Our Mission

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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Dear Friends,

At the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, the Cairo Declaration and Program of Action put sexual and reproductive health at the center of development and human rights work around the world. Over 20 years later, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, remains at the forefront of these efforts.

Today, women and girls comprise nearly half the world’s population. The total number of people between 10 and 24 years old is 1.8 billion strong.

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 out of poverty. When girls stay in school and are free from abuse, they are better prepared for tomorrow. When young people are empowered to make their own decisions, they and their communities can thrive.

In over 150 countries, UNFPA is working to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled. By increasing access to family planning information and services, UNFPA is giving women power over their own lives. By training midwives and helping women recover from childbirth injuries, UNFPA is making motherhood safe. By protecting young people from harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting, UNFPA is restoring hope for the future.

Throughout 2014, UNFPA made great strides in this work. UNFPA helped countries advance gender equality and combat violence against women, collecting data to accurately document incidents of violence, and helping to develop, enforce and reform national laws and policies on gender-based violence. In 2014, UNFPA supplied approximately $100 million worth of contraceptives, averting an estimated 7.8 million unintended pregnancies. This year alone, more than 2,021 communities supported by UNFPA declared the abandonment of female genital mutilation.

UNFPA also played a crucial key role in fighting the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. In the three most affected countries – Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone – UNFPA trained contact tracers to locate each person that was in contact with an infected individual in order to limit the spread of the outbreak. UNFPA also provided emergency reproductive health kits, clean delivery kits, blood transfusion sets, and other critical equipment during the most crucial periods of the emergency.

UNFPA’s work would not be possible without the help of its champions around the world. Friends of UNFPA has worked diligently to advance these global efforts by garnering much needed support and funds.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing engagement. Together we will help continue UNFPA’s lifesaving work ensuring the health and dignity of women and girls everywhere.

Warmest regards,

Wendy Cai-Lee
Chair of the Board
Access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right. Family planning is central to gender equality and women’s empowerment, and is a key factor in reducing poverty. Yet, some 225 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods, due to lack of access to services or lack of support from their partners or communities. Most of these women live in 69 of the poorest countries on earth.

UNFPA supported rights-based voluntary family planning in 2014 and helped countries ensure steady and reliable supplies of quality contraceptives.

Also in 2014, UNFPA and the Guttmacher Institute published Adding it up: The costs and benefits of investing in sexual and reproductive health, which measured the costs for interventions to bolster sexual and reproductive health, including voluntary family planning. The report provided new evidence that increased access to voluntary family planning can further reduce maternal and newborn death.

An estimated 289,000 women die each year from complications in pregnancy and childbirth. The majority of these deaths occur in low and middle income countries. Nearly half of all maternal deaths happen during childbirth or in the days immediately thereafter, and about 72 percent of all maternal deaths result from obstetric causes, such as severe bleeding or obstructed labor. UNFPA supports countries’ efforts to strengthen emergency obstetric care so that mothers survive childbirth and deliver healthy babies.

In 2014, UNFPA ramped up efforts to realize Millennium Development Goal 5: to improve maternal health. UNFPA helped 43 countries in 2014 raise the quality of emergency, obstetric and newborn care, expand and strengthen midwifery and build national capacities for tracking maternal deaths. UNFPA also assisted 46 countries to address critical challenges in the provision of lifesaving equipment and medicines needed for safe pregnancies and deliveries.

UNFPA also continued to lead the Global Campaign to End Fistula, a consortium of 90 international partner agencies committed to preventing and treating obstetric fistula.

2014 Highlights

- Through the Global Campaign to End Fistula, UNFPA supported surgery to repair fistulas for more than 10,175 women.
- With support from UNFPA, the International Confederation of Midwives, and other partners, 45 countries strengthened midwifery services and policies.
- In 2014, UNFPA Supplies, formerly known as the Global Program to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security, supplied approximately $100 million worth of contraceptives, averting an estimated 7.8 million, unintended pregnancies.
- UNFPA provided 750 million male condoms and 115 million female condoms and expanded comprehensive condom programming in 21 countries.
- UNFPA and UNAIDS helped increase the capacity of seven countries in East and Southern Africa to deliver integrated sexual...
Humanitarian Response

In crisis situations, one in five women of childbearing age is likely to be pregnant. Without access to reproductive health services, these women face an increased risk of life-threatening complications. Many women also lose access to family planning, exposing them to unwanted pregnancies in perilous conditions. Women and young people also become vulnerable to sexual violence, exploitation and HIV infection. The hygiene needs of women and girls are often neglected as well.

