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UNFPA IN 2016
NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

AS WE LOOK BACK ON 2016, we realize how truly eventful the year was for the work of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. The ongoing worldwide refugee crisis, the conflict in Syria, and Hurricane Matthew in Haiti presented challenges to delivering reproductive health care. But thanks to our supporters and partners we were proud to be able to help UNFPA as they provided critical care and resources to women and girls at the most crucial moments of their lives.

With the commitment and support of our donors, Friends of UNFPA helps not only by raising much needed funds for programs directly assisting women and girls most at risk, but also by building awareness about the nature and importance of UNFPA’s lifesaving work. Because of the generosity of individuals and private sector partners, we can construct a base of advocates in the United States and around the world who are there for UNFPA just as UNFPA is there for women and girls.

UNFPA is there for women during pregnancy and childbirth, training midwives, supporting emergency obstetric and newborn care facilities, and ensuring women can bring life into the world without fear of losing their own. UNFPA’s family planning programs support women by giving them the tools to determine for themselves if and when they become mothers. During adolescence UNFPA is there for girls, protecting them from harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation so they can grow and reach their full potential. UNFPA is also there throughout the lives of women and girls working to keep them safe from gender-based violence.

Inside you will read how in 2016 Friends of UNFPA supported UNFPA as it delivered care to women and girls despite a myriad of global challenges. Natural disasters, refugee crises, and conflicts did not deter this work.

2016 also ushered in political changes in the United States that will continue to have ramifications into the future. After the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States, the drastic decision to defund UNFPA soon followed in early 2017, meaning the agency now must face greater challenges with fewer resources. Vulnerable women and girls who benefit from UNFPA’s work will suffer the most, losing access to critical care they need to survive.

But with new challenges come new opportunities. Friends of UNFPA’s mission to help advance UNFPA’s work is now more urgent than ever before. Inspired by UNFPA’s fortitude in the face of obstacles, we are capitalizing on the new wave of activism and political awareness in the U.S. to continue to bring greater attention to UNFPA and the lifesaving services it provides to women and girls around the world.

Furthermore, in 2017, as UNFPA experienced the tragic passing of its Executive Director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that his legacy of working towards full gender equality lives on. We are working diligently with UNFPA’s new Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem, to ensure the world witnesses the end of unmet need for family planning, the end of preventable maternal deaths, and the elimination of violence and harmful practices against women and girls.

Sincerely,

Melissa Kuklin                       Minh Ngo
Executive Director                 Chair of the Board
Friends of UNFPA                  Friends of UNFPA

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“Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights are the foundation on which women and girls build lives of choice, empowerment and equality.”

FORMER UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON, SPEECH AT FRIENDS OF UNFPA RECEPTION HONORING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 13, 2016
To ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled, Friends of UNFPA continually strives to further its reach and impact on behalf of UNFPA.

Awareness and Advocacy

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, Friends of UNFPA builds awareness of UNFPA’s work around the world through targeted communications towards American and international audiences sharing illustrative stories of UNFPA’s work. In 2016, we worked diligently to inform our supporters about on-going issues affecting the most vulnerable people including topics such as safe motherhood, access to family planning, obstetric fistula, and female genital mutilation.

In addition to our online and offline communications, we continued in 2016 to provide our supporters with inside information behind UNFPA programs. Using interactive webinars, we connected our audiences with experts and field staff to discuss topics such as obstetric fistula, UNFPA’s work delivering care to people affected by the Syria crisis, and the impact of the U.S. Presidential elections on UNFPA.

Friends of UNFPA also delivered our 2016 Congressional Award for the Health and Dignity of Woman and Girls to United States Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) for her decades-long work building support for UNFPA and women’s empowerment within the U.S. Government.

Private Sector Partnerships

Working with the private sector is an essential component of achieving key sections of the United Nations 2030 development agenda. By engaging corporate partners, Friends of UNFPA helps UNFPA work towards goals such as reducing maternal deaths and meeting the unmet need for contraception.

