



FP2020 JOINS THE THRIVING TOGETHER CAMPAIGN TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT YET IGNORED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

The Thriving Together campaign recognizes that family planning is critically important not only for women and girls but also for the environment

Today, FP2020 joins over 150 other leading environmental and reproductive health organizations to pledge support for a first-of-its-kind campaign: Thriving Together. Organizations that have signed up to the Thriving Together campaign form a diverse global alliance united by the agreement that improving access to family planning services is critically important for the environment and biodiversity.

The Sustainable Development Goals call for integrated solutions. FP2020, along with other organizations backing the Thriving Together campaign, agrees that whether working in health or environmental conservation, through sharing information and working together on strategic projects and policies, we can help human communities and their ecosystems thrive. Successful biodiversity conservation requires taking people, our health, and our interactions with the natural world into account.

Increasing human pressures are among the many challenges facing planetary health. In addition, by harming ecosystems, people undermine food and water security and human health, and threaten habitats and species. Ensuring family planning is available to all who seek it is among the positive actions organizations must take to lessen these pressures.

The United Nations projects that global population will rise from 7.7 billion today to 9.8 billion by 2050. Future population growth is uncertain however, and highly sensitive to small changes in the average number of children per mother. If the physical, financial, educational, social and religious barriers to people using family planning services were removed, allowing women to achieve their desired family size, the global population would peak at 8.8 billion in 2050, rather than 9.8 billion, according to UN estimates.

By enabling the exercise of a well-recognized human right--that people should be able to decide for themselves, whether, when, how often and with whom to bring children into the world--family planning not only contributes to women's empowerment, improves family and general health, advances education and life opportunities but also results in slowing population growth, which eases pressures on wildlife and ecosystems.

"FP2020 believes that women and girls who can decide freely and for themselves whether and when to have children are more likely to reach their full potential," said Beth Schlachter, Executive Director, FP2020. "Healthier women and their families require greater investments in people-centred approaches to quality education and healthcare, a healthier planet, and improved development outcomes at the community and country levels. Coordinated action across all sectors and all issues that impact peoples' lives will be the best path to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals." Beth Schlachter, Executive Director, FP2020

Organizations backing the Thriving Together campaign across the globe include work in over 170 countries.

The Thriving Together campaign is spearheaded by the Margaret Pyke Trust, which has over 50 years' experience of family planning and is the only member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with this expertise.

David Johnson, Chief Executive at the Margaret Pyke Trust, says: "The existence of barriers to family planning is the most important ignored environmental challenge of our day. This changes now. The Thriving Together campaign encourages cross-sectoral support between health and environmental conservation organizations, showcasing that when people can choose freely whether and when to have children it is for the benefit of both people and planet. Barriers to family planning are not only relevant to those who are passionate about improving health, gender equality, empowerment and economic development, but also to those who are passionate about the conservation of biodiversity, the environment and sustainability."

The Margaret Pyke Trust's Thriving Together campaign is informed by its paper '*Removing Barriers to Family Planning, Empowering Sustainable Environmental Conservation*', which sets out how and why family planning is important for the environment. The Thriving Together campaign website www.thrivingtogether.global will be launched on 11th July 2019.

**Thriving Together
First 150 Endorsing organisations
As at 9 July 2019**

1. Africa Youth for SDGs
2. ALERT
3. Associação Moçambicana para Desenvolvimento da Família
4. Amphibian Ark
5. Association Djibouti Nature
6. Association Les Amis des Oiseaux
7. Association pour la conservation de la Nature au Rwanda
8. BIAZA
9. Big Life Foundation Kenya
10. Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health
11. Blue Ventures Conservation
12. Born Free Foundation
13. Borneo Nature Foundation
14. Botanic Gardens Conservation International
15. Bristol Zoological Society
16. Center for Biological Diversity
17. CEPARD Global
18. CHASE Africa
19. Cheetah Conservation Fund
20. Chester Zoo
21. Children's Investment Fund Foundation
22. Climate Change Fighters Uganda

