

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics Commitment



Narrative:

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) is the world's largest alliance of national societies of obstetrics and gynecology dedicated to the health and wellbeing of women, girls, and newborns. Our organizational structure reflects bringing together our 130 member societies and regional federations with strong support from FIGO headquarters. FIGO partners with organizations around the world that share our vision, values, and goals to progress the health and rights of women and girls around the world. The organization pursues its mission through advocacy, programmatic activities, capacity strengthening of Member Societies, education, and training. This mission encompasses the implementation of global projects on specific women's health issues. As an organization, FIGO also provides a bridge between members, facilitating a networking space where member societies benefit from each other and develop common policies. FIGO helps to facilitate activities of member societies, large and small, and promotes the delivery of evidence-based education around the world. Where societies are unable to join FIGO, we commit to sharing work, so we truly improve women and girls' health and rights.

FIGO works through its divisions and committees. FIGO's divisions and Committees bring together experts from our member societies with other health care professionals focusing on specialist areas of obstetrics and gynecology to encourage global collaboration on important women's health issues. With a focus on education and research implementation, our divisions and committees contribute to FIGO's strategic goals by working towards the improvement of OBGYN health care around the world through the provision of clinical leadership and guidance. Our division of sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing hosts our contraception committee. The Committee on Contraception is committed to developing information about and supporting access to comprehensive contraceptive care to enhance the lives of women and girls and to support them in fulfilling their rights to sexual and reproductive health and education. With our wide reach of global member societies and strong commitment to the common goals of ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights by supporting the provision of accessible, affordable, sustainable and comprehensive health services including Family Planning services, we commit to working with FP 2030 in the following areas:

- Improving partnerships with national, regional and global allies and stakeholders leading to improved quality of care and access to SRH services for women. This outcome will be measure through the number of key stakeholders partnering with FIGO or Member Societies to advocate for improved access to SRH services for women including postpartum family planning and post-abortion family planning.
- Continuing collaboration with FP2030 to work towards the common goals as well as participate in opportunities (when available). This will be measured by the number of opportunities to work together in webinars, panel presentations at conferences, sharing with member societies information on the importance of PFP/PAFP, having an FP2030 member on our Contraception Committee, and having a FIGO member on the Postpartum Family Planning/Post-abortion Family Planning (PFP/PAFP) Global Steering Committee.

- Should the opportunity arise, evaluating one or more of the High Impact Practices, Immediate PFP and PAFP, one country. This evaluation would be conducted in conjunction with the FIGO Member Society staff in the respective country(ies) and the Ministry of Health facility. The outcome of this evaluation would be measured in terms of a SWOT analysis type-document outlining opportunities and barriers, and next steps and will serve as an implementation guideline for scale up of the practice.

To support these three commitments, FIGO will strengthen the capacity of our member societies by supporting and empowering them to play a pivotal role in practicing policies related to Family Planning in their countries. FIGO will also support and advocate for universal health coverage, including evidence- based preventive care, environmental health, and access to Family Planning services, disseminate current evidence in the field of Family Planning through diverse platforms, and empower clinicians as leaders to promote scientific and policy dialogues in women and girls' health and rights especially related to Family Planning.