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UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. Friends of UNFPA is a non-profit organization that advances this global effort by mobilizing funds and actions for UNFPA's lifesaving work.



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From the Chair of the Board

Dear Friends,

With women and girls comprising nearly half of the world's population, their lives directly shape the future. When women have access to quality reproductive health services and enjoy equal status in their relationships, they can participate in the workforce and help their families and communities out of poverty. When girls stay in school and are free from abuse, they are better prepared for tomorrow.

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is helping to secure a better future for everyone by ensuring the health and dignity of women and girls. In over 150 countries, UNFPA is working to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. In 2013, UNFPA helped countries advance gender equality and combat gender-based violence. UNFPA worked with partners to strengthen emergency obstetric care and train midwives. Thanks to UNFPA, in 2013 more than 10,000 women received treatment for obstetric fistula.

As humanitarian crises displace unprecedented numbers, UNFPA addresses the specific needs of women and girls who have been cut off from their health providers and are more vulnerable to unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, gender-based violence, pregnancy-related death, and childbirth injuries. In 2013, UNFPA responded on behalf of women in areas including Syria, the Philippines, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic. By distributing supplies, establishing secure shelters and clinics, and training health personnel, UNFPA helped make birth safe even in the most dire circumstances.

In *The State of World Population 2013: Motherhood in Childhood*, UNFPA highlighted the devastating impact of adolescent pregnancy. Every day, 20,000 girls below age 18 give birth in developing countries, many of the births occurring within marriage. Childbirth at such a young age often

ends a girl's education and forever stunts her future opportunities. About 70,000 adolescents die annually of causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Through innovative programs UNFPA works to challenge harmful traditions such as child marriage that violate the human rights of girls and rob them of their childhoods. With partners at the community, national, and international level, UNFPA is helping girls stay in school and maintain control over their own lives.

UNFPA's work helping women and girls reach their full potential would not be possible without the steadfast support of women's rights champions across the globe. Friends of UNFPA has worked diligently to advance these global efforts by garnering much needed support and funds from our dedicated supporter base in the United States and around the world.

Your ongoing support and engagement will help sustain the life-saving impact UNFPA has already had and will continue to have thanks to you. Together, we can transform the lives of women and girls and create a future where everyone can achieve their dreams.

Warmest regards,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Cai-Lee".

Wendy Cai-Lee
Chair of the Board

Where Every Pregnancy is Wanted

“Family planning gives women and adolescent girls the freedom to have fewer children, start their families later in life, complete their schooling and escape the poverty trap.”

— Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA

Family planning helps women and couples avoid unintended pregnancies and determine the timing of births and the size of their families. It is a human right itself and is central to the realization of other fundamental rights. Access to contraceptives and quality information is key to improving maternal and child health and to increasing education and empowerment for women which can lead to more financially secure families and to stronger national economies.

The use of modern contraception has increased significantly over the past 30 years, but not all countries and regions have achieved progress at the same pace. In many countries, lack of access to services, poverty, and profound inequalities between men and women limit a woman’s ability to plan her pregnancies. Unfortunately, an estimated 222 million women who could benefit from contraception are not using it.

In 2013, UNFPA launched its new family planning strategy, Choices Not Chance, to help countries achieve universal access to rights-based voluntary family planning. The strategy focuses

on maintaining a reliable supply of quality contraceptives, building environments conducive to human rights-based family planning, and strengthening the flow of information pertaining to family planning. Countries throughout the world will continue to receive UNFPA support in managing contraceptive supplies and in improving the quality of family planning care.

Since 2007, through its Global Program to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security, UNFPA has mobilized \$565 million for ensuring a stable supply of commodities. UNFPA also continues to leverage partnerships in order to meet the unmet need for family planning. It engages with NGO partners including the International Planned Parenthood Federation and remains a stakeholder in the Family Planning 2020 platform, a multi-sector initiative working to enable an additional 120 million women and girls to use contraceptives by 2020.



2013 Highlights

UNFPA helped 95 countries improve access to contraceptives.

UNFPA helped several countries achieve significant increases in contraceptive use in recent years, including Burkina Faso, Burundi, Madagascar, Niger and Sierra Leone. In Burundi, the rate rose from 1.2 percent in 1987 to 27 percent in 2013.

UNFPA remained the world’s number one supplier of female condoms, at 20 million provided. It also supplied 1 billion male condoms.

