

EngenderHealth Capabilities in Family Planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health

Organizational Overview

EngenderHealth offers **expertise in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and family planning (FP), maternal health, and gender equity**. EngenderHealth is committed to creating transformative, sustainable change by advancing SRH rights as human rights, expanding access to critical health information and training, and delivering quality services. With funding from various donor agencies, private foundations, and other funding institutions, EngenderHealth collaborates with governments, private sector partners, local organizations, and communities to achieve such change. In program year 2020–2021, EngenderHealth implemented an **annual revenue of \$36 million**. During this period, EngenderHealth supported activities in **14 countries across Africa and Asia** through which we achieved the following results:¹

- **2,919,000** individuals received contraceptive care
- **3,821,700** unintended pregnancies were averted
- **918,600** unsafe abortions were averted
- **74,200** child deaths and **5,000** maternal deaths were prevented
- **\$326,914,800** in direct healthcare costs were saved

Our vision: A world where sexual and reproductive rights are respected as human rights and women and girls have the freedom to reach their full potentials

Technical Expertise

Employing a rights-based approach that emphasizes full, free, informed choice to expand access to quality FP and SRH care, we aim to ensure availability of a comprehensive range of methods (including long-acting reversible contraceptives and permanent methods) while simultaneously promoting demand for quality FP and SRH information and services. Our primary approaches to FP and SRH programming include the following:

- Our **health systems strengthening** interventions promote quality, ownership, and resilience at national, subnational, facility, and community levels. For example, we leverage evidence to support policies, standards, and related plans and budgets; we facilitate the planning, delivery, monitoring, and quality assurance of FP and SRH programs; we train managers, providers, and community workers; and we support renovating and equipping facilities, as appropriate.
- Our **quality improvement** efforts are based on client-centered, rights-based principles. We deliver proven, cost-effective tools and trainings for counseling and clinical service provision, including through using blended learning methodologies and supporting facilitative supervision.
- We employ participatory approaches to **engage youth and adolescents** in all phases of programming in order to ensure access to and availability of youth-transformative services that respond to the unique FP and SRH needs and aspirations of this population.
- Our **community engagement** approaches include mobilizing community leaders and organizing community dialogues to increase awareness about the importance and value of FP and SRH as well as strengthening community advocacy and enhancing partnerships to support local health systems.

In 2020-2021, we reached over 297,000 people directly with SRH messaging, helped train 19,500 healthcare providers on various SRH topics, and supported 8,331,400 couple years of protection.

¹ EngenderHealth trains healthcare providers and supports health facilities in partnership with governments and local organizations to offer quality SRH services. These data represent the results of those services. Data on reduced deaths and cost savings estimated using the Marie Stopes International Impact 2 Model.

Select Program Highlights

Global: MOMENTUM Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics

Building upon the success of our Fistula Care and Fistula Care *Plus* programs (2007–2021), USAID awarded EngenderHealth the \$80 million (award ceiling), five-year (2020–2025) MOMENTUM Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics project. This latest project aims to increase the capacity of national health systems and local organizations to strengthen surgical safety within FP and maternal health programs by promoting evidence-based approaches and testing new innovations. We are currently implementing various projects in nine countries ([Democratic Republic of Congo](#), [Guinea](#), [India](#), [Madagascar](#), [Mali](#), [Mozambique](#), [Nigeria](#), [Rwanda](#), and [Senegal](#)). Our FP work focuses on voluntary contraception, including postpartum intrauterine device insertion and difficult contraceptive implant removal as well as vasectomy and post-caesarean delivery, postpartum, and interval tubal ligation. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, for example, we are working to expand access to quality FP care with a focus on long-acting reversible contraceptives and permanent methods service delivery, including postpartum FP, integration of FP counseling and referral in fistula care, and expansion of FP availability through non-traditional community distributors.



Ethiopia: Access to Better Reproductive Health Initiative (ABRI)

EngenderHealth received nearly \$55 million over more than a decade (2008–2021) from an anonymous donor to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity by increasing contraceptive prevalence and supporting comprehensive abortion care in Ethiopia. Working with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), ABRI operated in five of Ethiopia's nine regional states and the two city administrations, in collaboration with 12 local community-based partners. EngenderHealth supported nearly 12,000 health extension workers and community volunteers and improved 634 health facilities to provide quality, integrated SRH services. We reached more than 13 million individuals with FP and SRH information and served nearly 8.4 million individuals with FP and SRH services. As a result, in the project's implementation area, modern contraceptive prevalence increased from 37.1% in 2009 to 48.9% in 2019 and unmet need for FP declined from 22% in 2009 to 15.1% in 2019. During the final phase of the project, we focused on transitioning ownership to the FMOH and strengthening training and mentorship capacity, including through supporting structured on-the-job training and initiating catchment-based clinical mentorship activities for comprehensive contraceptive and abortion care in 35 hospitals. ABRI also assisted eight of the Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Supply Agency's regional hubs to improve coordination and enable the identification and resolution of supply chain gaps affecting contraceptive and abortion care. To sustain community-based demand creation, the project supported the FMOH at central and regional levels to integrate comprehensive contraceptive and abortion care into refresher trainings and to assume ownership for cascading these refresher trainings for health extension workers.



Tanzania: Scaling Up Family Planning

With funding from the UK Foreign Commonwealth Development Office, EngenderHealth has partnered with the government of Tanzania to increase use of FP services, strengthen comprehensive postabortion care, improve gender-based violence care, and strengthen the health system. This five-year SRH program launched in late 2019 with the ambitious goal of reaching 2.3 million Tanzanians with integrated SRH care. The project has demonstrated several notable results from the first two years of implementation. This includes reaching more than 899,000 clients with contraceptive information and services, thereby achieving an estimated 1,628,000 couple-years of protection; providing postabortion care to more than 18,900 clients; and identifying 69,338 incidences of gender-based violence through routine service provision and outreach services.