UNFPA works closely with governments, UN agencies, community-based organizations and other partners to ensure that reproductive health is integrated into emergency responses. UNFPA deploys hygiene supplies, obstetric and family planning supplies, trained personnel, and other support to vulnerable populations, and works to ensure the needs of women and young people are met during the emergency itself and throughout reconstruction.

In 2014, UNFPA supported an estimated 14 million women and young people that were affected by humanitarian crises in 34 countries.

The UNFPA response to the Ebola crisis focused on maintaining and restoring maternal health services, including training and coordinating contact tracers responsible for tracking all individuals with possible exposure to the disease. Through the Mano River Midwifery Initiative, UNFPA increased access to safe, emergency and regular obstetric and neonatal services for women living in countries affected by Ebola.

Since sexual violence, discrimination and human rights violations are common in humanitarian settings, 100 percent of UNFPA offices in crisis-affected countries had staff with expertise in addressing gender-based violence.

2014 Highlights

- UNFPA helped to train and coordinate eight thousand contact tracers who investigated the potential contacts of 77,000 Ebola patients in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- UNFPA scaled up its support to women and girls through 36 women’s spaces in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria in order to improve access to quality services: preventing gender-based violence and providing care to survivors in humanitarian settings.
- In the Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan and Syria, UNFPA helped expand access to reproductive health services for 2.7 million women; assisted 437,315 deliveries; dispensed 1.5 million male condoms; 92,862 female condoms; 32,041 dignity kits; and 140,000 hygiene kits.
- In August and September alone, UNFPA and its partners helped nearly 18,000 women and girls gain access to reproductive health services and provided approximately 2,900 survivors of gender-based violence with psychosocial support.
Our world is home to 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and this demographic is growing fastest in the poorest nations. Within this generation are 600 million adolescent girls with specific needs, challenges and aspirations for the future.

Overall, despite advances in some countries, limited progress has been achieved in reducing adolescent pregnancy, HIV infections, child marriage, female genital mutilation and gender-based violence. Investing heavily in young people’s education and health and protecting their rights could help developing countries with large youth populations see their economies soar.

Too many youth are also unable to participate fully in society. Approximately 175 million young people in low income countries cannot read a full sentence. Among those aged 15 to 24, some 500 million live on less than $2 a day, and over 74 million are unemployed. For girls, the barriers to full participation in society are even higher.

UNFPA partners with young people, helping them participate in decisions affecting them, and strengthening their ability to advance human rights and development issues such as health, education and employment. UNFPA also works with governments to implement comprehensive sexuality education, both in schools and through community based training and outreach.

Child marriage, a human rights violation, inhibits a girl’s future prospects. When forced into child marriage, girls often become pregnant while still adolescents, increasing the risk of complications in pregnancy or childbirth. Despite laws against it, the practice remains widespread, in part because of persistent poverty and gender inequality. In developing countries, one in every three girls is married before reaching age 18.

UNFPA promotes legislation and programs designed to end child marriage and works to support the needs of married girls, particularly through the provision of family planning and maternal health services.

### 2014 Highlights

- Through the UNFPA-led Action for Adolescent Girls initiative, UNFPA helped countries prioritize the needs and rights of adolescents in national policies, programs, and in humanitarian settings.
- UNFPA helped 41 countries develop health, social and economic asset-building programs reaching adolescent girls at risk of child marriage.
- UNFPA used theater-based peer education to reach 31,931 young people in seven Arab States with messages on HIV and AIDS, gender equality and the empowerment of youth.
- In India, UNFPA helped develop a national adolescent health strategy aiming to expand access to health, information and services to fulfill the needs of adolescents, including girls and marginalized groups: a 243 million strong, yet very vulnerable cohort.
Friends of UNFPA works to promote the health, rights, and dignity of women and girls everywhere by mobilizing 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 2014 made possible with your support.

