



Initiative Overview

A just and equitable world depends on people having the power to decide whether and when to have children, and on their ability to access the care they need to act on those decisions. We support organizations working to strengthen the systems that shape access to reproductive health care for women and young people across East and francophone West Africa.

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The Context

Across Africa, demand for reproductive health care is growing, and proven solutions exist. Yet too many people still cannot access the care they need, contributing to preventable maternal death, infection, and injury.

This is especially urgent in East and francophone West Africa, where unmet reproductive health needs are among the world's highest. Across these regions, advocates, health care providers, civil society organizations, and governments are working to provide access to quality care in a time of disruption and change.



Our Goal

We work to ensure that women and girls across East and francophone West Africa have access to comprehensive reproductive health care so they can thrive and fulfill their aspirations.

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Our Approach

We work with partners to drive progress toward two connected objectives:

1 Expand access to resilient and youth-friendly reproductive health services.

We aim to:

- Support innovative, community-centered models of care that are responsive to young people's needs and are resilient to conflict, climate, and other disruptions.
- Foster the development and quality improvement of contraceptive and safe abortion products that better meet people's needs and help make them more widely available.
- Strengthen sustainable financing for reproductive health by mobilizing African and global resources.

2 Strengthen the enabling environment for reproductive health and gender equity.

We aim to:

- Support civil society leaders – including women's groups, young people, and health care professionals – so they can effectively advocate for the implementation of policies, programs, and funding for reproductive health and gender equity.
- Strengthen regional networks and partnerships that enable civil society to coordinate advocacy, share learning, and more effectively influence policy and programming.



Geography

We take a regional approach, supporting grantees and partners whose work crosses borders and creates change throughout East and francophone West Africa. Rather than working country by country, this approach helps us drive change at scale, with each investment contributing to progress across multiple countries and positively impacting millions of lives.

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