



# Donor at a Glance

## Luxembourg

**The Government of Luxembourg is the most generous donor per capita to UNFPA. In 2016, Luxembourg allocated 3 per cent of its net ODA to UNFPA.**

As a longstanding supporter, Luxembourg made its first donation shortly after the creation of the Fund in 1974. These contributions advance the three transformative results of the new UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021: (1) End preventable maternal deaths, (2) end the unmet need for family planning, and (3) end gender-based violence and all harmful practices, including child marriage.

This support is critical to ensuring that women and girls in developing countries benefit from efforts to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 3: Good health and well-being, Goal 5: Gender equality, Goal 10: Reduced inequalities and Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals.

### Increased support to core resources and UNFPA Supplies

In February 2017, Luxembourg's Minister of Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Romain Schneider, participated in the She Decides conference, a global initiative in support of women and girls' fundamental rights. At the conference, Minister Schneider pledged an additional 2 million Euro in support to UNFPA (EUR 1.6 million for core resources and EUR 400,000 for UNFPA Supplies).

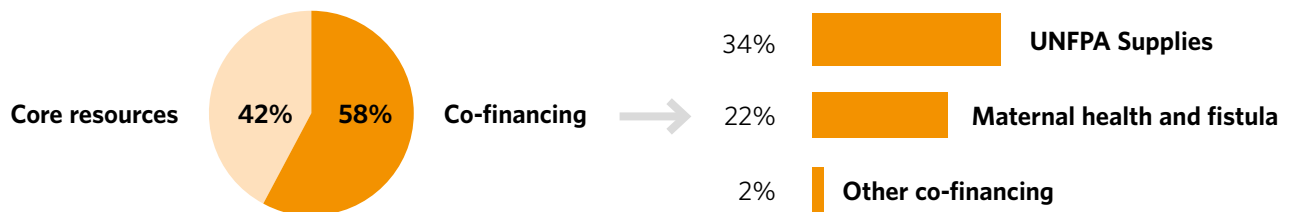


The late Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, and Luxembourg's Minister of Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Romain Schneider, at the SheDecides Conference. © SIP/Charles Caratini

## Luxembourg's support to UNFPA 2014-2016

Seeking the greatest impact for women and girls, Luxembourg dedicated 42 per cent of its total contributions to UNFPA to core functions in 2014-2016, more than any single thematic fund or specific co-financing project. Support to core resources gives greater flexibility for UNFPA to use these funds as needed. In addition, the Government of Luxembourg is a generous contributor to the life-saving Maternal Health Thematic Fund (MHTF) and its Campaign to End Fistula and to UNFPA Supplies, which provides 40 per cent of the world's donated contraceptives.

**EUR 10,331,808** 2016 contribution from Luxembourg



## Thematic Funds

### Working to end preventable maternal deaths and end the unmet need for family planning

Contributions from Luxembourg to co-financing in 2016 constituted approximately 9 per cent of the Maternal Health Thematic Fund and 53 per cent of the Campaign to End Fistula annual budgets.

These programmes amplify country impact by enabling UNFPA to coordinate and streamline its efforts in key agendas.

### Maternal Health Thematic Fund

EUR 1.4 million – funding in 2016

EUR 1.6 million – funding in 2017

The Maternal Health Thematic Fund is a flagship programme for improving maternal health and well-being. Since 2008, the MHTF has contributed to averting 96,000 maternal deaths in 39 countries with some of the highest maternal death rates in the world. Expert technical and financial support aims to ensure that women and girls, particularly those most disadvantaged, have access to high-quality maternal health services.

- More than 9,500 midwives and 600 midwifery tutors received training in 2016 with UNFPA support through the MHTF, which also assisted over 300 midwifery schools.
- 23 countries received support to implement national plans for maternal and newborn health and integrated reproductive health services in emergency obstetric and newborn care facilities.
- 70 per cent of MHTF countries have initiated a Maternal Death Surveillance and Response programme at a national scale, allowing for monitoring and improved response to obstetric emergencies.



**Couple in Haiti anticipates birth of their child. Couple seeks services for safe motherhood at health centre in Haiti.**

© Nadia Todres, UNFPA Haiti, 2016. Photo submitted by Marielle Sander for the 2017 MHTF photo contest.

