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DELIVER AND PROTECT

NO MATTER WHAT
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The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is a global service provider and advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. For over 69 years, IPPF through its 118 Member Associations and 15 partners, has delivered high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare and advocated for the advancement of sexual rights. IPPF Member Associations and partners are independent organizations that are locally owned, which means they can deliver care and advocate for sexual and reproductive rights, informed by local context and expertise, especially to the vulnerable and the under-served.

The IPPF Arab World Region is one of the six regions of the International Planned Parenthood Federation in the world. The International Planned Parenthood Federation works in the Arab World Region with 15 Member Associations and 3 collaborative partners in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Djibouti, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Somaliland, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Jordan and Pakistan. The Office of the Arab World Region, headquartered in Tunis, and the Member Associations, act to support the work of governments and to promote an effective partnership with decision-makers within the framework of national legislations and laws. The International Planned Parenthood Federation - the Arab World Region also seeks to maintain and develop strategic partnerships with organizations at the regional and international levels with the aim of supporting population and reproductive health programs.
AWR MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS
RD MESSAGE

IPPF AWR member associations and regional office were keen during the year 2021 on pursuing their efforts to achieve concrete results that improve peoples’ lives and to deliver “No Matter What”. Advocacy efforts were able to influence national policies and led to reviewing legislations and states’ budgets and laws. CSE was one of the main focuses on MAs in term of delivery and advocacy besides a better SRH access service with a better use of technology and more effective delivery under humanitarian settings.

“Our Frontliners”, who amazed us with their sense of solidarity, their commitment, and the treasures of creativity, reached and served the most vulnerable and marginalized populations. They were putting their own safety under trouble to save other’s life. We are so grateful to those heroes.

WAY FORWARD

IPPF as a global federation is on the threshold of shaping its new strategic framework 2023 - 2028. It is a challenging and an exciting opportunity to all of us. We need to be audacious on our fight, deliver, assessment, and accountability. Everyone is encouraged to take part of consultancy exercises and give feedback. We aim to reinforce and strengthen our common work as a unified secretariat that left no one behind. To realize that, we will:

- Strengthen youth participation in decision making and delivery
- Serve and deliver in new areas we never been before
- Innovate on solutions to deliver better
- Stay accountable to ourselves, our stakeholders and our rights bearers

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IPPF STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The IPPF's current strategic framework (2016-2022) represents a bold and ambitious vision of what the Union is striving to achieve.
AWR ACHIEVEMENTS
2021

147,313
NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO COMPLETED A QUALITY CSE

39,608,597
TOTAL SRH SERVICES DELIVERED

15
ADVOCACY WINS

3,064,477
AVERTED UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES

1,121,600
AVERTED UNSAFE ABORTIONS

Photo: IPPF/Hannah Maule Finch/Lebanon
ACHIEVEMENTS

CHAMPION RIGHTS (OUTCOME 1)

ADVOCACY

Despite the challenging political, legislative, socio-economic, sanitary and humanitarian environment at regional and national levels, the IPPF AWRO and MAs Advocacy strategies and actions succeeded, during 2021, in being responsive and contributing to the realization of projected results over the IPPF global strategic framework lifespan (2016-2022) aiming at “achieving sustainable, national political change and accountability that advances sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender equality”.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FIRST “CENTER OF EXCELLENCE TO ELIMINATE FGM”

October 18, 2021, Nouakchott, Mauritania:
The International Planned Parenthood Federation-Arab World Region established the Center of Excellence in partnership with the “Association Mauritanienne pour la Promotion de la Famille” (AMPF) and with the support of the “Norwegian Agency for Development”.

This center mainly aims to:

Build the capacities of member associations, midwives, health personnel, service providers and volunteers, in the context of eliminating FGM.

Social and economic empowerment of FGM victims, survivors, and even FGM practitioners by supporting social and/or economic projects to help them abandon this harmful practice.

Provide quality health care within this framework.
15 ADVOCACY WINS

In 2021, IPPF’s Arab World Region was able to attain the highest number of annual advocacy wins since the implementation of the current IPPF strategy in 2016. In addition, two of the Region’s Member Associations: EFPA (Egypt) and SFPA (Sudan), ranked among IPPF’s the Top Ten MAs on contribution to the advocacy wins’ performance indicator, which is a major and first time achievement for AWR MAs on advocacy and a source of pride for both MAs and for the whole IPPF AWR.