In 2016, our partners at Johnson & Johnson worked with us and UNFPA to generously support midwifery training programs and professional schools in Mexico. They contributed to UNFPA’s public launch of the Safe Birth Even Here campaign with a high profile event in New York during the opening week of the United Nations General Assembly, and continued their 5th consecutive year of support for the UN H4+ programmatic work in midwifery training to reduce maternal and newborn death through the World Health Organization in Ethiopia and UNFPA in Tanzania. In addition, Johnson & Johnson sponsored UNFPA’s midwifery symposium project to support young midwives in attendance at the Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in May 2016 and, working with the UNFPA South African Country Office, they sponsored a young people’s satellite session prior to the 16th Annual International AIDS Conference in July 2016, which included the funding of approximately 55 young people as attendees from South and East Africa.

We also collaborated with other private sector partners, including a second year of support for UNFPA Supplies by the Winslow Foundation.

Galvanizing Individual Support

Individuals dedicated to the health and rights of women and girls around the world are at the center of Friends of UNFPA’s work. Through individual donors in 2016, Friends of UNFPA supported UNFPA’s work to end obstetric fistula, provide maternal care to mothers in need, persuade communities to abandon female genital mutilation, and increase access to family planning information and services.

HONORING UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON

In October of 2016, Friends of UNFPA honored out-going UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with a special reception at the United Nations in New York City. Executive Director Melissa Kuklin presented the Secretary-General with the Friends of UNFPA Award for the Health and Dignity for Women and Girls for his dedicated leadership in support of women and girls everywhere. In reflecting on the Secretary-General’s achievements, it was reinforced to the audience the importance of UNFPA’s work. As UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin stated, “Over the past ten years, the Secretary-General has helped push gender equality and women’s empowerment to the top of the global agenda.” The event, featuring leadership from both UNFPA and Friends of UNFPA, including Friends of UNFPA’s Board, private sector partners and high-level donors, demonstrated our deep appreciation for and commitment to continue the Secretary-General’s important work on behalf of all women and girls around the world.
UNFPA
Key Achievements 2014-2016

54 MILLION
Users of family planning

34 MILLION
Unintended pregnancies prevented

16+ MILLION
Women and girls in crises reached with sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence prevention services

33.4 MILLION
Adolescents reached with sexual and reproductive health services

8.2 MILLION
Pregnancies and deliveries attended by 23,500 UNFPA-supported midwives

11 MILLION
Unsafe abortions prevented

272,000 GIRLS
Saved from female genital mutilation

39,217
Fistula repair surgeries supported

93,000
Maternal deaths averted
Every day, in countries around the world, UNFPA and its partners are working to meet the needs of women, adolescent girls and young people in emergencies, responding to their priorities and ensuring their participation.

UNFPA HUMANITARIAN ACTION OVERVIEW, PUBLICATION, MARCH, 2017
2016 saw an unprecedented number of humanitarian emergencies around the world. With the help of our supporters and the private sector, Friends of UNFPA was able to assist in deploying UNFPA’s lifesaving humanitarian services where women and girls were most in need.

In addition to the campaigns below, contributors to Friends of UNFPA also help provide Clean Delivery Kits for use in a variety of emergency settings. By providing the most basic essentials, UNFPA’s Clean Delivery Kits often make the difference between life and death for a pregnant woman and her baby. Costing only approximately $5 per kit, they include basic necessities for a safe birth, including a blanket, a plastic sheet, sterile gloves, a razor blade, and an umbilical cord tie.

Support for Refugees in Eastern Europe

The world is currently experiencing the largest refugee crisis since World War II and many displaced persons continue to take the treacherous journey to Europe in search of safety and a new home. In early 2016, 55 percent of refugees arriving in Greece were women and girls.

Friends of UNFPA raised funds to support UNFPA’s work addressing the needs of refugees and migrants traveling through Eastern Europe. In Greece, UNFPA helped women and girls recover from trauma by providing services and counseling in 19 refugee camps throughout the country and training over 150 local health professionals on the clinical management of rape in emergencies. As so many refugees are in fact children—at a greater risk of sexual violence and exploitation—UNFPA also provided care and counseling to unaccompanied minors.

Knowing that for many the journey to find a home will continue beyond Eastern Europe, UNFPA provided over 6,000 dignity kits containing basic hygiene supplies such as underwear, sanitary pads, flashlights, whistles, towels, blankets, and wet wipes.

