Today, 214 million of women living in developing countries are unable to avoid or delay pregnancy because of lack of access to family planning services.

« While more and more states are integrating access to contraception as a priority of their public health policies, these efforts continue to exclude women in precarious and poor situations, unmarried women or minor girls » stresses Catherine Giboin, Vice-President of Médecins du Monde - France.

For more than 30 years, Médecins du Monde has been pushing for universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, and advocates for the right of all women and girls to freely decide whether or not to have children.

Women and girls should have access to comprehensive information about their sexuality, their contraceptive choices and appropriate and quality health services, including safe and legal abortion care.

In July 2017, at the occasion of the London Family Planning Summit 2020 (FP2020), Médecins du Monde made a commitment to promote access to family planning for one million people, focusing on 3 priorities: young people and adolescents, crisis contexts, and Francophone Africa.
Medecins du Monde has always worked with national and local civil society organisations and authorities to remove the barrier of access to effective contraceptive methods and management of unwanted pregnancies in 14 countries.

Since 2017, Medecins du Monde has increased access and quality to Family Planning (FP) for more than 485,000 women and girls by:

1) Improving capacity building and supportive supervisions
2) Ensuring availability of contraceptive methods in the facilities
3) Rehabilitating structures delivering family planning
4) Supporting the local health authorities
5) Raising awareness in communities
6) Empowering women and community members on SRHR and FP
7) Advocating at national levels on the availability of modern and free of charge FP methods for all and for the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education activities at school.

Programs that Medecins du Monde has led so far has showed that time is necessary to change minds and misconceptions on sensitive subjects, that peer education is leading to a better reach to the population, and that a state involvement is a successful way of sustainability.
Our Achievements

Strengthening and implementation of youth-friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services, reaching more than 185,000 youth, boys and girls.

Support of the Ministry of Health of Burkina Faso in organizing 2 national family planning awareness weeks.

Training of teachers on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and reinforcement of the links between schools and public health centres for referral of youth on SRHR issues in Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Sri Lanka.

In partnership with national and local stakeholders, contributing to advocacy that led to the increase of national financial resources allocated to FP methods in Ivory Coast; to the reduction of cost of contraceptive methods with the perspective of gratuity for 2019 in Burkina Faso; and the removal of the age limitation to access to FP methods in Madagascar.

Launching of an innovative harm reduction approach of unwanted pregnancies management in DRC with decentralised referral pathway (training of community health workers, pharmacists and clinical staff from health centres) and auto-administration of Misoprostol, allowing 202 women and girls to access secure services easily.

Support of 23 health facilities to improve quality and availability of SRH and mental health services in Sindhupalchok district in Nepal.

In Northern Uganda, implementation of FP services in Bolomoni hospital in the Bidibidi refugees settlement in, including awareness sessions for 4,152 patients.

Comprehensive support of 2,000 survivors of gender-based violence, mainly women and girls, in Nigeria, Uganda and Central African Republic, including clinical management of rape, mental health and psychological services and legal support through local partners.

285,000 additional women and girls have access to family planning services.

50% of them are young people.

Medecins du Monde commitment to FP2020
2018 results

6 crisis settings
Central African Republic
Iraq
Nigeria
Somalia
Uganda
Yemen

14 countries
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