

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Champions for sexual and reproductive health and rights



WHO WE ARE

THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF) IS A GLOBAL SERVICE PROVIDER AND A LEADING ADVOCATE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) FOR ALL. IT IS A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH AND FOR COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

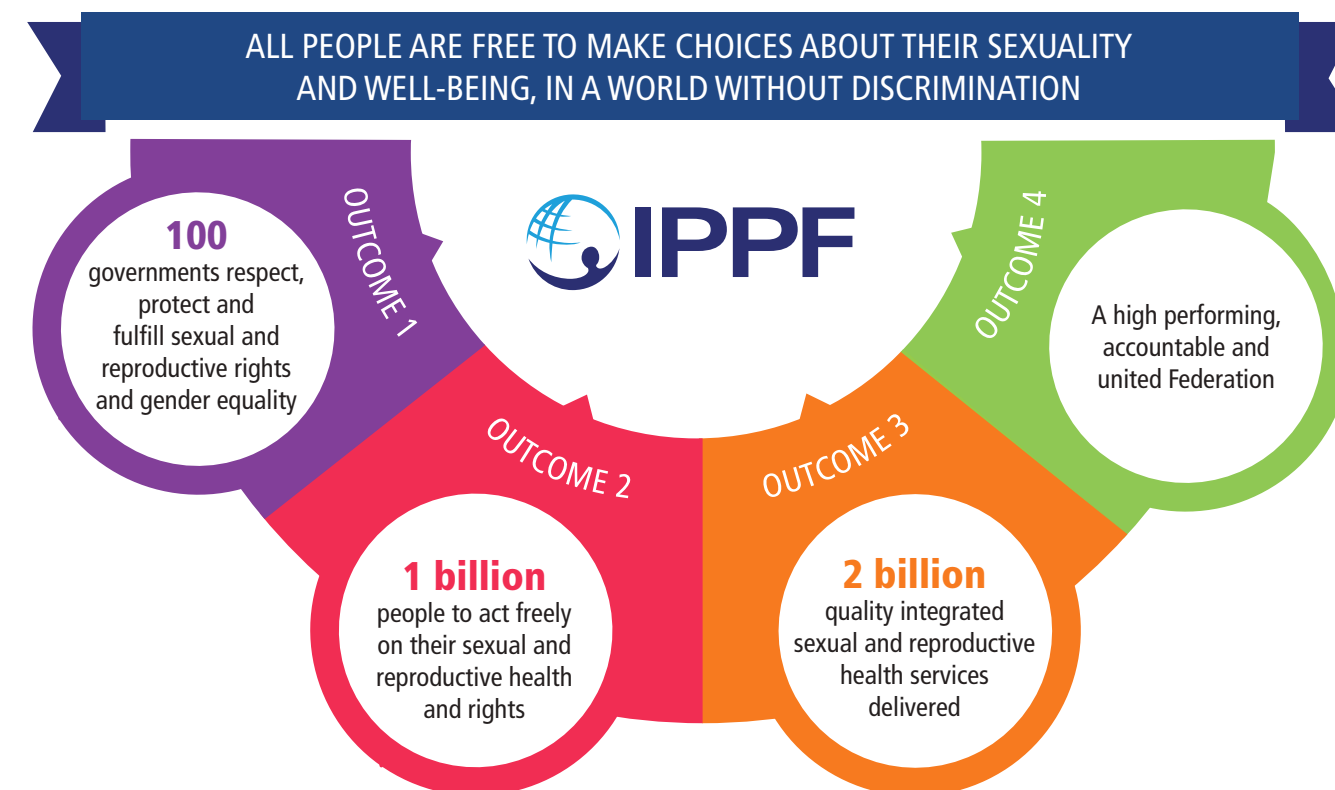
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THIS REPORT PRESENTS A SNAPSHOT OF THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK IN 2015.

