

# EngenderHealth Commitment



## Narrative:

EngenderHealth implements high-quality, gender-equitable programming to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights. Our work encompasses contraception, abortion, maternal health, SGBV prevention, and more. We work through country-based offices staffed with nationals of those countries, collaborating closely with governments; local, regional, and international partners; and communities. EngenderHealth makes the following commitments:

1. **Health systems strengthening:** EngenderHealth will incorporate health systems strengthening through training, service integration, and management support in all projects related to family planning, by 2025. Through support for training, task-sharing, quality assurance, logistics management, evidence-based decision-making, financing, and policy, our projects make comprehensive contraceptive information, methods, and related services more widely available throughout national health systems, with emphasis on serving marginalized and hard-to-reach populations. To optimize reach and quality, we leverage our experience integrating contraceptive counseling and method delivery—including long-acting reversible and permanent methods—into other services, such as postpartum care, comprehensive abortion care, HIV prevention and treatment, immunization, fistula prevention and treatment, and multi-sectoral prevention and response for SGBV.
2. **Gender- and youth-transformative programming:** EngenderHealth will partner with at least five new women- or youth-led organizations to support young people’s education about and access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and commits to 100% of our projects having the potential to be gender and youth transformative by 2025. Our programs incorporate gender-transformative approaches to explore, challenge, and improve social norms, beliefs, and practices that shape people’s sexual and reproductive health outcomes and broader opportunities. We partner with youth- and women-led organizations and local leaders to deliver community, school, and workplace interventions that challenge gender stereotypes and eliminate discriminatory practices, and we will facilitate young people’s advocacy with policymakers and others for their own needs and rights. We train healthcare providers and administrators to deliver gender-sensitive and youth-friendly counseling and services.
3. **Expand sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information and services, especially for young people:** By 2025, of all the clients reached through our projects with contraceptive services, comprehensive and postabortion care services, and SGBV prevention and referral services, 20% will be under the age of 20. We will build on our extensive experience supporting national health systems and our belief that high-quality SRHR information and services, including contraception and safe abortion care, must be available and accessible for all who need it, including and especially young people.
4. **Social inclusion and equity:** By 2030, 100% of healthcare providers trained through EngenderHealth-supported projects will receive training on understanding and meeting the SRHR needs of persons with disabilities. EngenderHealth will integrate the perspectives and needs of persons with disabilities into our work on SRHR, SGBV, and maternal health. This commitment includes training healthcare providers on understanding and meeting the needs of persons with disabilities (at healthcare facilities and through community outreach) and providing contextualized job aids and toolkits developed in consultation with persons with disabilities.

5. Advance SGBV national prevention: By 2030, EngenderHealth will expand our efforts to address SGBV by increasing partnerships (an additional five) and influencing changes in at least 10 national policies and eight national guidelines consistent with the Maputo Protocol. EngenderHealth will continue to expand our work to address SGBV using survivor centric approaches and by engaging with local communities, including youth- and feminist-led organizations and men and boys, to transform gender norms that perpetuate SGBV; supporting healthcare workers and systems to ensure respectful, high-quality care for and in partnership with the survivors; and advocating for supportive laws, policies, national guidelines, and protocols, including to fulfill governments' commitments under international and regional agreements.
6. Localization of leadership and implementation: EngenderHealth commits to ensuring that 80% of our projects will have mechanisms in place to transfer full ownership to local structures and national counterparts by 2030. Additionally, by 2030, 80% of our implementing partners will be local organizations. Our support of local leadership and implementation will include co-designing transition and graduation mechanisms, supporting the expansion of local management and staffing, and facilitating capacity transfer with partners at all levels.