

Pathfinder International Commitment



Narrative:

1. Advancing SRHR through policy change & resource mobilization

- a. We will advocate for policies that support access to, and implementation of, family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) services and removal of restrictive policies that limit access in our 17 countries of operation.
- b. We will strengthen capacities of local civil society organizations (CSOs) on advocacy for an enabling policy environment for FP using the SMART advocacy approach and on mechanisms for social accountability for equitable FP/RH services.
- c. We will work directly and in coalition to increase unrestricted funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in multilateral and bilateral agencies.
- d. We will advocate, in collaboration with local coalitions, for domestic resources for FP in at least five countries.

Measures of success:

- # of policies developed or implemented in support of FP/RH services
- # of restrictive policies removed for FP/RH services
- # of CSOs implementing advocacy and accountability mechanisms for FP/RH
- # of budget advocacy wins, with disaggregation into i) amount (USD) allocated for FP/RH and ii) amount (USD) disbursed for FP/RH across countries
- Amount (USD) of funding mobilized for FP/RH from national governments (or by country) through advocacy efforts

2. Transforming Social and Gender Norms to support agency and informed choice

- a. Pathfinder is committed to creating enabling social norms that support and encourage people of all gender identities, particularly adolescents and youth (AY), to exercise their agency to use resources and make decisions that impact their sexual and reproductive lives.
- b. We will deliver rights-based, gender-equitable and gender affirming programs that enable adolescents and women to make decisions about their health through initiatives to ensure that our programs are increasingly gender-transformative.
- c. We will work in partnership with communities to address harmful norms and practices, such as early and forced marriage and gender-based violence, and promote positive norms, such as keeping girls in school, engaging men and boys as clients and supportive partners in contraceptive use and promoting the healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy.

Measures of success:

- proportion of Pathfinder projects with a funded/resourced gender strategy or action plan
- # of projects where men and boys were engaged as clients/supportive partners
- proportion (or percent) of women in leadership positions at Pathfinder

3. Advancing our focus and understanding of equity, autonomy, and agency for SRHR through monitoring, evaluation, and learning

- a. Pathfinder is committed to exploring and learning ways to do the following:
 - i. Examine, measure, and address agency and contraceptive autonomy;
 - ii. Understand women's and girl's reasons for method switching, discontinuation, and non-use in the contexts where we work; and
 - iii. Measure and address equity within our programs through more uniform age disaggregation.

4. Advancing contraceptive use by everyone who wants it, with a focus on young people

- a. Pathfinder will invest in meaningful engagement of young people, ensuring involvement in planning, implementation, and evaluation of our youth-related programs and activities.
- b. We will increase the number and strengthen the capacities of country-based youth-led or youth-focused organizations with whom we partner.
- c. We will consistently involve AY in assessing program success and individual satisfaction, numbers of AY we reach, and robust mechanisms for course correction as needed. We will engage AY in considering youth needs beyond contraceptive services, including gender-based violence and child early and forced marriage.

Measures of success:

- Increased number of Pathfinder countries that reach, with SRH information and services, a percentage of AY that is representative of the population
- Number of youth-serving Pathfinder projects where youth are engaged in program design and implementation
- # of youth-led or youth-focused organizations supported across our countries

5. Advancing sustainable access to quality contraception through health systems strengthening

- a. Pathfinder is committed to delivering sustainable SRHR outcomes by building stronger health systems in the 17 countries where we work. We will do this by co-designing and implementing programs with key partners and stakeholders.
- b. Pathfinder will work to increase access to and use of voluntary modern contraceptive information and services by measuring and improving health-system readiness to provide integrated, client-centered services that focus on improving client experience.
- c. We will increase access to contraception by bolstering and scaling contraceptive information and services at existing points of care, including referrals, as well as expanding to new points of care at facility and community levels, including the use of self-care and digital technology.
- d. We will strengthen and improve integrated community and health systems for sustainable contraceptive service delivery, building programs that work alongside the health system and shape resilient, durable solutions that are locally-driven and give explicit attention to community-level services, actors, workforce, and partnerships.
- e. We will increase voluntary use of contraception by improving efficient, quality services free of provider bias.

Outcomes:

1. # of policies developed and implemented to increase access to contraception and AY services, and # of policy restrictions limiting access, including those based in gender-inequity, removed
2. Increase in # of Pathfinder countries that reach, with SRH information and services, a percentage of AY representative of the population