Hurricane Matthew in Haiti

On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew devastated parts of Haiti, affecting more than 2.1 million people. In a country which already had the worst maternal mortality rate in the Western Hemisphere, less than two-thirds of Haiti’s health facilities were functioning after the hurricane. This made it even more difficult for women and girls to get the help they needed—a true tragedy as 61 percent of maternal deaths occur during or after disasters.

With help made possible through generous contributions of our supporters, UNFPA assisted nearly 600 safe deliveries and provided approximately 2,000 consultations to pregnant women. To reach more remote areas, UNFPA deployed teams of midwives in mobile clinics throughout the country. These clinics and their teams provided supplies and check-ups to approximately 1,200 women including over 500 pregnant women.

UNFPA also distributed hundreds of condoms and provided hormonal contraceptives to women interested in long-term family planning options.
Through my own family’s history, I know the surest way out of poverty is to give women the tools to plan their families. My paternal grandmother was one of 21 children. Most of them went to work early, turning their wages over to their father to help support the family. Access to family planning gave me a very different life from my great-grandmother’s. My contributions to Friends of UNFPA and their support of UNFPA’s family planning programs allow me to honor the women of my past by standing with women around the world today.

NANCY BIDDE LOTHRINGER, FRIENDS OF UNFPA SUPPORTER, COLORADO
UNFPA’s Work

Maternal Health

830 women die every day from preventable causes during pregnancy and childbirth. In this day and age it is deeply troubling that the number is not zero. UNFPA works to reduce maternal mortality so that women, their families, and their communities can thrive and so that one day we will have a world where there will be no preventable maternal deaths.

**Skilled Birth Attendance**

Skilled attendance at birth is crucial to ensuring safe delivery. Well-trained midwives could help avert roughly two-thirds of all maternal and newborn deaths worldwide. UNFPA trains midwives at the local level to ensure that mothers everywhere have access to a skilled attendant at birth.

In addition, UNFPA launched the Safe Birth Even Here campaign in 2016 to ensure that pregnant women in humanitarian crises can still have a safe delivery. Overall, UNFPA’s interventions have led to a decrease in maternal deaths globally from 532,000 in 1990 to 303,000 in 2016. The Safe Birth Even Here campaign aims to make women’s health, safety, and dignity a global humanitarian priority while mobilizing support from countries and private-sector partners for women’s health in all humanitarian operations worldwide.

**Treatment for Childbirth Injuries**

Obstetric fistula is a heartbreaking childbirth injury – where there is a tear between the birth canal and bladder or rectum caused by prolonged, obstructed labor that causes women to leak feces, urine, or both. Often, the baby also dies during delivery. If left untreated, obstetric fistulas can lead to a range of medical complications and can lead women to be subject to social isolation and psychological harm.

In 2003, UNFPA launched the Campaign to End Fistula, which in the past 14 years has provided 85,000 women with surgical repair. Through the Campaign, UNFPA prevents obstetric fistula by providing family planning and maternal care, training doctors to surgically treat the injury, and helping survivors reintegrate into their communities.

**Transforming Lives by Improving Access to Fistula Repair in Nepal**

When Rita Devi Chaudhary gave birth to her first child, at age 23, a small fistula that had caused her mild discomfort since age 10 tore into a much larger injury. Years and years passed, Rita had more children, and the fistula grew even more severe. “I was always leaking,” she said, “and the smell was very embarrassing, and many would refuse to eat any food I made.” In 2014, Rita was referred to a UNFPA-supported hospital where she received treatment free of charge. “Finally,” she said, “I feel as though I am cured.”

**2016 KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

In 2016, 15,638 women underwent surgery to repair obstetric fistula and 5,200 midwives were trained.

In 2016, UNFPA prevented an estimated 29,000 maternal deaths worldwide by providing access to contraception.
Even though we have seen advances in recent years, too many women still die in childbirth or from complications related to pregnancy. Most of these deaths are preventable.

FORMER UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON, SPEECH IN NAIROBI, JUNE 24, 2014
UNFPA’S WORK
Providing Access to Family Planning

The ability to decide to have a child is a woman’s human right. Yet in developing regions, approximately 214 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods. UNFPA works to achieve universal access to family planning and contraception to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted. Ultimately, access to family planning empowers women and decreases unsafe abortions, unintended pregnancies, and maternal and child deaths.

