SAVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN, GIRLS AND NEWBORN BABIES

THRVING BUSINESSES NEED THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Across East and Southern Africa, more than 49 million women who want to plan their families cannot get access to modern family planning.

This loss of life is a personal tragedy for their families, and it threatens the well-being of communities and nations. Developing nations cannot afford this loss of productivity and prosperity, and governments are often ill-equipped to tackle the issue.

Because of its resources and reach, the private sector is a key partner of the UNFPA Supplies Programme. With your support and backing, we will be able to:

- Cut unintended pregnancies by 32% (modern contraceptive use prevented an estimated 15 million unintended pregnancies in 2021)
- Prevent an additional 32% unsafe abortions (modern contraceptive use prevented an estimated 3.6 million unsafe abortions in 2021)
- Lower maternal and child deaths by 33%

These investments will save more than 31% in direct health-care costs.

To achieve this, the region would need to spend $1.5 billion.

Footnote: 1. Country-specific expenditure: Angola $55m, Burundi $15.5m, Comoros $1.1m, DRC $89m, Eritrea $4.6m, Ethiopia $245m, Kenya $226m, Lesotho $14m, Madagascar $89m, Malawi $77m, Mozambique $105m, Rwanda $38m, South Sudan $6.4m, Tanzania $185m, Uganda $114m, Zambia $65m, Zimbabwe $167m.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

We have made far-reaching changes to the funding model of the UNFPA Supplies Programme. From 2023 onward, each partner government will need to make a minimum domestic financing contribution towards the cost of commodities provided by UNFPA Supplies. This means we are moving from a model of product donation to one of product subsidization. With your support, we can strengthen domestic capacity and financing for the procurement of quality-assured reproductive health commodities, including contraceptives.

MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

Depending on your country’s classification, your government will need to contribute a minimum initial portion of the programme’s cost, plus an annual escalation.

Companies operating in East and Southern Africa are well-accustomed to the added responsibility they have to local communities, especially the vulnerable among them. This responsibility is often met by supporting social and community programmes.

The UNFPA Supplies Programme presents an important opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of local communities.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Phase III of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2021-2030) is about strengthening partnerships, and improving transparency and accountability.

The private sector can play a role by:
• Partnering with the Supplies Programme to provide resources and logistics.
• Partnering with local communities and NGOs to support programmes that address specific challenges on the ground.

CALL TO ACTION

• Reach out to key players in the UNFPA Supplies Programme to find out what support is needed.
• Raise awareness within your organization and supply chains about the family planning crisis, and how they can help.
• Dedicate budget and resources to supporting the UNFPA Supplies Programme in your country.

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