

Organizational Overview

EngenderHealth offers **expertise in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and family planning, 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

EngenderHealth integrates **gender-transformative and socially inclusive change approaches** across all of our projects, beginning with conducting gender, youth, and social inclusion analyses that inform program design. We reflect, explore, and challenge beliefs and biases, as well as prejudices and practices that affect program outcomes using our **Gender, Youth, and Social Inclusion (GYSI) Staff Training Manual** and **GYSI Analysis Framework and Toolkit**, which are available for project and partner staff as well as healthcare providers, local leaders, community organizations, and other key stakeholders. These resources help users reflect upon and challenge GYSI-related norms that affect programming and provide guidance for designing, implementing, and monitoring gender- and youth-transformative and socially inclusive programs. We have also developed a **GYSI Marker**, which is an ongoing monitoring, reflection, and accountability tool to track progress in these areas.

EngenderHealth recognizes the impact that families, communities, institutions, and policies have on attitudes and behaviors and responsively applies a multifaceted approach targeting these various spheres of influence. For example, at the national level, we advocate for **gender-equitable, youth-friendly, and socially inclusive policies and programs**, while at the facility level, we train healthcare providers and administrators to support **gender-sensitive, youth-friendly, and inclusive counseling and services**. We also partner with local leaders to deliver community-, school-, and workplace-based interventions in order to **address gender stereotypes and eradicate discriminatory practices** that impact the health and well-being of all members of a community.

EngenderHealth **engages and partners with women and girls** by generating awareness of SRH rights; improving access to rights-based SRH and maternal health services; and **addressing harmful gender norms, including gender-based violence (GBV)**. Additionally, reflecting the role men and boys play in supporting gender equality and SRH outcomes, we **meaningfully engage men and boys** to challenge negative notions of masculinity and promote healthy and equitable relationships, and facilitate effective interpersonal communication and shared decision-making. We have implemented our Men as Partners© approach in more than 30 countries and we are a founding member of MenEngage, a global alliance advocating for gender equality. Furthermore, while we have extensive experience in the SRH sector, our GYSI expertise and tools are applicable in other health and development areas, including education, GBV, livelihoods, and nutrition.

Global Commitments

We know we cannot do this important work alone and thus have pledged to partner to advance change globally. In 2021, EngenderHealth joined governments, donors, and civil society organizations worldwide in committing to supporting two action coalitions of the **Generation Equality Forum**: (1) GBV prevention and response, and (2) bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR): contraception and safe abortion for all. In 2022 we also joined the **Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies**, a multi-stakeholder initiative working to facilitate change and foster accountability so that every humanitarian effort, from the earliest stage of a crisis, includes the policies, systems, and mechanisms to mitigate GBV risks, especially violence against women and girls, and to provide safe and comprehensive services to those affected by GBV.

Select Program Highlights

Burundi: GIR'ITEKA ("Be Respected")

Following the successful completion of our Burundians Responding Against Violence and Inequality (BRAVI) project, EngenderHealth, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development, is currently supporting implementation of the three-year (2020-2023) follow-on GIR'ITEKA project, transferring our expertise in gender integration and GBV response and prevention to our local prime partner, Society for Women against AIDS in Africa (SWAA-Burundi). GIR'ITEKA seeks to reduce GBV in Burundi and achieve the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS' 95-95-95 goals² by: 1) using evidence-informed approaches to dismantle harmful gender norms; 2) integrating routine enquiry into HIV screening procedures; 3) strengthening community linkages to HIV and GBV services to help survivors living with HIV access antiretroviral therapy; and 4) strengthening referrals to holistic services, in addition to strengthening the services themselves, to ensure clients remain in treatment. EngenderHealth leads integration of GYSI across the project and supports SWAA-Burundi in conducting GBV- and gender-sensitive training for other HIV and GBV implementing partners and healthcare providers. We are also ensuring the project has safety plans and mitigation strategies in place to protect project participants from any unintended harm that may result from project interventions by providing our Do No Harm Framework.

Ethiopia: A Rights-Based Approach for Enhancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

With funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, this three-year (2019-2022) project is designed to ensure all people, particularly women and girls, can achieve their SRHR. In response to the heightened conflict in Northern Ethiopia, EngenderHealth has integrated a comprehensive GBV component into the project to address GBV among internally displaced people and returnees in the Afar and Amhara regions. This effort seeks to increase timely access to comprehensive, survivor-centered care for GBV survivors, improve the enabling environment to prevent GBV and mitigate risks during humanitarian crises, and improve emergency preparedness for and response to GBV and SRHR needs. Working closely with key United Nations agencies, humanitarian response organizations, and the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia, EngenderHealth is strengthening the capacity of healthcare providers on SRHR service provision, including contraception and comprehensive abortion care, for survivors of GBV; strengthening and/or establishing one-stop centers where GBV survivors can access medical, psychosocial, and legal services; and establishing referral pathways for psychological, legal, and other support services. We are also providing our GYSI training and support to providers and orienting humanitarian actors on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse.



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.

² The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS' 95-95-95 targets aim to diagnose 95% of all HIV-positive individuals, provide antiretroviral therapy for 95% of those diagnosed, and achieve viral suppression for 95% of those treated by 2030.