

# FHI 360 Commitment



For 50 years, FHI 360 has been a global leader in advancing high-quality, affordable, voluntary, rights-based family planning (FP). A commitment to evidence-based, locally driven solutions underpins our work. Our technical expertise as well as our deep experience building strong relationships with governments and local, regional and global partners will allow us to advance the goals of FP2030. We commit to:

1. Advance the research and development of at least three new contraceptive options. Innovative solutions are essential to address gaps in contraceptive method options and to meet the changing needs and desires of FP users throughout their reproductive lives. FHI 360 will advance research to support the development and evaluation of an injectable contraceptive that would be effective for six months; a biodegradable microneedle patch that would be effective for three to six months; and a biodegradable implant with a duration of 18 to 24 months. In addition to utilizing donor funds to advance this work, FHI 360 will contribute its own corporate funds as well as facilitate private sector funding.
2. Facilitate expanded method choice including supporting introduction and wide availability of at least two contraceptive methods. FHI 360 has a long track record of implementing effective solutions to bridge the gaps between research, product introduction and scale-up. To increase method choice and access, FHI 360 will support the introduction and scale-up of new and lesser-used contraceptive methods including the hormonal intrauterine device (IUD) and DMPA-SC. FHI 360 currently serves as the co-Secretariat for the Hormonal IUD Access Group, a global consortium of donors, governments, suppliers, procurers and implementing partners. In addition, FHI 360 is facilitating increased access to DMPA-SC through research, policy and program support in Ethiopia, Malawi, and other countries.
3. Support the development, adoption and implementation of self care approaches, including digital options, in at least three countries. FHI 360 is committed to producing and disseminating evidence, supporting policy development and promoting evidence-based programming that empowers women and girls to manage their own sexual and reproductive health (SRH). In partnership with country governments, research institutions and civil society groups, FHI 360 will produce evidence about the needs and preferences of individuals for accessing information and services on their own that can be used to inform self-care guidelines, institutionalize self-care within a health system and structure client-centered services. Given the rapid expansion of digital technologies and their potential to support client-driven self-care, FHI 360 will prioritize evaluations of and support for effective digital platforms that provide information, tools and links to FP services.
4. Strengthen the measurement and monitoring of equity within FP programs in at least three countries. FHI 360 will support countries to engage in consensus-based decision-making on how to better define and operationalize equity, including in the context of universal health care coverage and among populations with unique needs (e.g., youth, women in the postpartum period, women living with HIV, individuals in crisis settings). We will work with local partners to develop indicators and measures of equity that go beyond wealth, as well as to design and implement equity-focused research and learning agendas. In collaboration with our partners, we will also work to apply principles of decolonization to our FP research and programs to address such issues as inequities in leadership roles and financial transparency.

5. Offer high quality integrated services and advance FP as part of integrated development in at least three countries. FHI 360 will support provision of integrated FP, maternal and child health (MCH), and HIV services in Mozambique, Uganda, Zimbabwe and other countries. We will deliver high-quality, evidence-based services, technical assistance, knowledge management, quality improvement and monitoring and evaluation. We will provide support to incorporate High Impact Practices (HIPs) into national strategies and guidelines and support dissemination and implementation. We will also advance FP as part of innovative population, environment and development projects and support the design and implementation of training curricula for key decision-makers and champions on the integration of FP into multisectoral programming.
6. Empower adolescents and youth globally: FHI 360 will continue to promote the health of adolescents and youth by advancing access to responsive, person-centered SRH services. In partnership with FP2030 and USAID's flagship knowledge management project Knowledge SUCCESS, FHI 360 will continue to co-chair the Next Gen RH Community of Practice for adolescent and youth reproductive health leaders. FHI 360 will seek to understand the specific needs and preferences of adolescents and youth by leading human-centered design and user acceptability studies to help ensure that contraceptive products and services respond to the unique reproductive health needs of young people. We will also develop and roll out resources related to SRH, GBV, financial literacy and communication skills development for boys and girls.

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