
- Advocating for stronger SRHR legislation regionally

Together, we reaffirm our pledge: No one left behind.





Accronyms and References :

- 1. ACAHM: Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
- 2. AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- 3. AAPF: Algerian Association for Family Planning
- 4. AMPF: Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of the Family
- 5. AMPF: Moroccan Family Planning Association
- 6. ATSR: Tunisian Association for Reproductive Health
- 7. AWRO: Arab World Regional Office
- 8. AWR: Arab World Region
- 9. BRHA: Bahrain Reproductive Health Association
- 10. CAWTAR: Center of Arab Women for Training and Research
- 11. CBOs: Community Based Organizations
- 12. CMV: cytomegalovirus
- 13. CP: Collaborative partnership
- 14. CSE: Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- 15. CYP: couple years of protection
- 16. DHI: digital health interventions
- 17. DFAT: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 18. EFPAE: Egyptian Family Planning Association
- 19. ESCWA: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- 20. FGM: Female Genital Mutilation
- 21. FGM/C: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
- 22. GBV: Gender-Based Violence
- 23. GoJ: Government of Japan
- 24. HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- 25. ICPD: International Conference on Population and Development
- 26. IEC: Information, Education and Communication
- 27. IFH: Institute for Family Health
- 28. IPES: Integrated Package of Essential Services
- 29. IPPF: International Planned Parenthood Federation
- 30. IUD: intrauterine device
- 31. JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency
- 32. JSB: Japanese Supplementary Budget
- 33. JTF: Japan Trust Fund
- 34. LGBTQI: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (or: queer), intersex.
- 35. MENA: Middle East and North Africa
- 36. MA: Member Association
- 37. NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation
- 38. NORAD: Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
- 39. ONUSSR: National University Observatory for Sexual and Reproductive Health
- 40. PFPPA: Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association
- 41. R-FPAP: Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan
- 42. RD: regional director
- 43. RTG: Regional technical group
- 44. RTI: Real Time Information
- 45. SALAMA: Lebanese Association for Family Health
- 46. SDG: Service Delivery Point
- 47. SDP: Safe Delivery Point
- 48. SFPA: Sudan Family Planning Association
- 49. SFPA: Syrian Family Planning Association
- 50. SGBV: Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
- 51. SP: Service Provider
- 52. STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection
- 53. TBA: traditional birth attendant
- 54. UN: United Nations
- 55. UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
- 56. UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- 57. UNICEF: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- 58. WHO: World Health Organization
- 59. YARH: Yemeni Association for Reproductive Health