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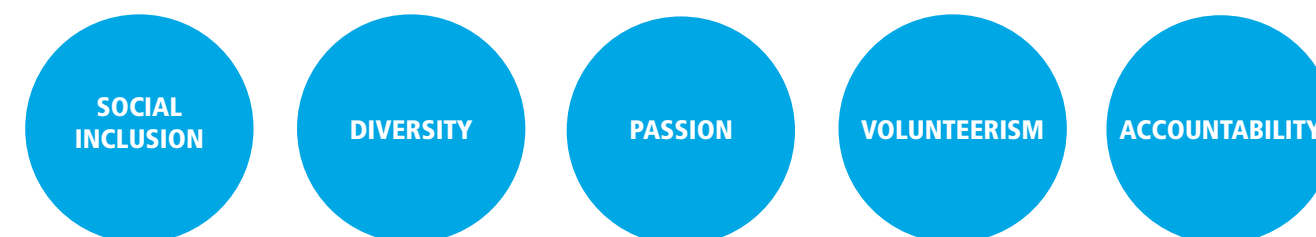
OUR VISION



IPPF'S MISSION

TO LEAD A LOCALLY OWNED, GLOBALLY CONNECTED CIVIL SOCIETY MOVEMENT THAT PROVIDES AND ENABLES SERVICES AND CHAMPIONS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY THE UNDER-SERVED

OUR VALUES



A word from our REGIONAL DIRECTOR



I am delighted to introduce this annual report for the first time in my capacity as the new Regional Director of IPPF EN. It is an exciting time to be joining the IPPF family. We have a brand new strategic framework, developed with the input of hundreds of staff and volunteers across IPPF and its membership globally. Thanks in no small part to our staunch advocates in the European Network and beyond, the new universal Sustainable Development Goals reflect key priorities related to sexual and reproductive health and rights. This gives us a unique opportunity to make sure that governments everywhere translate their commitments into action to ensure that the impact is felt where it is needed: on people's lives.

OUR WORK TO DEFEND SEXUAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE HAS SELDOM BEEN MORE URGENTLY NEEDED

Unfortunately, our work to defend sexual rights in Europe has seldom been more urgently needed. Around the region, from Poland, Spain and Italy to Latvia, Lithuania and Russia, groups that vehemently oppose abortion, sexuality education, contraception and gender equality are chipping away at existing laws and fighting to erect new obstacles. At the same time, we have seen some extraordinary shifts, such as my own native Ireland becoming the first country in the world to vote in gay marriage by popular referendum, proving that progressive values can win out.

In many countries we have focused on enabling women to control their own lives through access to contraception and abortion. But it is hugely important to remember that IPPF stands for all choices, and this means we also support people struggling to have children. I was moved on my first day in our Brussels office to see a video of a client of our member in Kyrgyzstan. She related with tears in her eyes the enormous difficulty she had when she could not become pregnant in a country where infertility was little understood and women are blamed and shamed for not producing a baby. This story ends happily as she received fertility treatment, care and support, and is now mother to a baby girl. But it is shocking that in lots of countries worldwide, assisted reproductive technology is impossible for many to access. I'm proud that IPPF EN is also standing with people in need by educating new generations about reproductive health, expanding access and care, and fighting human rights abuses related to infertility and unwanted childlessness.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO CHAMPION CHOICE AND RIGHTS

I am honoured to have joined a long history of IPPF's 'angry women' who were outraged by injustice - and of course the men and young people who joined them! While here in Europe we have achieved a lot, we can never be complacent. Sometimes we're angry, sometimes we're joyful, always we are determined to fight for choice and rights. Thank you for supporting us.

Caroline Hickson

A word from our REGIONAL PRESIDENT



As a former youth activist and IPPF's youngest ever Regional President, I am extremely proud to see our regional youth network, YSAFE, going strong as it reaches its 10-year anniversary. IPPF's young volunteers play a crucial role in setting the priorities of our Federation as we strive to empower all people irrespective of age to lead healthy and happy lives. I will continuously support our youngest volunteers to be able to participate and be heard at all levels of our Federation.

I started out more than 15 years ago campaigning for quality comprehensive sexuality education in Denmark, so I am delighted to see our members continuing to fight for more and more young people across the region to enjoy this basic right. It is shocking that in many countries across Europe and Central Asia, our members are facing growing opposition to this work. IPPF's upcoming campaign - Know It, Own It! - is perfectly timed to raise awareness and mobilise young people themselves to demand better access to sexuality education and speak up for their rights.