UNFPA Supplies

Women face a multitude of barriers to the full range of modern family planning methods. Not only are there physical barriers to accessing health facilities and supplies, but there are also social barriers for using contraception imposed by partners, family members, and communities. These barriers ultimately prevent women from choosing the number and spacing of their pregnancies.

UNFPA Supplies is UNFPA’s flagship program working to ensure that 25 million women and girls in 46 countries most in need have access to the affordable, quality reproductive health supplies of their choice whenever they need them. UNFPA Supplies also focuses on providing reproductive health services in humanitarian crises.

Since it was established in 2007, UNFPA Supplies has helped reduce maternal mortality, increase contraceptive prevalence rates, expand the variety of contraceptives available, and reduce prices. It is estimated that over the past nine years, 700,000 lives may have been saved through the use of family planning methods provided by UNFPA Supplies.

2016 KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

IN 2016, UNFPA REACHED 20.9 MILLION PEOPLE WITH CONTRACEPTIVES THAT AVERTED 11.7 MILLION UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES AND 3.68 MILLION UNSAFE ABORTIONS

740,000 PEOPLE IN YEMEN GAINED ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

650,000 PEOPLE GAINED ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING IN SYRIA

Contraceptives are a game changer for crisis-affected women in northern Nigeria

Sakina Sani was married off when she was 12-years-old. She became pregnant at 15. While Ms. Sani would like to have a total of four children, she feels that now is not the right time to get pregnant. Her family is crowded together in a displacement camp, struggling to get by.

This is why she sought family planning services at a UNFPA-supported health center. “I had to come here after we discussed, between myself and my husband, that things are difficult financially,” she explained. UNFPA then provided her with a contraceptive implant inserted into her arm. The long-acting device is popular among women with limited access to health services. “I will never allow my daughter to go through what happened to me,” she said. “My daughter will be 20 and will have an education – this is what we want. And she will choose her husband.”

Photo: ©UNFPA Nigeria/Kori Habib
LACK OF ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING, DRIVES, AND IS DRIVEN BY, GENDER INEQUALITY. IT DENIES GIRLS AND WOMEN THE ABILITY TO STAY HEALTHY, DELAY MARRIAGE AND PREGNANCY, STAY IN SCHOOL, AND MAKE DECISIONS THAT DEFINE THE COURSE OF THEIR LIVES.

FORMER UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. BABATUNDE OSOTIMEHIN, SPEECH AT THE HIGH-LEVEL DEBATE ON "ICPD BEYOND 2014", APRIL 4, 2014
UNFPA’S WORK
Ending Harmful Traditional Practices

It is difficult for a woman to realize her full potential as an adult if her rights were violated as a child. When girls are married or become mothers before they are ready, they miss out on opportunities such as education. When the full human rights of girls are recognized and respected they can contribute fully to their communities. UNFPA works to end harmful traditional practices that alter the course of girls’ lives.

Child Marriage
Despite laws against it, child marriage is widespread throughout the world. In developing countries, one in every three girls is married before reaching age 18. One in nine is married under the age of 15. High rates of child marriage equal high incidences of adolescent pregnancy meaning girls are then more vulnerable to lifelong poverty, debilitating childbirth injuries, and even death.

UNFPA works at local and national levels to end child marriage. In 2016, through a joint program with UNICEF, UNFPA empowered 65,000 adolescent girls with life skills and educated 285,000 community members about girls’ rights to marry when they are ready.

Female Genital Mutilation
Also in cooperation with UNICEF, UNFPA worked in 2016 to end the practice of female genital mutilation and address the needs of women and girls who suffer from its consequences. Globally, it is estimated that 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of the practice.

In 2016, UNFPA delivered 730,000 girls and women comprehensive services related to female genital mutilation, including medical and psychosocial care. Additionally, through UNFPA’s work, 1,768 communities declared the abandonment of the practice.

Gender-based Violence
Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. According to the World Health Organization, one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or abused in some other way—most often by someone she knows.

UNFPA programs provide information about women’s and girls’ rights, including their right to live free of abuse. These programs provide essential medical supplies, such as rape kits, and they also assist survivors through psychosocial and legal counselling. UNFPA also helps survivors of gender-based violence in humanitarian crises, where violence against women often escalates.