Resource Mobilization

In 2014, Friends of UNFPA increased its efforts to support UNFPA’s humanitarian work. Early in the year we continued to raise funds for areas of the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, which struck in late 2013. Beginning in the summer of 2014, Friends of UNFPA began mobilizing funds to support UNFPA’s work to contain the spread of Ebola in West Africa and to re-establish reproductive and maternal health services in the hardest hit communities. We engaged individual donors, corporations, and foundations to support UNFPA’s work throughout the region and in specific communities most in need.

We continued to engage with innovative crowd-funding platforms, driving funds to specific in-country programs that support women’s sexual and reproductive health and rights. Through the Catapult platform, Friends of UNFPA raised funds for the Liberia Fistula Project, which treats women and girls with obstetric fistula and helps them reintegrate into their communities. On the Global Giving platform, Friends of UNFPA continued to raise funds for UNFPA’s dignity and clean delivery kits that are used globally during humanitarian disasters.

Raising Awareness

Throughout 2014, Friends of UNFPA hosted and sponsored public events geared to increase public understanding of the vital work UNFPA conducts around the world. In March, Friends of UNFPA organized a number of events featuring Anzaira Roxas, the 2013 International Honoree at the Friends of UNFPA Gala for the Health and Dignity of Women and Girls, and the Deputy Project Coordinator at UNFPA’s implementing partner, the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines. In New Jersey, Minnesota, Washington, D.C., Idaho, and Washington State, Ms. Roxas discussed her work as a nurse/midwife during humanitarian emergencies with Members of Congress, influential advocates, and donors.

Focusing on the Ebola outbreak and UNFPA’s role in combating it, Friends of UNFPA co-hosted a public event in October in Santa Barbara, California, with Direct Relief International and the Global Neighborhood Fund featuring UNFPA’s Sarah Craven. Ms. Craven, the Chief of UNFPA’s Washington, D.C. Office, discussed the horrifying circumstances that pregnant women faced at the height of the outbreak.

In November, Friends of UNFPA also hosted a webinar for key advocates featuring Ugochi Daniels, the Chief of UNFPA’s Humanitarian Branch. Ms. Daniels explained the nuanced implications of the outbreak for reproductive and maternal health and the need for UNFPA’s ongoing commitment to the region even after the end of the crisis.
2014 Financial Highlights

UNFPA
2014 Total Income: Approximately $1 Billion

UNFPA Assistance by Geographic Region

Global Activities (21.9%)
Latin America & the Caribbean (7%)
Asia & the Pacific (18.5%)
East and Southern Africa (21%)
West and Central Africa (18.3%)
Arab States (9.7%)
Eastern Europe & Central Asia (3.6%)

UNFPA Assistance by Program Area

Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health (52.30%)
Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency (16.80%)
Data for Development (14.60%)
Gender Equality and Rights (10%)
Adolescents (6.30%)

Friends of UNFPA
2014 Total Income: $1.4 million

Contributions (80.7%)
Special Events (3.35%)
In-Kind Contributions (12.78%)
Associations Grants (2.11%)
Other Income (10%)
Foundation Grants (9.6%)

2014 Total Expenses: $2.5 million

Program Services & Grants (80.20%)
Management & General (11.6%)
Fundraising (7.9%)
Direct Costs of Special Events (0.3%)
Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2014 (with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2013)

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| **Expenses & Grants**     |           |           |
| Program Services & Grants | 2,077,075 | 964,317   |
| Management & General      | 300,144   | 344,963   |
| Fundraising               | 204,699   | 518,813   |
| Direct Cost of Special Events | 7,708   | 160,550   |
| **Total Expenses & Grants** | **2,589,626** | **1,988,643** |

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| **Change in Net Assets**  | (1,180,632) | 1,304,190 |
| Net assets - beginning of year | 3,492,822 | 2,188,632 |
| Net assets - end of year   | 2,312,190 | 3,492,822 |

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 $30.7 million to UNFPA for FY 2014. 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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To Learn more about how you can advance the health and dignity of women and girls everywhere, please contact:

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