## Campaign to End Fistula

EUR 220,000 – funding in 2016  
 EUR 300,000 – funding in 2017

Obstetric fistula is a serious and potentially fatal childbirth injury caused by prolonged, obstructed labour, without access to timely, high-quality medical treatment. The UNFPA-led global Campaign to End Fistula aims to reduce the tragedy of maternal death and injury by targeting the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of obstetric fistula in 50 countries:

- After devastating birth injuries, 15,000 women’s lives were transformed with fistula repair surgeries in 2016.
- Local awareness-raising campaigns warned of the danger of early childbearing.
- Prevention efforts called for family planning, a trained health professional at every birth, and timely access to high-quality emergency obstetric and newborn care.



**Asha, a young fistula survivor from Blue Nile State in Sudan, was successfully treated and gave birth to a healthy child.** © Mutwakil Mahmoud, UNFPA. Photo submitted by Yousra Abdelgabbar for MHTF Annual Report 2015 photo contest.

## UNFPA Supplies

EUR 400,000 – funding in 2016  
 EUR 800,000 – funding in 2017

The UNFPA Supplies programme is dedicated to family planning and supports 46 countries in strengthening their supply chains so that women and adolescent girls can access a choice of contraceptives and life-saving medicines for maternal health. More than half of these countries are contending with humanitarian crises. With generous support from Luxembourg and other donors, the programme achieved these global results in 2016:

- 12.5 million women and adolescent girls received access to modern contraceptives and reproductive health services.
- Contraceptives provided through UNFPA Supplies had the potential to avert 7.1 million unintended pregnancies, 20,000 maternal deaths, 126,000 child deaths and 2.2 million unsafe abortions.
- Reproductive health kits reached 1.3 million women and girls facing humanitarian crises.
- Nearly 20,000 health service providers participated in training to provide quality family planning information and services.

In 2017, Luxembourg’s funding support to UNFPA Supplies will help provide contraceptives with the potential to avert 52,000 unintended pregnancies, 140 maternal deaths, 900 child deaths and 16,000 unsafe abortions. This could save families and communities EUR 2.8 million in direct health care costs.



**A family planning client in Wolatia Sodo, Ethiopia, who chose to have a contraceptive implant inserted holds up an informational card.** © UNFPA Ethiopia/Abraham Gelaw

## Country Partnerships

Partnerships with Mongolia, Niger and Senegal are supported by the Government of Luxembourg through UNFPA co-financing contributions. Programming has helped to improve maternal and child health, reduce STI and HIV transmission, capture comprehensive population data that includes adolescents, and reduce the harmful practice of child marriage.

### Mongolia: E-health and sexually transmitted infection prevention

EUR 4.3 million – funding in 2016

#### Tele-consultations to improve maternal and child health

This project expands e-health by introducing innovative training courses on maternal health, newborn care and emergency obstetric care that are compatible with international standards and delivered via nationwide tele-consultations. It also expands services for cardiovascular diseases.

- All participating hospitals, including the National Centre for Maternal and Child Health, were equipped with essential medical equipment valued at \$2.2 million, with measures taken to ensure compliance to maintain quality and for follow-up training.
- More than 70 per cent of health care providers working in the country in the area of maternal and newborn health have benefited from training opportunities.
- New evidence-based clinical guidelines have been developed and institutionalized.



Partnership between Luxembourg and Mongolia supported the country in becoming one of only nine in the world to achieve MDG 5 to improve maternal health. © UNFPA Mongolia/Joo Hee Lee

By 2019, when the project concludes, tele-consultation for maternal health services will be consolidated into Mongolia's national health system, ensuring sustainability in the long term.

#### STI and HIV prevention at a China-Mongolia border post

This project has reduced high-risk behaviours among youth, sex workers and truck drivers through the provision of comprehensive and targeted prevention services and behaviour change communication interventions. Concluded in March 2017, it addressed sexually transmitted infections in Inner Mongolia's Erlian City – the largest border post town between China and Mongolia. Among female sex workers (FSWs):

- Condom usage increased from 92 per cent (2012) to 100 per cent (2016).
- No new HIV infections among FSWs were reported in the project site.
- The proportion of FSWs with comprehensive and correct knowledge of HIV and AIDS increased from 29 per cent in 2012 to 40 per cent in 2016.