Every Birth is Safe

“Maternal health has to stay at the top of the political and development agenda, and action has to be taken on the ground in the countries where women live and die.”

— United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Every day, almost 800 women die in pregnancy or childbirth. For every woman who dies, 20 or more experience serious complications such as obstetric fistula. Making childbirth safe is a human rights imperative and an international development priority.

UNFPA supports countries’ efforts to strengthen emergency obstetric care so that mothers survive childbirth and deliver healthy babies. With healthy mothers, economies grow and families stay whole. UNFPA also works to improve maternal health care standards around the world and helps to train doctors, midwives, and other health care providers. Through the Maternal Health Thematic Fund, UNFPA builds political and social commitment to maternal health in priority countries with high maternal mortality rates. Since 2003, donors contributed \$134 million to the Fund.

UNFPA also helps the survivors of devastating childbirth injuries move on with their lives and reintegrate into their communities. In 2013, approximately 10,700 women received treatment for obstetric fistula with UNFPA support, nearly a 30 percent increase over 2012. Many of these women receive support and counseling that enables them to lead fulfilling lives. By improving reproductive health generally and increasing access to pre-natal care, UNFPA also works to prevent obstetric fistula before it occurs.

With an ever-increasing number of humanitarian crises unfolding throughout the world, countless women of childbearing age are displaced and without access to reproductive health services. During disasters, women do not stop giving birth. When crisis strikes, UNFPA delivers emergency supplies and equipment to make deliveries safer

and to support medical interventions where necessary. UNFPA emergency response includes rapid shipment of clean delivery kits – including a razor blade and string for cutting and tying the umbilical cord – to help prevent fatal infections in women who cannot reach a medical facility.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines, affecting more than 14 million people and leaving an estimated 250,000 pregnant women without access to maternal health services. UNFPA organized mobile clinics that provided care to women in storm-battered areas, helped establish psycho-social services for displaced people, and strengthened services aimed at preventing gender-based violence.

During 2013, UNFPA continued to support women displaced by the ongoing conflict in Syria. In Jordan, 20 reproductive health clinics were set up to serve nearly 70,000 refugees. Throughout the year, UNFPA responded to humanitarian emergencies in 31 countries including the Central African Republic and South Sudan.

2013 Highlights

UNFPA helped train more than 10,000 midwives, in the last five years. They assist 1.75 million births annually.

UNFPA supported more than 10,000 fistula repair surgeries in 2013, nearly 30 percent more than in 2012.

UNFPA supported 38 countries in strengthening emergency obstetric care and 43 countries in improving midwifery.

Every Young Person's Potential is Fulfilled

“More than 40% of the world's population are under 25, which means that today, youth are shaping both humanity's future and present.” — Wendy Cai-Lee, Chair of the Board, Friends of UNFPA

With 1.8 billion adolescents and youth today, young people are the foundation of the world's future. They can drive social progress and influence the sustainability of their communities and nations, but are frequently denied opportunities they need to realize their full potential.

Most at risk of falling behind are the more than 500 million adolescent girls currently living in developing countries. Each year, an estimated 14.2 million adolescent girls are married, violating their human rights and denying them their childhoods. About 16 million girls between 15 and 19 give birth each year. Childbirth at such early ages poses great health risks for the mother.

UNFPA's strategy on adolescents and youth involves working with young people to create a future in which they can enter adulthood healthy, educated, and in control of their own lives. In 2013, UNFPA launched Action for Adolescent Girls, a five-year partnership with governments and civil society in 12 countries. The initiative will support girls' human rights by delaying marriage and preventing unintended pregnancy. In Guatemala, a program under Action for Adolescent Girls titled *Abriendo Oportunidades* (Opening Opportunities) helps at-risk indigenous girls stay in school and prevent

pregnancy. In Niger, out-of-school girls between the ages of 10 and 19 participate in an eight-month program that provides them with health check-ups, literacy training, and a birth certificate or national identity card.

In 2013, UNFPA also launched *The State of World Population 2013: Motherhood in Childhood*, a landmark report that advocated for a holistic approach to tackling the challenge of adolescent pregnancy. “Too often,” said UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, “society blames only the girl for getting pregnant. The reality is that adolescent pregnancy is most often not the result of a deliberate choice, but rather the absence of choices, and of circumstances beyond a girl's control.”

2013 Highlights

UNFPA supported platforms for youth participation in 82 countries and advocated youth issues in international forums.