WE ARE FIGHTING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENJOY THE BASIC RIGHT TO QUALITY SEXUALITY EDUCATION

In addition, girls and women who are 'on the move' deserve more attention than ever. They are always disproportionately affected by humanitarian disasters. As the refugee crisis escalated in 2015, IPPF EN continued to raise awareness about the sexual and reproductive health needs of the desperate people seeking safety in Europe, particularly the survivors of sexual assaults and pregnant women. We will continue this important work for as long as it takes.

Lene Stavngaard

Why I'm excited about IPPF's new 7-year strategy

"It's been wonderful to see the new strategy grow out of the first consultations with our staff and volunteers around the world way back in 2013! The bottom-up process enabled people from across the global IPPF family, from the Netherlands and Colombia to Afghanistan and Lesotho, to voice their realities and shape our priorities for the years to come. I'm thrilled that the strategy reflects the aspiration for the generation of tomorrow, where we want all people to be free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being in a world without discrimination.

Being part of this process gave me real insight into the strength and potential IPPF has when we act as a global movement. For me, the most exciting thing is the increased focus on young people, both as clients and as leaders for sexual and reproductive health and rights. I'm confident that the new strategy will enable our members in Europe and Central Asia to achieve change by tackling the root causes of discrimination that prevent so many from living fulfilling lives."

By Lena Luyckfasseel, IPPF EN's Programme Director.



WORKING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE



26 MILLION
WOMEN & ADOLESCENT GIRLS
of reproductive age are in need
of humanitarian assistance
@UNFPA 2015

REFUGEE CRISIS

Providing life-saving sexual and reproductive health services to refugees in Macedonia



“Aaliyah was six months pregnant and bleeding when she arrived at the improvised camp on Macedonia’s border with Greece alongside thousands of other refugees.

Terrified and exhausted, she had had no access to any gynaecological services during her arduous journey. She now had only 72 hours to transit the country. IPPF’s Macedonian member HERA received an urgent call to provide Aaliyah with medical care through their mobile gynaecological clinic. But by the time they arrived, her situation had become critical. HERA arranged for Aaliyah to be transferred to the Gevgelija hospital, where she received immediate medical attention.”

As the refugee crisis continues, the desperate journey across borders brings an untold number of new dangers for women and girls fleeing conflict, from violence and rape to sexually transmitted infections, unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortion. Yet, shamefully, sexual and reproductive health and rights continue to be neglected in key response strategies. Aaliyah is just one of the many women to whom HERA has provided life-saving sexual and reproductive health and services at both the improvised border camp and Macedonia’s Vinojug transit camp. Like her, the majority of them were pregnant and had had no access to obstetric care.

HERA is providing antenatal services such as ultrasounds, as well as condoms, hygiene packages, and antibiotic treatments for women and girls who have contracted vaginal infections as a result of gruelling travel. Often, HERA was the only responder offering these types of services. In 2015, prior to the closure of the EU’s borders, the burden of time restrictions made it incredibly difficult for HERA to reach women in need of medical treatment as refugees were only given 72 hours to transit the country, and typically only stayed for four to six hours.

Violence towards women and girls fleeing conflicts and natural disasters is prolific, yet most don’t even report rape because the reporting process slows down their journey, and often they don’t trust authorities. Sometimes violence is perpetrated in their country of origin, sometimes during the journey, in transit countries or countries of destination. Women are in an extremely vulnerable situation and can suffer abuse at the hands of armed groups, humanitarian aid providers, police or staff at border control and in reception camps. To tackle this, HERA is developing guidelines on how to combat gender-based violence in such a short timeframe and provide women with medical and psychological support.

Beyond Macedonia, for refugees who have been able to enter the EU it is still very often a struggle to access supplies and services such as contraceptives, STI/HIV testing and safe abortion. Several IPPF members, from Greece, Sweden and France to Austria and The Netherlands, are supporting their needs and defending their right to sexual and reproductive health.

CHAMPION YOUTH RIGHTS



"For crying out loud, why haven't you used condoms? Who's the fag you caught it from?" said the doctor, and in front of the many people there she shouted out to the nurse to note down the B20 code, which meant that I have HIV."

