

ITALY

Italy's strategic priorities for international cooperation are spelled out in the 'Three-year cooperation programming and policy orientation plan 2021 – 2023'. Priority is given to initiatives aimed to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, combating all forms of violence and ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health, among others. Following the 2022 general elections in Italy, a right-wing government came into office with a conservative view on the SRHR agenda which might impact both the policies relating to women's rights in Italy and in international cooperation.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

In 2021, Italy disbursed 19 million Euros for sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP), equivalent to 0,3% of the country's ODA. Most of these funds was channelled through the multilateral system (77%), mainly as core funding.

In 2021, Italy's contributions to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) reached a level of 50.5 million Euros, more than double than what the country spends on SRH/FP. This represented 0.9% of Italy's ODA that year. Such difference is mainly due to the emphasis that Italy places in preventing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and fighting HIV/AIDS.

In 2021, Italy disbursed 8 million Euros to UNFPA benefitting SRH/FP and 10 million benefitting SRHR. This was mostly channelled through earmarked programmes focused on the fight against harmful practices and SGBV, in addition to humanitarian aid.

FORECAST

Given the orientation of the right-wing government in office since October 2022, with a more domestically oriented agenda and the current conflict in Ukraine, resources allocated to international cooperation are expected to decrease in the years to come, with a high probability to affect the SRH/FP and SRHR agenda. Contributions to SRHR through the UN system are however expected to be kept at the same level, in line with Italy's multilateral vocation and Italy's commitments made at the Generation Equality Forum.

%ODA SRH/FP IN 2021

0,3%

%ODA SRHR IN 2021

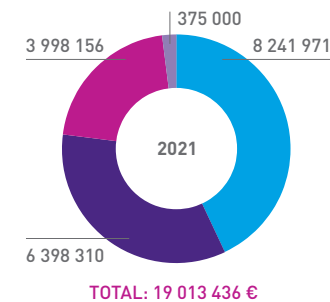
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LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY

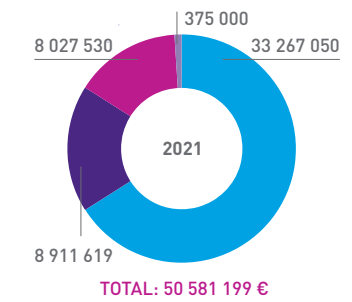


ITALY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING



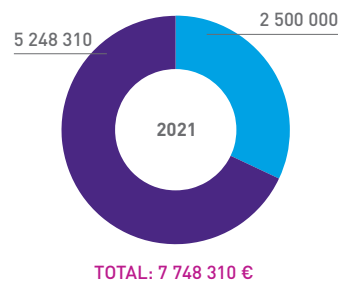
SRHR SPENDING



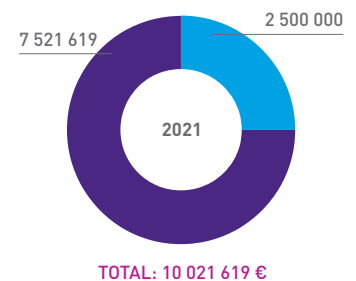
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Int Orgs

Research
Govt-to-Govt

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRH/FP



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA - SRHR



Core Other UNFPA projects Supplies Partnership