His Excellency Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, visits UNFPA's telemedicine project at the National Centre for Maternal and Child Health. © UNFPA Mongolia

## Niger: Rights and health of adolescent girls

EUR 220,000 – funding in 2016

An initiative called “Illimin” offers lessons on life skills and reproductive health to adolescent girls in safe spaces set up in refugee camps in Niger. The aim of these dialogue sessions is to reduce child marriage and early pregnancy. The project concludes in 2019.

- 32,000 adolescent girls have enrolled through 320 safe spaces where they receive training on life skills, finance, sexual and reproductive health and family planning.
- A law on keeping girls in school until completion of secondary level (aged 16-18) is gaining strategic support from key stakeholders following UNFPA advocacy efforts.

It is expected that implementation of the UNFPA-supported Adolescent Girls' Initiative and enforcement of the law will accelerate the reduction of child marriage in Niger.



Adolescent girls participate in a community dialogue at their safe space in Yéni in Niger's Dosso region. © UNFPA Niger

## Senegal: Saving mothers' lives and informing adolescents

EUR 662,488 – funding in 2016

The programme supports the Government of Senegal in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality through improved access to and use of quality reproductive health services and HIV prevention. The project concludes in December 2017.

- In Matam, maternal deaths have decreased thanks to improved provision of emergency obstetric and neonatal care and upgrades to the area's technical base.
- In Saint-Louis, use of modern contraceptive methods has increased following key actions: strengthening community-based services, setting up mobile teams through Marie Stopes International, improving the availability of contraceptive products and involving men.
- The number of young people aged 15-24 with awareness of sexual and reproductive health and HIV and AIDs increased from 9,400 in 2015 to 12,650 in 2016.
- 43,757 calls have been received on the 24/7 help line GINDIMA or “Enlighten Me”, a free and anonymous service that provides teenagers with comprehensive and appropriate information on sexual health and reproductive health.



A young mother and newborn rest in Senegal's Richard Toll Hospital, a health facility supported by UNFPA. © UNFPA Senegal/Nils Elzenga

### Data on adolescents worldwide

The Global Adolescent Data Statement is a commitment to the collection, use and dissemination of age- and sex-disaggregated data, particularly for adolescents aged 10-19. Luxembourg signed onto the statement at the London Summit on Family Planning, co-hosted by UNFPA in July 2012. Procuring detailed census data and analysis – a major component of UNFPA's work on population matters – improves the international community's ability to effectively target sexual and reproductive health service delivery programmes to the 1.2 billion adolescents worldwide, nearly 90 per cent in developing countries.

## Young Professionals

### Junior Professional Officer Programme

EUR 65,232 – funding in 2016

The Government of Luxembourg empowers its citizens to dedicate their talent and drive to UNFPA's life-saving work for women and girls. Luxembourg supports participation in the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme, an opportunity for young professionals to gain hands-on experience within a United Nations agency.

- Luxembourg has funded eight JPO positions since 2001, posted in Cape Verde, Lao People's Democratic Republic (2), Namibia, Niger, the United States (2) and Viet Nam.
- Luxembourg currently funds one JPO, based in the UNFPA country office in Laos. A new JPO will soon join the UNFPA country office in Niger to support implementation of the Country Programme for Youth and Adolescents.



Young people celebrate International Youth Day in Luang Namtha, Lao PDR, 2016. © UNFPA Lao PDR 2016

**“Having the opportunity and privilege to work for the rights of a generation that will determine the outcome of all the SDGs and the way our world will look like tomorrow, is the most rewarding experience I can ask for.”**

Anika Bruck, Adolescent and Youth Officer supported by Luxembourg, UNFPA Lao People's Democratic Republic

## Notes

- 2017 figures reflect provisional totals as of 31 July 2017.
- The report features select co-financing projects that were ongoing as of 2017. The Government of Luxembourg has supported projects in several other countries throughout its engagement with UNFPA, including Mali and Burkina Faso.
- The Government of Luxembourg makes pledges and contributions in Euros.