This was the shocking experience of Filip*, a young man in Macedonia.

Stopping discrimination and stigma from ruining young people's lives

We want everyone to be able to access the information and services they need to stay physically and mentally healthy. Everywhere in Europe, those most at risk of being affected by HIV are the young people who are being excluded from health services. Young people using drugs, men who have sex with men, transgender people, and sex workers are facing discrimination, stigma and violence, which trample on their human rights and harm their health and well-being. In the words of Bora*, a young sex worker from Albania, **"health is a major problem, because we don't have access and aren't admitted to hospital. We are also discriminated against because of our sexual orientation."**

IPPF EN has been working with these young people to document the obstacles they face in accessing HIV and sexual and reproductive health information and services. This will enable our members to empower them to fight for their rights and help stop discrimination and stigma from ruining lives. Our work has focused on those most at risk in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Macedonia. We are grateful to UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia region for our partnership in this important work.

*Name has been changed

RESPECT, PROTECT, FULFILL

Ensuring that governments deliver on sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality is central to our members' work. Here are some of the policy changes our members helped to bring about in 2015:



FINLAND

A proposal to introduce a conscience clause enabling abortion providers to opt out was blocked



RUSSIA

A bill was blocked that would not only have banned abortion in private clinics but would have also removed it from state insurance policies, unless a woman's life was at risk



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

A new protocol was introduced for identifying and dealing with cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity



KAZAKHSTAN

The Health and Social Development Ministry approved a national action plan to improve sexual and reproductive health



KYRGYZSTAN

New law on reproductive rights was adopted



BULGARIA

A new law introduced health and sexuality education in schools for the first time



ALBANIA

Medical abortion was legalised
The Labour law now prohibits discrimination based on gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, HIV status



AUSTRIA

Lesbians now have access to IVF with donor sperm under a new reproduction law



IRELAND

The country's first ever National Sexual Health Strategy was introduced



FRANCE

The reflection period when seeking an abortion was removed; all medical procedures linked to abortion are now provided for free; midwives can now carry out medical abortions; and family planning centres can now carry out surgical abortions.

Free contraception can now be provided to under-18s by a pharmacist, also anonymously



THE NETHERLANDS

Paid paternity leave increased from 2 to 5 days

MAKE CHOICE A REALITY

Ensuring the Sustainable Development Goals really deliver for women and girls

In September 2015, world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), an ambitious new sustainable development framework which they promised to make a reality by 2030. The SDGs apply to all countries, not just those in the Global South, and they will have a huge influence over the funds and policies that governments use to tackle the greatest challenges of our time, from poverty reduction to climate change.

IPPF EN is proud to have contributed expertise on sexual and reproductive health and rights throughout the three years of international talks which led to the adoption of the SDGs. By providing input both to the EU institutions in Brussels, and to European governments, we helped to ensure that Europe was a strong and progressive voice for sexual and reproductive health and rights throughout the process. This was a real achievement for our region, given the loud opposition from a handful of conservative governments around the world.



The SDGs set crucial political goals for gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. If these are met, they have the potential to transform the lives of millions of women and girls around the world. But September's summit was just the beginning.

IPPF EN is determined to help make sure that the SDGs bring about real change and do not remain paper promises. In the months and years ahead, we will work with our civil society partners to encourage and provide input to the European governments, EU institutions and UN agencies who can deliver this transformation. We will do this as part of IPPF's international network of activists at local, national, regional and global levels, well placed to bring about results in a complex political landscape.



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Sexual and reproductive health and rights are pivotal to people's health and well-being. But they are not only a health issue. They are also human rights. Making sure that this is understood and never forgotten is central to our ongoing dialogue with decision-makers.

We pushed hard for rights to be at the centre of the SDGs, and are delighted that both reproductive rights and some - though not all - aspects of sexual rights are included.

