

EU INSTITUTIONS



The EU is a unique actor: through contributions from its Member States, it is the biggest multilateral donor worldwide. The EU institutions remain committed to the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as reflected in the European Consensus on Development. Recently, the EU reaffirmed this commitment in the new funding instrument for EU cooperation – the 'Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument/Global Europe (NDICI/GE)' and the new EU's Gender Action Plan, among others.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2021

0,4%

%ODA SRHR IN 2021

2%

LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

In 2021, EU support to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) amounted to 78 million Euros, a substantial decrease compared to 2020 (23%). Curtailed support was mostly observed in funds channelled through international organisations and initiatives, and government-to-government cooperation. This may be partially justified by the fact that 2020 marks the end of a financial period for the EU institutions, and overall support had significantly increased in 2020. To note that the EU only provides core funding to the Global Fund to fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

In 2021, EU contributions to SRHR reached a level of 372 million Euros, which is almost five times what it spends on SRH/FP. Such difference is mainly due to support to the GFATM, which was thirty times bigger compared to 2020. It is also due to EU contributions to the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, which aims to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Although it is expected that only a small share of this Fund will directly benefit SRH/FP, this has been considered a major EU initiative to advance SRHR, by preventing and protecting against sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). In addition to this initiative, the EU further promotes change of social norms, including for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer (LGBTIQ+) people, through international organisations and initiatives.

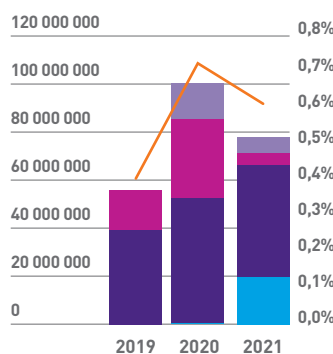
UNFPA is a recurrent recipient of EU funding, having received around 34 million Euros for SRH/FP in 2021, and 38 million for SRHR, all of which was channelled through earmarked programmes, namely for humanitarian assistance. This was the second year that the EU did not contribute to UNFPA Supplies Partnership, supported since 2012, as disbursements to its multiannual pledge came to an end in 2019.

FORECAST

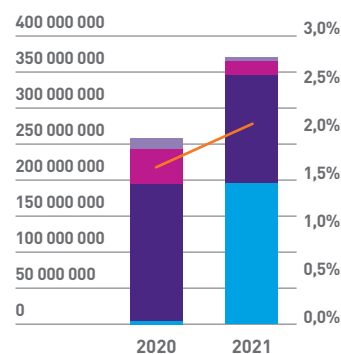
Even though it is not possible to identify a financial forecast for SRH/FP or SRHR, support from EU institutions is expected to be at least sustained given the commitment expressed in the different multiannual EU policy frameworks, and the new Team Europe Initiative on SRHR in Sub-Saharan Africa, which will include 60 million Euros for 2023–2027. It is also expected that the EU will continue funding the UNFPA Supplies Partnership through the NDICI/GE instrument, with a new funding commitment for the next three years.

EU FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

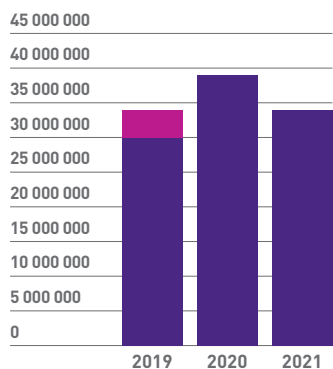
SRH/FP SPENDING



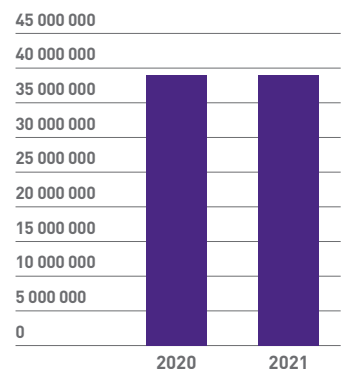
SRHR SPENDING



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



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Core Other UNFPA projects Supplies Partnership



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