AWR REGIONAL LEVEL

💡 Adoption of a Resolution # 5 in the Third Regular Session of the Arab Council for Population and Development concerning: Building the capacities of the national population councils and committees in the field of reproductive health, that included three decisions, directly allocated to the cooperation with IPPF AWRO.

💡 During the “Fourth Conference on Adolescent Health in the Middle East and North Africa”, the IPPF AWRO representatives were able to include within the final Conference’ Declaration, specific recommendations related to CSE and reproductive health of youth and adolescents.
**EGYPT FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

- Egypt’s cabinet has toughened a law banning female genital mutilation (FGM) imposing jail terms of up to 20 years as part of efforts to stamp out the ancient practice.
- The Egyptian parliament approved harsher penalties for sexual harassment and related crimes and upgraded them to felony offences, aiming to curb sex-related assaults.
- Signed protocol with “Hayat Karima” Foundation to procure free of charge services on reproductive health for poor and marginalized population.
- Signed protocol with the Ministry of Education: Approval to conduct awareness sessions in Behira schools on RHRs.
- Signed protocol with the Ministry of Youth and Sports: Approval to conduct awareness sessions on Youth Centers.

**FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN-RAHNUMA**

Finalized Bill 2021 was passed by Provincial Assembly on 15th January, 2021 and assented by the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on 1st February 2021. This Act aims to provide for prevention of domestic violence against women in order to protect women from sexual, psychological and economic abuse and stalking.

**MOROCCO FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

- Signing of a partnership agreement with the Regional Order of Adoul “Notaries” of the Court of Appeal of the city of Oujda in order to work together to reduce underage marriage in Morocco.

**THE SUDAN FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION SIGNED**

- MOU with MoH Gedarif State that enables the MA to extent working throughout the state and to provide services to refugees’ camps for Ethiopian refugees.
- MOU with Maternity hospital ElObied North Kordufan to increase uptake of high quality of care, provide high quality of services, enable extension of services all day 24 hours and build capacity of service providers.
- MOU with MoH reproductive health department to enhance the SRHR and gender equity at all levels in Sudan, strengthen the service delivery points and increase the coverage to the rural areas and include the SFPA services through Universal health Coverage in Sudan.

**ASSOCIATION TUNISIENNE DE LA SANTE DE LA REPRODUCTION**

- Signed a collaboration protocol with the Ministry of Education committing the Ministry at the national and regional levels to integrate the CSE in the schools extra-curricular programs and to train its pedagogical and educational staff on the topic.
- A national CSE reference resource was officially issued. This referential was validated and approved by the Ministry of Education in November 2021.
Aware of the power of developing strategic partnerships that support the regional and national efforts to capacitate and ally the decision-makers to SRH and GE causes, IPPF AWRO was keen, in 2021 to enhance its established partnerships and create new ones with the following institutions:

**STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS**
- United Nations Population Fund – Arab States Regional Office (UNFPA ASRO)
- League Of Arab States (LAS)
- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS MENA)

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS**
- Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAPPD)
- Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)
- Institute for Family Health/King Hussain Foundation (IFH)
Achivements

**EmPower : Outcome2**

**Youth & Comprehensive Sexual Education**

**AWRO Youth Support**

IPPF AWR (RO and MAs) thrives to deliver youth friendly sexual and reproductive health services to a growing population of young people across the Arab World Region. In addition to offering hundreds of Peer-to-Peer educational and awareness raising sessions adapted to every category and cultural/legal context yearly, we take care of improving access to affordable or free sexual and reproductive healthcare services at the clinics and remote units including but not limited to STIs and HIV management, prevention of harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation and Child Marriage, etc...

AWR MAs were able to reach 147,313 young people with Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) attaining 33.8% increase in year 2021 compared with year 2020.”

AWRO provided a regional platform for IPPFAWR youth voices through the strong participation as INGO in the 4th International Conference on Adolescent Health - MENA Region “Adolescent Care, Leaving No One Behind”, organized by the Arab Coalition for Adolescent Health & Medicine (ACAHM), & held from 1-3 December 2021 in Egypt. The conference was held under the patronage of the League of Arab States and attended by 190 participants from 38 countries and 15 International and Regional organizations. IPPF, & IPPF AWR youth representatives provided during the conference a session on “IPPF vision for the role of Youth in SRHR”, “Boosting SRHR for Young People in 2030 agenda”, and a Youth Dialogue session on “Youth role in Advocacy for advancing SRHR agenda”.