Several of our Member Associations also directly engage with UN human rights bodies which monitor the implementation of key international human rights treaties to ensure their governments follow through on their commitments to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

You can find out more about sexual rights in IPPF's Sexual Rights Declaration: www.ippf.org/resource/Sexual-Rights-IPPF-declaration



EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

Investing in communities to change young people's lives in Albania

Ela is 18. Her previous relationship broke down after she found out she was pregnant and her boyfriend didn't want to get married or start a family. Worried about the future and her parents' reaction, she decided to have an abortion. Now, she is in a committed and loving relationship with her new boyfriend. After a sexuality education session held by the PO youth centre run by IPPF member, the Albanian Center for Population and Development, she convinced her boyfriend to go with her and they are now both regular visitors. "I am very interested to learn more about contraception methods available in Albania; the ways of usage and their advantages and disadvantages. In my opinion the information we get through the internet or we share amongst each other is not quite accurate. I'm happy that there are centres like this that can change the lives of so many young people," she says.

This is a wonderful example of how IPPF EN is making a real difference. For five years, our Albanian member ACPD has been delivering more and more information and health services tailored to young people. The centre has also had great success in ensuring more young people have access to good quality sexuality education, both in and out of school. ACPD focuses on Roma, young men and boys, young people with disabilities and young women who have been sexually assaulted and/or trafficked. And in 2015, they focused especially on reaching more young people in rural areas.

ACPD is empowering whole communities by training and mobilising parents, teachers, youth volunteers and public health service providers to create a supportive environment for young people. This work is extremely important in a country where sex is a taboo subject, and conservative social norms prevent young people from seeking the information

and services they need. As one young mother said, "Nobody talks about sex. This programme is a good start because we are learning not to be ashamed to mention the word, and that sexuality is not only about having sex, but also about information, health and well-being."

The strong results ACPD has achieved are due to the five-year investment made possible by funding from the Dutch government. ACPD has a clear plan for ensuring that young people continue to benefit in the longer term, and is working hard to secure new funding to build on these successes and keep up momentum.







ENABLE EVERYONE TO DECIDE

Challenging obstacles to modern contraceptive choice

IPPF EN is fighting throughout Europe and Central Asia for contraceptive choice to be redefined as a policy priority. There can be no equality for women without the choice to plan whether and when to have children. Accessible contraceptive services and information are absolutely vital to women's reproductive health and well-being. Yet, across our region, this choice is out of reach for far too many people.

In many countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, women's use of modern contraceptive methods is lower than in the least developed countries in the world. For example, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, only **16.6%** of women use them. This is mainly because of fears and misperceptions that they are harmful to women's health. Health

professionals and public health systems are often part of the problem because they fail to provide correct information and counselling.

In the relatively wealthy EU, evidence published by IPPF EN in 2015* shows that women across 16 countries are facing barriers in choosing the best method of contraception for them. In addition to limited awareness, education and counselling, affordability is a major obstacle, especially for young, poor and marginalised women and girls such as Roma, refugees and undocumented migrants. EU governments are doing too little to address these barriers, with less than half having a strategy to improve contraceptive choice.

The current conservative climate in many European and Central Asian countries presents a major obstacle to women's autonomy and self-determination in relation to reproductive matters. A worrying phenomenon is that in Italy, Poland and France, some healthcare professionals and pharmacists invoke a 'conscience clause' to avoid providing certain methods, including emergency contraception. These professionals are

in effect undermining women's decision-making on reproductive matters.

It is hard to believe that in 2016, contraceptive choice across the EU has stagnated, or even worsened. Governments around the region are doing too little to ensure that women and girls can decide whether and when to have children, and it is the poorest and most marginalised who always bear the brunt of poor sexual and reproductive health policies. Contraceptive choice is absolutely central to a woman's right to make her own decisions about her sexual and reproductive life. IPPF EN will continue to push for policies that reflect this.

"The political debate on the role of women in society should pay more attention to easy access to modern contraception. This plays a fundamental role in ensuring women's autonomy. Decision-makers must put health and rights at the heart of EU policy-making starting by including sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Commission's new EU Health Strategy."
- Sophie In 't Veld, MEP, at the launch of the IPPF EN Barometer at the European Parliament on World Contraception Day 2015



* www.ippfen.org/resources/barometer-2015-womens-access-modern-contraceptive-choice

"RESPECT ME, KEEP ME SAFE!"

