



EngenderHealth Annual Impact Summary

Fiscal Year 2024: July 2023 to June 2024

Overall Health Impact

In fiscal year 2024 (FY24), EngenderHealth implemented sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, and maternal and obstetric care activities through 31 projects across 16 countries. Moreover, we supported the provision of high-quality contraceptive care through 11 of these projects across 11 countries enabling approximately **1,279,900 clients** to adopt a method of their choice and contributing to the following estimated health outcomes:*

4,002,300 couple years of protection

2,100 maternal deaths averted

2,006,200 unintended pregnancies averted

31,600 child deaths averted

676,800 unsafe abortions averted

\$142,046,900 in direct healthcare costs saved

* These data represent the reach of those services and their contribution to reducing preventable death and disabilities through 11 projects supporting contraceptive and abortion care between July 2023 and June 2024. Data are estimated using the MSI Reproductive Choices' Impact 2 tool, version 6.

Achievements across the Socioecological Model

We are continuing to realize our mission of implementing high-quality, gender-equitable programming to advance SRHR across the socioecological model: from the policy level to the individual level.

Positively Influencing Policies, Laws, and Processes

In FY24, EngenderHealth and our partners **supported a total of 29 policy changes across 9 countries.**

Strengthening Health Systems

EngenderHealth continued to work with governments and other partners to build equitable and resilient health systems that support universal health coverage by improving the availability, accessibility, acceptability, and quality of services; advancing research and innovation; and promoting ownership and sustainability. We also **supported the training of more than 8,600 pharmacists and associates, 10,100 clinical staff, and 3,200 community health workers, across 17 projects.**

Reaching Communities with SRHR Information

We reach people directly via interpersonal communication including tailored interactive voice response phone systems, peer-to-peer outreach, home visits, and community events as well as indirectly through mass media activities to promote SRHR. This year, **we reached nearly 4.1 million people directly with SRHR messaging**, including messaging on abortion, contraception, GBV, and other health topics.

Ensuring Access to High-Quality Services

This year, EngenderHealth **supported approximately 1,279,900 clients** (including an estimated 368,700 people under the age of 25) to adopt a contraceptive method of their choice. In addition to contraceptive care, our work **supported provision of 113,108 obstetric surgeries, 19,267 abortion and postabortion services, and 1,297 fistula repair surgeries.** We also **supported services for survivors of 114,648 GBV incidents.**

Individual-Level Impact: Improving Access to Services in Ethiopia

Chichale, a 30-year-old woman in rural Ethiopia, struggled support her five children. She visited a health center to obtain an intrauterine device (IUD) to prevent future pregnancies, but none were available. Shortly after her visit, EngenderHealth's Reach, Expand, and Access Community Health (REACH) project trained local health providers on comprehensive contraception, distributed supplies, conducted social behavioral change communication training, and launched community outreach activities. A newly trained health extension worker referred Chichale for IUD services. When we met her 11 months later, she was leading a healthy, happy life and, as a satisfied client, has been sharing her experience with other mothers in her community.



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Partnering to Foster Resilience in Fragile Settings

We are actively working in humanitarian settings to build resilient, equitable health systems and to support communities to withstand shocks and stressors from natural disasters and conflict. For instance, amid conflict and climate crises in Burkina Faso, EngenderHealth is supporting displaced individuals and host community members experiencing food insecurity and increased risk of GBV as well as challenges associated with accessing healthcare and water, sanitation, and hygiene resources. We are responding to these complex and compounding needs by distributing menstrual hygiene kits, clean birth delivery kits, rape kits, and kits for managing malnutrition and by increasing access to contraceptive care and services for GBV survivors in affected areas.



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Partnerships and Locally Led Progress

EngenderHealth values collaborative, equitable, long-lasting partnerships and we serve as a convener and amplifier, through co-design and joint implementation, and through technical assistance and capacity strengthening. Living into our values, we partnered with approximately 80 organizations in the past year, including 14 new partners. We also developed a Partnership Framework and Toolkit to advance our vision of locally led development.

- **Fostering Meaningful Youth Participation:** We continued to engage youth as SRHR and GBV champions within their communities in FY24. For instance, in Ethiopia, through our Rights-Based Approach for Enhancing SRHR project, we supported the establishment of a youth advisory council designed deliberately to reflect the diverse lived experiences of young people and facilitated member training in grant-making, resources, and interpersonal communication. Similarly, through our REACH project, we trained adolescent youth committee members in Ethiopia to initiate peer dialogues and to refer clients to health facilities, and we educated 548 adolescents on SRH topics using a digital training platform.
- **Elevating Local Partners:** Our regional Ensemble project is a collaborative initiative working with partners across Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Mali to prevent and respond to GBV through local ownership and accountability. For example, in Côte d'Ivoire, we are working with a local women-led organization, Akwaba Mouso, to provide safe, short-term shelter with basic services for GBV survivors in Abidjan and in Mali, our local partner, YA-G-TU, is educating community members in health financing in support of equitable and sustainable health services.

Leadership and Learning

All our achievements are facilitated by our technical expertise and leadership. We demonstrate our commitment to advancing and sharing our knowledge through blogs, conference participation, journal articles, and more.

- **Global Commitments and Advocacy:** This year, we joined more than 100 organizations to release the 2023 Blueprint Policy Agenda, outlining executive actions to protect and expand SRHR in the US and globally; launched a community of practice for safe and appropriate cesarean delivery; joined the We Trust You(th) Initiative at the launch of What's Possible, an experiential learning institute supporting youth's rights; and provided recommendations for improving maternal health at the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- **Thought Leadership:** In FY24, we released the SAFE-ACTIONS Bystander Intervention Framework, a tool designed to help everyone take action against violence occurring in their communities, as well as guidance on Safeguarding Rights and Choice in Programs that Focus on a Narrow Range of Family Planning Methods outlining strategies for emphasizing clients' full, free, and informed choice of contraceptive methods, regardless of a program's particular method focus. We also published 11 journal articles and 26 blogs on key health and development topics.
- **Conference Participation:** Our staff engaged in numerous national and international conferences, including the Conference on Public Health in Africa, the Global Safe Abortion Dialogue, the International Primary Health Care Conference, the Reproductive Health Network's 7th Adolescent and Youth SRHR Scientific Conference, conferences for the societies of obstetricians and gynecologists in Nigeria and Rwanda, the Tanzania Health Summit, and more.
- **Organizational Effectiveness and Equity:** We supported the TIME for SRHR initiative in compiling a suite of tools to help international NGOs shift towards more equitable approaches with local partners. We also published a new language guide to promote the use of accurate, destigmatizing, and inclusive language in our communications with our philanthropic community. We further highlighted our role in addressing SRHR and supporting those hardest to reach with an intersectional lens in a leadership feature in m/Oppeheim's Nonprofit Report.

For more information, please read our full Annual Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2024.