Within the framework of the IPPF youth-centered strategy, the Regional Office for the Arab World held in 2021 a series of on-line training workshops for members of the “Arab World Region Youth Network” (AWRYN). The courses were about various topics, including advocacy, resource mobilization and governance.

8,068
**Number of Youth Peer Educators Trained**

147,313
**Number of Youth who Completed a Quality CSE**
YEMENI ASSOCIATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH organized a regional webinar to enhance the Role of Youth in Humanitarian Crises and discuss perspectives of young activists to take part in the relief efforts.

TUNISIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Organized in November 2021, a training workshop on comprehensive sexuality education for a group of sightless male and female from different regions of the country. This was a unique training course for this group of special needs individuals, which provided valuable information about health and sexual education, while utilizing adapted tools such as audio assistance and Braille language materials.
ACHIEVEMENTS

DELIVER : OUTCOME 3
SERVICES

During the year 2021 the MAs re-opened the clinics to their full capacity and extended reach with SRH services to those most in need through mobile clinics, outreach teams, and partner facilities buttressed with virtual SRH services using various Digital Health Interventions that enabled increased access to stigmatized services, young people, GBV survivors, ...etc. To this effect, AWR MAs were able to attain 20% increase in CYP, and 17% increase in SRH services provided in year 2021 compared with year 2020. On another front, AWR countries continued to suffer from crises and consequential dire living conditions whilst also struggling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the escalation of violence in Gaza to the ongoing civil war in Tigray and increase of refugees' influx in Sudan, to Yemen that remains the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, and the increased scope and inter-linked nature of humanitarians needs among the population in Syria. Notwithstanding the challenge of addressing the needs of hosting refugees in the other region's countries attending to the de-prioritization of SRHR aggravated by gender-based violence (GBV), with women and girls most affected. On this, AWR MAs were able to reach 3.7 million people living in humanitarian crises with SRH services attaining a 4% increase in year 2021 compared with year 2020.

Best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic

Within the framework of a competition on 'The Best Projects, Emergency Fund - Corona Pandemic', the achievements of IPPF member associations were evaluated based on the reports of the projects that were implemented, whether in relation to the provision of the best reproductive and sexual health services to all people, especially vulnerable groups, or in relation to comprehensive sexual education for young people, or in the field of advocacy on sexual and reproductive health and rights in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Three AWR associations were selected and awarded within the framework of the best projects: the Moroccan Family Planning Association, the Algerian Association for Family Planning and the Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of the Family. During 2021, all IPPF AWR member associations worked hard to challenge the difficulties and overcome the obstacles while performing their work and completing their projects during the COVID-19 pandemic, and these honors come to crown a course of diligent work, and to encourage and develop the member associations' work under the difficult circumstances resulting from the pandemic.

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INNOVATIVE PROJECT
For Better access to SRHR for the Seaman in the south of Morocco

The Moroccan Family Planning Association (AMPF) implemented an innovative project to ensure better access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for the marginalized group of the seamen in the south of the Kingdom. Two training workshops on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services for women and sailors were conducted and concluded by supplying 22 fishermen’s cooperatives in the Souss-Massa region, with computers and diagnostics equipment, to ensure examination, guidance and follow-up of cases of victims of gender-based violence. In addition to supplying them with a high-quality ultrasound machine for the medical unit of the port of Agadir to provide specialized medical consultations in urology, gynecology and all diseases related to sexual and reproductive health. This support was much needed among the families (children and wives), and could significantly improve their welfare, physical and mental health.