Empowering young people with learning disabilities

"I like that he reads a lot, and that he's handsome too!"

says Nicoleta of her boyfriend Marian. Marian and Nicoleta, a young couple from Romania in their twenties, met by chance in 2014, and are now eager to move in together. **"She's beautiful,"** he says, **"the moment I saw her I knew. It was love at first sight."** Their story is not uncommon. Boy meets girl, they fall in love, and get married. Except, that Nicoleta and Marian both have special needs and live in residential care homes far apart. They are only able to meet every three months, when Marian's carer can drive him. Yet, the distance doesn't perturb them. When asked about the future, Marian grins, **"We want to move in together and start a family one day"**.

The support provided by their carers has enabled Marian and Nicoleta to develop their relationship, yet the reality across many countries in Europe is that parents, carers and the general public often don't realise that young people with intellectual disabilities are not children, but young men and women with the same need for intimacy, sexual affection and love as anyone else.

Parents and carers are often not provided with the tools to teach their children about their rights and, crucially, ensure these are respected in their day-to-day reality. Eugenia Behar, who has a daughter with a severe developmental delay, was trained by our Romanian member, the Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality (SECS), and went on to train other parents. She said: **"We need to give them as much autonomy as we can and let them find their own way. Identifying the**

emotions they are passing through and having the language to express these are vital. As a parent or as a carer, sometimes you forget that it's not your choice."

Young people with disabilities are also particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse. People's perception that they are not sexual beings, and the major taboo around sex, means that many have little to no access to sexuality education and information. If no one ever talks openly to them about sex and sexuality in a positive way, about rights, responsibilities and boundaries and about social norms, it may result in inappropriate sexual behaviour, violence and abuse.



IPPF EN has been fighting for these young people's rights for several years, working in the field to support them and their families and carers. Our members with the greatest experience in this area - Belgium, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and the UK - have been coaching colleagues in Denmark, Latvia, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania and Spain.* We know that there is a huge demand for training, and many of our members now have the capacity, skills and partnerships to provide high-quality, consistent support to young people with learning disabilities, their families and other carers. IPPF EN is continuing to invest in this area because we believe that people like Nicoleta and Marian should be the rule, not the exception.

* www.ippfen.org/keepmesafe

SUPPORT PEOPLE'S CHOICE TO HAVE CHILDREN

"My first pregnancy ended with a miscarriage.

After that I couldn't get pregnant again. I went to see many doctors, had many tests, but no results. I had to go to private clinics that I could barely afford. I was worried that my marriage would break down because in our society it is unacceptable not to have children. My mother-in-law was saying that I probably did not want to have children at all. Then a friend told me about RHAK, IPPF's Kyrgyz member, whose clinics offered free services at the time thanks to international donor funding. With their support, in a very positive environment, I was able to get pregnant, and now have a baby girl called Aliya." **Maria, 26, Kyrgyzstan**

Not being able to have children, for whatever reason, damages people's health and self-esteem, and compromises their quality of life and well-being. It can ruin relationships and lead to domestic violence. It exposes people to social stigma and discrimination, particularly in conservative settings around Europe and Central Asia. Single women and LGBT people are often hit harder because they don't conform to social norms. Even within heterosexual couples, in more traditional societies women are typically blamed for childlessness.

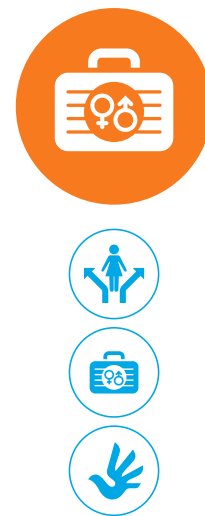
Infertility, childlessness and the suffering and social cost that go with them could be reduced by taking measures to prevent infertility and ensuring wide access to screening, diagnosis and management of underlying causes of infertility, to medically assisted reproduction, and to adoption or fostering. But there are so

many legal, financial and other obstacles in lots of countries that make these a distant dream for most people.