UNFPA helped 102 countries design and implement comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education programs for young people.



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“It is vital that we uphold the rights of women, girls and all young people – for their own dignity and well-being, but also because doing so is the key to meeting any future development goals.”

– UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin

Friends of UNFPA: Mobilizing Funds and Actions

To ensure the health and dignity of women and girls everywhere, Friends of UNFPA mobilizes resources and action for UNFPA's work. Through support from individuals like you – our donors, advocates and partners – we bring hope to women, families, and communities around the world. Here are some successes from 2013 made possible with your support.

Resource Mobilization

In 2013, we continued to engage with innovative crowd-funding platforms, driving funds to specific country programs that support women's sexual and reproductive health and rights. These programs prevent and treat birth injuries, and provide emergency obstetric care, counseling, and health education.

In Myanmar, the Daw Pon Maternity Home helps mothers deliver life safely. The Maternity Home performs deliveries and supports women throughout their pregnancies with health check-ups and education. In 2013, Friends of UNFPA raised \$75,000 for the Daw Pon Maternity Home. Programs supported by Friends of UNFPA in Liberia and Ghana treat women suffering from fistula and empower them to reintegrate into their communities.

Friends of UNFPA supporters also aided critical humanitarian response in the aftermath of disasters by providing clean birthing kits for women without access to health care facilities.

Celebrating UNFPA and Honoring Exceptional Individuals

Each year, the *Friends of UNFPA Gala for the Health and Dignity of Women and Girls* brings together over 300 leaders in business, health care, global media, women's rights and philanthropy. At the 2013 Gala, Friends of UNFPA honored Johnson & Johnson for its dedication to the health of mothers and children around the world; Peter Yarrow, of *Peter, Paul and Mary*, in recognition of his passionate 50-year commitment to advance human rights;

philanthropist Eva Haller for her globally recognized social, educational and environmental activism, beginning at the age of 12 when in 1942 she joined the Hungarian resistance; and Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) for championing the mission of UNFPA in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Public Affairs

Friends of UNFPA's public affairs work centers on building awareness of UNFPA programs and driving U.S. support for UNFPA campaigns. Through relationships with advocates, partner organizations, and Members of Congress, Friends of UNFPA helps to ensure robust U.S. government funding for programs that help women around the world. With educational events and traditional and online outreach, Friends of UNFPA engages U.S. audiences with UNFPA's global mission.

As part of ongoing educational initiatives, Friends of UNFPA brought two International Award honorees to Capitol Hill to discuss their work with UNFPA advancing reproductive health around the world.

Through a partnership with the UN Foundation's Universal Access Project, Friends of UNFPA helped build vital constituent support for UNFPA and international family planning in key congressional districts in the U.S. In areas such as Washington State, southern California, New York, New Jersey, and Minnesota, Friends of UNFPA demonstrated to influential Members of Congress the strong public support that exists for UNFPA's work.

2013 Gala International Honorees

Friends of UNFPA also provides particular distinction to individuals who have made direct contributions to UNFPA programs with our *International Awards for the Health and Dignity of Women and Girls*.



Dr. John K. Mulbah, Ob/Gyn, Adjunct Professor, Lead Surgeon, Liberia

Dr. Mulbah is one of Liberia's few fistula surgeons. Obstetric fistula is an injury caused by the lack of obstetric care. The psychological, economic and social consequences of this condition can be devastating, as victims often find themselves ostracized by their communities.

Since April 2007, when Liberia's Ministry of Health and UNFPA established the Liberia Fistula Project, more than 1,025 fistula cases have been operated on. "As we improve knowledge about fistula," says Dr. John Mulbah, "we can break the cycle of poor maternal health and stigma associated with women living with obstetric fistula."

In the Liberia Fistula Project, Dr. Mulbah occupies three roles: perpetually-on-call doctor conducting routine and emergency fistula surgeries; team leader and supervisor at eleven hospitals; and prevention advocate.

The center provides fistula survivors with knowledge about reproductive health, counseling, capacity-building in literacy, and skills training in income-generating activities. It also follows up with them to ensure proper community reintegration.