Photos: IPP/AWR/AMPF/Morocco
ACHIEVEMENTS

DELIVER: OUTCOME 3
SERVICES

39,608,597
TOTAL SRH SERVICES DELIVERED

8/10
OF OUR CLIENTS ARE POOR, MARGINALIZED, AND SOCIALLY EXCLUDED

13,659,460
TOTAL OF CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES DELIVERED

88.9%
OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Photo: IPPF/AWR/SFPA/Sudan

Photo: IPPF/AWR/SFPA/Syria
ACHIEVEMENTS

DELIVER: OUTCOME 3

SERVICES

ESTIMATED CLIENTS PROVIDED WITH SRH SERVICES IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS 2021

Syria, 1200000
Morocco, 83945
Palestine, 61075
Pakistan, 72250
Mauritania, 25400
Lebanon, 3642
Yemen, 61363
Sudan, 2174180
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2021, our Arab world region, like the rest of the world, witnessed profound events and changes, the most important of which is the crisis of migration and refugee flows as a result of the worsening humanitarian conditions in many countries of the region and the Covid-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on health and economic levels. This put countries, institutions and funding agencies in front of the need to express their solidarity and to shift their priorities and take rapid action in order to address these situations and mitigate their damages.

Despite the fact that some MAs have faced shortfalls of their programs due to donors shifting priorities towards sanitary, economic development and other areas outside the traditional scope of work of our member associations, this has not prevented them from continuing to strengthen their relationships with funding institutions and seeking to diversify their funding sources in order to ensure the sustainability of their programs and services to beneficiaries.

IPPF AWRO also was keen to increase its resource base and to provide technical and specialized resource mobilization skills for MAs to rise the diversified funding from all possible sources, in order to assist the region to address challenges in achieving the set target for increasing MAs income.

AWRO worked during 2021 towards increasing the visibility of the Region, the RD has conducted 17 meeting with international agencies and foreign embassies in Tunisia to introduce IPPF and the Region’s work. In addition, AWRO has established partnerships with different stakeholders at national and regional levels and started contact with potential donors.

On the other hand, the RO has conducted a segmentation exercise to AWR MAs to better plan and enhance the capacities of AWR MAs in resource mobilization. Two orientation/training sessions have been conducted, one about USAID funding at the country level and how to pursue it and the other on IPPF’s funding formula. Moreover, technical assistance has been provided to concerned MAs to submit quality proposals to donors; develop a/o update their capability statement; update their resource mobilization strategies and donors mapping.

Furthermore, the RO was keen to expand social enterprise across MAs in the region and provided technical assistance to 4 MAs to move forward with their SE projects; 6 MAs to develop SE proposals to the SE seed grants from which 3 proposals have been approved. AWRO has also coordinated with SE to increase the visibility of AWR MAs working in SE through different communication channels, for example; client spotlight series nominations coordination.
UNITE AND PERFORM: OUTCOME 4

GOVERNANCE AND ACCREDITATION

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Office believes in the importance of the role of volunteers in improving the performance of MAs as well as in their pronounced role in resource mobilization specifically in the current funding context. AWRO have thus involved volunteers in a significant number of regional activities on enhancing MAs’ performance. Moreover, the AWR invested in the participation of volunteers including youth volunteers in regional events that will enable them to better support the region and their MAs in addressing performance and funding challenges as well as update them on the SRHR international and regional agenda.

This however drive the importance of the accreditation process for ensuring the appraising of the role of volunteers as well as the adherence to IPPF standards and principles for effective volunteerism in a variety of contexts.

ACCREDITATION

All IPPF AWR Member Associations abide by clearly defined accreditation regulations, use a standardized programmatic and financial reporting system. AWRO conducts yearly accreditation missions for either re-accreditation or follow up on accreditation whilst attending to desk review and monitoring of the compliance of MAs with accreditation standards. During 2021, Lebanon, Palestine, and Tunisia were re-accredited.
In year 2021 AWRO worked hard on strengthening systems. AWRO adapted an Arabic Version of Open-EMR to be used as electronic health records that provide accurate, up-to-date, and complete information about clients in the clinic and other points of care. Furthermore, AWRO developed forms that were integrated in the Open-EMR system to better record and track survivors of GBV/FGM on pertinent data services. The aim is to assist MAs to exchange health information electronically, provide higher quality and safer care for clients while creating tangible enhancements at organization level. EHRs help providers better manage care for patients and provide better health care. To this effect, AWRO completed the deployment of Open-EMR in Arabic, French and English in 16 static & 9 mobile clinics for Sudan, Mauritania & Somaliland MAs. Furthermore, AWRO completed the work on the first milestones of the telemedicine application that will be used as a national platform in Sudan for SRH services.
Committed to change lives

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