Our members around Europe and Central Asia, from Macedonia to the Nordic countries, are responding to a growing need for services and policies to support people struggling with infertility. Enabling all people who want to have children to do so is a key part of the IPPF vision of a world in which everyone is free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being, without discrimination. In 2015, we decided to make this a regional priority and began working to increase access for everyone to prevention, support, treatment and care, and tackling stigma, in line with our commitment to human rights.



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CHAMPION WOMEN & GIRLS

Ensuring strong EU support for sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Global South

In 2015, the EU institutions defined how they believe Europe could contribute to achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls in the Global South. IPPF EN and our civil society partners worked hard to help decision-makers understand the absolutely critical role played by sexual and reproductive health and rights in meeting these goals. As a result, the EU repeatedly and strongly acknowledged the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights, in spite of rising anti-choice opposition inside the EU institutions:

In May, EU governments (the EU Council) agreed on high level guidelines for the bloc's policy on gender in development. Thanks to IPPF EN and our partners, the final document includes the strongest and most progressive language ever agreed by the Council on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the context of development cooperation. Crucially, it highlights the importance of people's rights relating to sexuality and sexual

and reproductive health. It also calls for universal access to services, including comprehensive sexuality education, which is a first for a Council statement. This new language strengthened the EU's recognition that sexual and reproductive health and rights are essential to achieving gender equality.

In September, the EU executive (European Commission) published a new Gender Action Plan designed to spell out how EU commitments on gender equality would be met in its policies towards the rest of the world, particularly the Global South. IPPF EN helped ensure that the document would be fit for purpose, so that it can be used to hold decision-makers to account on their promises. Thanks to collective civil society efforts, the final Plan prioritises the aim of promoting and protecting people's right to decide freely about their sexual and reproductive health.



Celebrating 10 YEARS of IPPF EN youth activism in Europe & Central Asia

Maya Koumanova became a member of YSAFE, IPPF EN's network of youth volunteers, when she was 14, and later became Chair for six years. As YSAFE celebrates its 10th anniversary, she reflects on the changes she saw and the crucial role of young people in championing sexual and reproductive health and rights.

HOW HAS YOUTH ACTIVISM IN IPPF EN CHANGED OVER THE YEARS, AND WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

"Since I joined in 2009, YSAFE has changed significantly. It grew from a platform for exchanging ideas and good practices to a network with a more strategic vision and strong voice in the global rights and development field. YSAFE also opened up to collaboration with other youth and development networks and I hope this will continue to grow. I have so many cherished memories, including our first independent project, "I ♥ Being a Girl", and a study session that we organized with the Council of Europe to enable young volunteers to promote comprehensive sexuality education in their countries within a human rights framework."

WHAT IMPACT DID BEING PART OF YSAFE HAVE ON YOUR LIFE?

"YSAFE shaped my world view and became an integral part of my personality. It broadened my horizons, allowed me to meet lots of amazing and inspiring people, and helped me gain knowledge and skills relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights and development. But most importantly, YSAFE taught me to appreciate and celebrate diversity and gave me drive and a platform for being an informed and active citizen. YSAFE is a huge force for empowerment."

WHAT WILL BE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF YSAFE VOLUNTEERS?

"Growing political and economic instability, youth unemployment and a digital world where social pressures, abuse and privacy concerns are rife - these are all challenges for young people. At the same time, they live in a much more connected and global world where there are lots of tools to overcome geographical and information gaps and collaborate with like-minded people. In the development area, I believe one of the biggest opportunities for young people is their potential to bring movements (e.g. sexual and reproductive health and rights, environmental, economic, cultural) together and work on holistic solutions and approaches which will hopefully be more powerful."

WHY WILL HAVING A MOVEMENT OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS BE IMPORTANT FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN THE LONG TERM?

"Of course we need to have responsible and active citizens in the future. But in reality, youth movements are also key in the short term, as they support current representation, diversity, innovation, drive for change and insight into the actual needs and realities young people face. In a world with the biggest youth population ever, we need young people to be engaged citizens who can meaningfully participate at the decision-making table and actively help shape their world."

YSAFE stands for 'Youth sexual awareness for Europe'. It was set up in 2006 to bring young people into the IPPF EN family on a long term basis and empower them to help shape our region's future. YSAFE members work hard to explain to policymakers and other stakeholders working on sexual and reproductive health and rights just how important it is to involve young people in political and policy debates that affect their lives.