2016 KEY HIGHLIGHTS:
UNFPA provided women and girls in humanitarian settings with access to 485 safe spaces and 741 facilities equipped to clinically manage rape and other forms of abuse, providing 11.4 million women and girls with services to address gender-based violence

23 million adolescents gained access to sexual and reproductive health care

In Asia, UNFPA gave 49,000 young people life-skills training through 16 youth development centers

Local Egyptian heroine aims to end suffering caused by FGM

Hoda Hamed is an outspoken advocate for women and girls, working tirelessly to convince her rural Egyptian community to abandon female genital mutilation. She underwent FGM as a child herself. After she attended a UNFPA-training session she decided she had to become a force for change. “I decided that I would not allow my daughters to be cut.”

Ms. Hamed is tireless. She works not only with women and girls, but also with men, gaining as much support as possible. “It’s very important for men to know the harmful physical and psychological consequences of FGM,” she noted.

Photo: ©UNFPA Egypt/Sima Diab
We come from families who had the support and knowledge to give us a healthy start and nurture us into teenagers and adults who could make informed choices that kept us safe and allowed us to pursue what inspired us. Although we can directly help children and parents locally, we see our annual donations to Friends of UNFPA as the best way to efficiently and effectively help thousands of people we will never get to meet. We’re never going to be able to go to all of the places UNFPA serves but there’s still a pleasure in investing around the globe to continue the virtuous circle we benefitted from: wanted and supported pregnancies, which lead to healthier children, which lead to richer and happier communities.

ALEXIS AND CHRIS MORGAN, FRIENDS OF UNFPA SUPPORTERS, CALIFORNIA
UNFPA CELEBRATES
5,000 Safe Births Delivered at Zaatari Refugee Camp

In 2016, UNFPA celebrated the 5,000th safe birth at a UNFPA-supported reproductive health clinic in Jordan’s Zaatari Refugee Camp, which hosts more than 80,000 refugees who have fled fighting in Syria. The 5,000th baby, a little girl named Rima, is her parents’ second child. Her older sister, Alaa, was also born in Zaatari. To date there have now been over 7,500 safe births at the clinic without a single maternal death.
The more I learn of the vast scope of UNFPA’s work through Friends of UNFPA, the more I am in awe: providing reproductive health services with a vast array of strategies and supporting resources, combatting the spiraling AIDS epidemic, assisting governments with legislation protecting women against gender-based violence, and currently on the front lines of the refugee crisis—all while international financial resources continue to shrink.

PEGGY ELLIOTT-GOLDWYN, FRIENDS OF UNFPA SUPPORTER, IDAHO
2016 UNFPA FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

UNFPA ASSISTANCE BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION

- EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA: 22.00%
- WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA: 17.46%
- ARAB STATES: 13.73%
- ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: 15.46%
- LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN: 5.76%
- EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA: 4.05%
- GLOBAL ACTIVITIES: 21.42%

INTEGRATED SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: 52.3%
ADOLESCENTS: 7.7%
GENDER EQUALITY AND RIGHTS: 12.1%
DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT: 10%
ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY: 17.9%
2016 FRIENDS OF UNFPA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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*Forecast (unaudited)
2016 FRIENDS OF UNFPA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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FY2016* programmatic expenses were lower as a result of the timing of grant awards **Forecast (Unaudited).
GET INVOLVED
Women and Girls are Depending on You

Together we can work with UNFPA to achieve true gender equality by supporting women and girls when they need us most. Advocate for UNFPA – Meet, write, or call your Members of Congress and let them know why U.S. support for UNFPA matters to you. Ask them to stand against the Trump-Pence Administration’s heartless decision to withhold funding from UNFPA.

Make a monthly donation
Join our Circle of Friends community by making a recurring donation on a monthly basis. Knowing we have these funds will help us plan our work more effectively.

To start your monthly sustainer gift today, visit: friendsofunfpa.org/monthly.

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Spread the word
Organize a local event to help raise awareness of the importance of empowering and safeguarding sexual and reproductive health for all.

Contact: events@FriendsofUNFPA.org for details!

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