Delivering for Women and Young People
UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy and productive lives.

It is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where:

- Every pregnancy is wanted
- Every childbirth is safe
- Every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

Our vision is to advance the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action’s (PoA) promise of realizing sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights and girl’s and women’s empowerment and gender equality, while leaving no one behind, in particular youth as agents of positive change and the leaders of the generation to carry forward the ICPD PoA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This commitment was reinvigorated at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 in 2019, which highlighted that the equitable achievement of individual rights and choices has positive benefits on people’s lives and must guide population and development policies and programmes within the context of the 2030 Agenda.

We aim to achieve three world-changing results by 2030, the deadline for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on one number – Zero.

- Zero unmet need for family planning information and services
- Zero preventable maternal deaths
- Zero gender-based violence and all harmful practices
Zero unmet need for family planning information and services

We work with government and a range of partners to expand the delivery of high-quality, integrated, client-orientated and rights-based voluntary family planning services – both contraceptives and counselling – advancing progress towards zero unmet need.

Our focus is to support efforts that strengthen systems and build human resources to ensure that the full range of quality contraceptives are consistently available and accessible to women, adolescents and youth, and populations in underserved and humanitarian settings.

In 2020, UNFPA Tanzania procured the equivalent of a year’s worth of contraception for about 2.3 million couples, which helped to avert:

- 503,117 unintended pregnancies
- 1,074 maternal deaths
- 113,026 unsafe abortions

Supplying the full-range of quality contraceptives, including in humanitarian settings.

Training health workers to deliver quality and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, including voluntary family planning.

Expanding the delivery of equitable and age-responsive sexual and reproductive health services and supporting comprehensive sexuality education for adolescents and youth.

Building systems and human resources to strengthen reproductive health commodity security.

Providing counselling and choices to women who want to avoid or delay pregnancy.

Increasing the provision of integrated sexual and reproductive health services.

Engaging communities to create a supportive environment for sexual and reproductive health and rights.
We are committed to making motherhood safer for women in Tanzania and work at the national, regional and district level in support of government to improve infrastructure, ensure essential reproductive health supplies and to strengthen human resources for health to reduce inequities in access to quality reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health care, including in humanitarian settings and for some of the most marginalized and vulnerable women in rural and remote settings.

Our focus is to ensure that women can plan their pregnancies and space their births, and that pregnant women are able to access all the care they need, from prenatal HIV testing to antenatal care for newborns, at the same clinic or health centre. Skilled birth attendance at delivery, with backup emergency obstetric care and essential supplies in place, is also critical.

Investing in infrastructure and equipment for the delivery of quality reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services.

Building human resources for health for the provision of emergency obstetric care.

Strengthening midwifery education and training.

Ensuring reliable supplies of essential reproductive health medicines, including contraceptives.

Harnessing technology to reach the furthest behind—e.g. the Portable Mobile Learning System.

Supplying Emergency Reproductive Health Kits, including Clean Delivery Kits, reproductive health medicines and contraceptives.

55 health facilities renovated and equipped to provide comprehensive reproductive, maternal and newborn care, including emergency obstetric and newborn care, since 2018; an additional 14 are in the pipeline.

16 Adolescent and Youth-Friendly clinics renovated in 2018/19.

Zero preventable maternal death
Zero gender-based violence and all harmful practices

We support the government to implement the five-year National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children (2017/18-2021/22), and, in partnership with multiple stakeholders, intensify efforts at both the national and regional level to promote policies and programmes to address the causes and consequences of sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, including female genital mutilation, to advance gender equality.

We support our partners to engage with communities, faith leaders, and men and boys in preventing violence and harmful practices – and also more broadly in achieving gender equality – through programmes that challenge taboos and social norms around women’s and girl’s sexual and reproductive health and drive positive, transformational change.

Strengthening gender-based violence prevention and response services, including by establishing community support structures and building the capacity of national response protection and referral systems.

Building the capacity of duty bearers to respond effectively and equitably to gender-based violence survivors.

Engaging with communities to break the silence around gender-based violence and harmful practices.

In 2020, 23,469 women received GBV response and prevention services.

18 million people reached with GBV information through community dialogue and radio.
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How we work

UNFPA works under the umbrella of the UN Development Assistance Plan in support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to ensure gender equality, women and girl’s empowerment and sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights remain at the very centre of development. We put the most marginalized women and girls and young people at the forefront of our efforts, including those in humanitarian settings, based on the principle of reaching the furthest behind first and leaving no one behind.