"After our civil war, we had communities without enough resources to conduct safe births. With the UN and other partners' help, all county hospitals now have at least two doctors and midwives to provide the needed services."
– John K. Mulbah



Anzaira Roxas, Nurse, Midwife, Deputy Project Coordinator, The Philippines

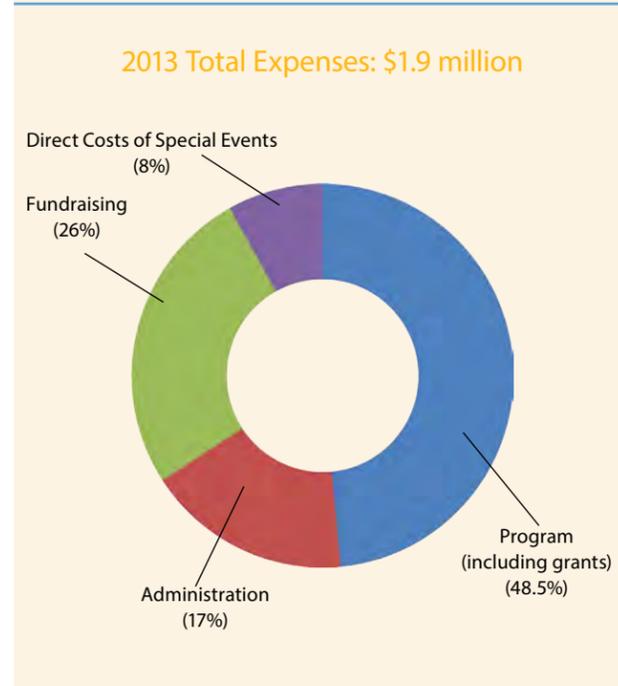
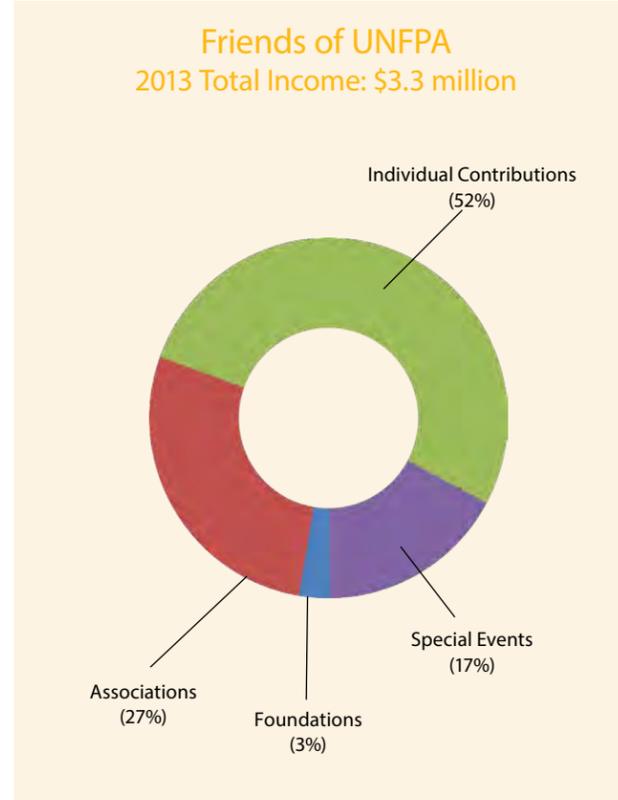
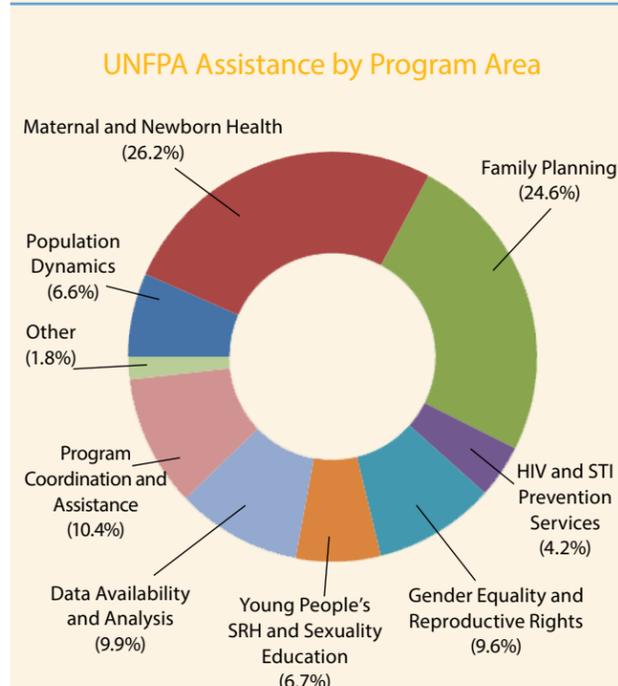
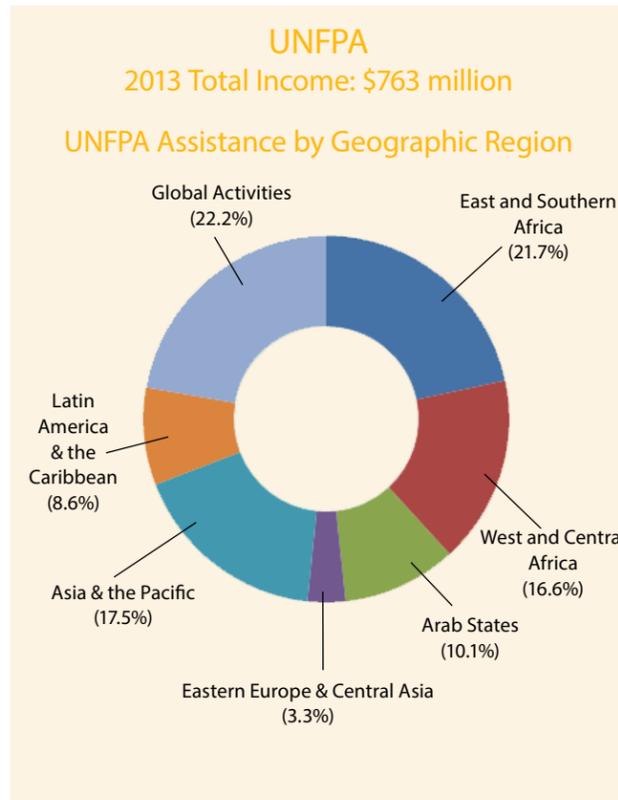
Anzaira Roxas is the Deputy Project Coordinator at UNFPA's implementing partner, the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP), a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. In 2007, she earned her degree as a nurse and then in 2009 as a midwife. She currently provides youth services through the Choices Project, focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights. She is active in the Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER), a groundbreaking and comprehensive youth-to-youth initiative pioneered by UNFPA.