23. Community Health Africa Trust
24. Community Initiative for Social Empowerment
25. Conservation CATalyst
26. Conservation International
27. Conservation Through Public Health
28. Cote d'Ivoire SOS Forets
29. DKT International
30. Drayton Manor Zoo
31. DSW
32. Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
33. Ecological Christian Organisation
34. Eco-Time Capsule Project
35. Elephant Family
36. Eminence: Associates for Social Development
37. Endangered Wildlife Trust
38. Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society
39. Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
40. Family Health Options Kenya
41. Family Rescue Mission
42. Feedback
43. FHI 360
44. Fountain of Hope
45. FP2020
46. FPA
47. Frankfurt Zoological Society
48. Freshwater Habitats Trust
49. Friends of the Earth (England, Wales & NI)
50. Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación
51. Game Rangers Association of Africa
52. Game Rangers International
53. Global Ocean Trust
54. Global Wildlife Conservation
55. Greenpeace
56. Greener Growth
57. Health in Harmony
58. Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria
59. ICA Foundation
60. Institute of Natural Resources
61. International Centre for Birds of Prey
62. International Crane Foundation
63. IPAS
64. IUCN CEESP
65. IUCN Species Survival Commission's Conservation Planning Specialist Group
66. Jane Goodall Institute
67. jhpiego
68. JSI
69. Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
70. Longleat
71. Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust

72. Margaret Pyke Trust
73. Marie Stopes International
74. Marwell Wildlife
75. Maternity Worldwide
76. Mount Kenya Trust
77. MUVA Elderly Initiative Uganda
78. Nature Kenya
79. Nature Uganda
80. Newquay Zoo
81. Osenala-Friends of Lake Victoria
82. PAI
83. Paignton Zoo
84. Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office
85. Path
86. PATH Foundation Philippines Inc.
87. Pathfinder International
88. Peace Parks Foundation
89. People's Trust for Endangered Species
90. PHE Ethiopia Consortium
91. Plan International UK
92. Population Connection
93. Population Council
94. Population Institute
95. Population Matters
96. Population Media Centre
97. Population Reference Bureau
98. Practical Action
99. PSI
100. Rainforest Trust
101. Reproductive Health Uganda
102. Royal College of General Practitioners
103. Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
104. SafeHands for Mothers
105. Salamander Trust
106. Salmon & Trout Conservation
107. SHRINE
108. Society for Conservation of Nature in Liberia
109. Society for the Improvement of Rural People
110. Southern African Wildlife College
111. Stop Ivory
112. The Ecological Citizen
113. The Institute of Fisheries Management
114. The Laikipia Wildlife Forum
115. The Lakeland Trust for Natural Sciences
116. The Nature Conservancy
117. The Peregrine Fund
118. The Rivers Trust
119. The Sibthorp Trust
120. The WILD Foundation

121. The Zoological Society of London
122. Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme
123. Transition Earth
124. Tusk Trust
125. UCL Institute for Global Health
126. Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau
127. Uganda Youth Alliance For Family Planning And Adolescents Health
128. UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
129. UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum
130. United Nations Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
131. UNFPA
132. Universal Health Development Foundation
133. Venture Strategies for Health and Development
134. WellBeing International
135. Wellington Zoo Trust
136. WEtalk SERIES UGANDA –WSU
137. What Works Association
138. Wild Planet Trust
139. WILD Trust
140. Wilderness Foundation UK
141. Wildlife ACT
142. Wildlife Conservation Society
143. Wildlife Reserves Singapore
144. Wildlife Trust of India
145. Wingham Wildlife Park Animal Welfare
146. World Land Trust
147. Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Emory University
148. Youth and Women Aflame Uganda
149. Youth Association for Development-Pakistan
150. Zoologische Gesellschaft für Arten- u. Populationsschutz e.V.
151. 34 Million Friends of UNFPA