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Impact of the U.S. Executive Orders, Presidential Memoranda and Announcements Related to Global Health and SRHR

(Excerpt from the [IPPF website](#))

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) - a federation of members and partners in 153 countries - fights for the right of every individual to decide about their own health, well-being and life. The U.S. executive order implementing a 90-day pause in U.S. foreign development aid is wreaking havoc on the lifesaving work of human rights, civil society, and grassroots organizations. In addition, the following measures form a comprehensive blockade of SRHR projects:

- Reinstating the Mexico City Policy (Global Gag Rule, GGR), which suspends support for abortion outside the country;
- Enforcing the Hyde Amendment, which ends support for abortion within the country;
- Issuing the Gender Ideology Executive Order, which disregards gender or gender identity;
- Issuing the Anti-DEI (diversity, equality, and inclusion) Executive Order, which suspends measures and projects aimed at protecting vulnerable groups and eliminating social barriers that lead to discrimination; and
- Rejoining the Geneva Consensus Declaration, which promotes a coalition with other governments that are anti-reproductive rights.

IPPF anticipates it will lose US\$61 million from cuts due to refusing to sign the Global Gag Rule. Programs affected - mainly in Africa - provide sexual and reproductive health services for millions of women and youth, many of whom will be forced to continue with a pregnancy they did not want or have an unsafe abortion they may not survive.

Request for Japan's Support

IPPF will continue to collaborate with partners in areas such as global health, gender, human rights, poverty, and migration, as well as with government donors, to mitigate the negative impacts of U.S. policies both domestically and globally. Japan has been a steadfast supporter of IPPF as a champion of population and SRHR issues. Additionally, Japan has made invaluable contributions as a global leader in global health—particularly in the areas of UHC, maternal and child health, population and SRHR. To safeguard this progress and ensure that global health governance continues to protect the lives, health, and well-being of people worldwide, we respectfully urge Japan to take action. (IPPF London, 30 January 2025)

Activities for Strengthening National Committees on Population and Development in Central Asia

On January 17, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), in partnership with the Parliamentary National Committee on Population and Development of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, hosted a meeting of parliamentarians to discuss advancing gender equality and expanding the rights and opportunities of women and girls. This programme was supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Japan Trust Fund (JTF), in cooperation with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

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Arab and Asian Parliamentarians' Meeting on SRH and Climate Change Held in Dubai

On 19-20 January, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), together with the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians for Population and Development (FAPPD), organized the Arab and Asian Parliamentarians' Meeting on SRH and Climate Change Resilience. This event was supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), and in cooperation with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). The meeting was attended by parliamentarians from 18 Arab, Asian, and Eastern European countries, as well as eminent experts. It was pointed out that the economic crises associated with climate change have led to increased early marriage and gender-based violence (GBV), as well as higher death rates due to early pregnancy among adolescent girls.

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