"Despite having two degrees," says Anzaira, "it is difficult to earn money in the Philippines, but I stay because my country needs health care providers to improve the lives of women and young people."

In 2011, when Y-PEER's base of operations was devastated by Typhoon Washi (Sendong), Anzaira trained young people to become leaders in providing health care services. She provided health education to affected young people, nursing mothers, and pregnant women. Anzaira and her fellow youth advocates were instrumental in the dramatic passage of the Reproductive Health Law in December 2012 that mandates the provision of youth friendly services and sexuality education.

"I whole-heartedly embrace the idea that women and youth have the right to a beautiful life."
– Anzaira Roxas

2013 Financial Highlights



Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2013 (with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2012)

	2013	2012
Support & Revenue		
Foundation Grants	69,804	96,951
Association Grants	32,435	1,019,365
Individual Contributions	2,719,522	1,909,131
Special Events	439,842	625,906
In-Kind Contributions	30,000	3,073
Other Income	1,230	-27
Total Support & Revenue	3,292,833	3,654,399
Expenses & Grants		
Program Services & Grants	964,317	2,224,974
Management & General	344,963	519,866
Fundraising	518,813	635,816
Direct Cost of Special Events	160,550	143,634
Total Expenses & Grants	1,988,643	3,524,290
Change in Net Assets	1,304,190	130,109
Net assets - beginning of year	2,188,632	2,058,523
Net assets - end of year	3,492,822	2,188,632

Note 1: Friends of UNFPA acts as an advocate for the health and dignity of women and girls. One of our functions includes updating both the U.S. Administration and Congress about the importance of voluntary contributions made to UNFPA by the U.S. Government. Friends of UNFPA's efforts in this regard helped secure a contribution of \$35 million to UNFPA for FY 2013. This funding is provided directly to UNFPA and is not reflected as revenue in the summary of Friends of UNFPA's Statement of Activities. Related expenses are included in total program services.

Note 2: The above information represents a summarized view of Friends of UNFPA's financial statements. For the complete audited financial statements, including the auditor's report and related notes, please go to: www.friendsofunfpa.org/financials.



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