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS

IPPF EN is able to bring about change thanks to the amazing people we work with. Here are just a few of the partnerships that made our work in Europe and Central Asia possible in 2015:



COUNTDOWN 2015 EUROPE

IPPF EN is the lead partner of Countdown 2015 Europe, a consortium of 15 NGOs that is pushing for European donor governments and the EU institutions to be as ambitious as possible in their financial and political support for sexual and reproductive health and family planning in the Global South.

Find out more about how we are holding political leaders to account at:

www.countdown2015europe.org



HIGH GROUND - THE ALLIANCE FOR DIGNITY AND CHOICE IN EUROPE

We have formed an alliance for dignity and choice in Europe with five other human rights groups. High Ground's aim is to counter opposition, in particular from religious organizations and individuals, to women's rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights, the human rights of LGBTI people, and to secular institutions. Together we are actively promoting a progressive agenda for diverse, secular and open societies in Europe. Find out more at:

www.highgroundalliance.eu



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S
LOBBY
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EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY

IPPF EN has worked for more than a decade with the European Women's Lobby to empower women and girls and jointly advance their autonomy and self-determination in relation to sexual and reproductive choices. Sexual rights and fighting gender stereotyping are priorities for the EWL. We are working together to equip the new generation through (sexuality) education to enhance women's empowerment, prevent gender-based violence and tackle the social norms and attitudes that hamper gender equality.

www.womenlobby.org



UNFPA EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE

We are working hand-in-hand with the United Nations Population Fund's Regional Office to make sexual and reproductive health a priority in crisis situations, coordinating efforts on humanitarian response and emergency preparedness in 17 countries. Another key area where we are working together is HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights. UNFPA EECARO is also providing funding to several of our members to help them ensure their governments include sexual and reproductive health and rights in their national plans for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

<http://eeca.unfpa.org>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME

Total income = € 5.33 million

€ 2.23 M from IPPF headquarters in London, mainly generated by contributions from governments

€ 3.03 M in restricted grants from various donors

€ 0.07 M from other income

EXPENSES

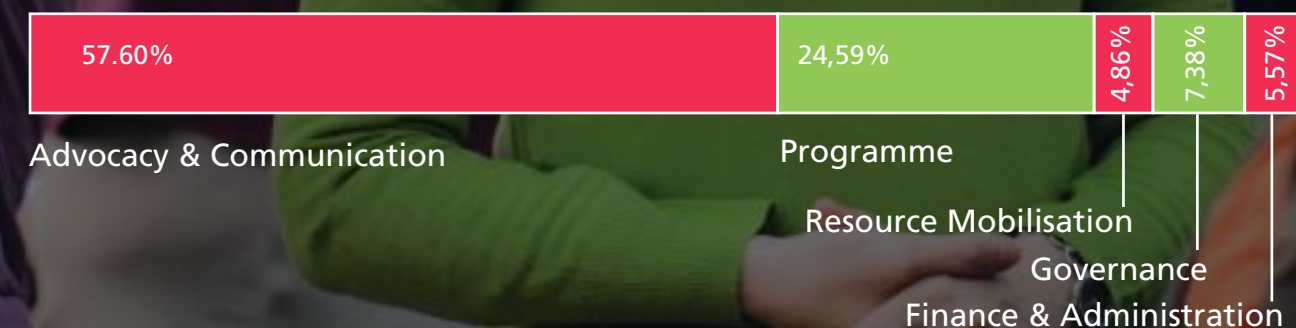
Total expenses = € 5.20 million

€ 2.10 M indirect costs

€ 3.03 M related to restricted projects

€ 0.07 M other expenses

BREAKDOWN



OUR MEMBERS

Our region reaches from Iceland to Israel and from Spain to Kazakhstan. It includes some of the richest countries in the world and some of the poorest. Some of them are donors of international development funding, others receive it. Some are long-standing democracies, others are still struggling to find their way. Throughout

Western and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the landscapes, populations, cultures and politics of our region are extremely diverse. Together, we are a proud and strong member of IPPF's family of activists for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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