Promoting reproductive health and rights

UNFPA plays an important role in strengthening the capacity of the health care system to provide high-quality reproductive and maternal health services. We support the development of health policy frameworks and assist in the transfer and provision of knowledge and modern technologies to medical personnel to ensure safe pregnancies and births, and to improve the quality of family planning services. At the grassroots level we train makhalla advisers, and through them, we reach out to communities to increase people’s awareness of reproductive health and rights.

The Fund works to ensure that populations maintain access to reliable information, consultation processes, and resources needed for the prevention of unwanted pregnancies. Helping national partners to make family planning services fully compliant with human rights standards is one of UNFPA’s major tasks.

Development of the national programme on cervical cancer screening and care is a new priority for UNFPA in the coming years.

Promoting gender equality

UNFPA promotes the equality of rights and opportunities for men and women and calls for implementing necessary legal and political reforms in this area. We help collecting gender-disaggregated data and the implementation of initiatives aimed at empowering women and combating domestic violence. UNFPA supports a Women’s Committee Initiative to develop a network of Centres for Legal and Social Support for Women and their Families that work to provide counselling and support for women in need, including survivors of trafficking and violence and their immediate family. This initiative implements one of the recommendations of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee. Along with this initiative, UNFPA supports the development and implementation of a new National CEDAW Action Plan in response to CEDAW Committee recommendations.

Linking population dynamics and development

Thus, UNFPA supports Uzbekistan in improving the capacity of the government at the central and local level to collect, analyze and use population data for the formulation of socio-economic development strategies.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Aral Sea GenePool Salvation Fund and the administrations of the Karakalpakstan, Khorezm and Bukhara viloyats, UNFPA works to develop skills of senior officials to analyze and use population information for decision-making purposes in the areas of health, education and social protection. As part of this initiative, UNFPA supports the development of a user-friendly online database of population and socio-economic indicators.

The Fund facilitates small-scale thematic population-based surveys to help the government collect data on important population issues. These surveys fill a critical gap in data concerning population and reproductive health related matters in Uzbekistan.

Working with adolescents and youth

UNFPA assists national institutions in developing and introducing courses on healthy lifestyles that address sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention for students in colleges, lyceums, and universities.

UNFPA supports integrating the practice of youth-friendly health services in primary health care across the country. With the Fund’s help, the Ministry of Health has developed an action plan to respond better to young people’s needs.

UNFPA has also been supporting a peer-to-peer education, which strives to promote a healthy lifestyle among young people and increases their awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS and the stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV, gender equality, and drug abuse. Working with national NGO SOS Children’s Villages Uzbekistan, UNFPA trains peer educators who in turn spread information among youth who reside in facilities run by this organization.

UNFPA – Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

We are the lead United Nations agency expanding possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives.

UNFPA and Uzbekistan – a long history of partnership

With a population exceeding 30 million, Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. Since 1993, The Fund has been working closely with the government and civil society to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights, promote gender equality, improve access to family planning information and services and ensure youth-friendly health services.

At a Glance: Some UNFPA activities in Uzbekistan

Training on population projections for regional branches of Ministry of Economy
Centre for Social and Legal Support of Women and their Families
Support to local authorities on Population and Development issues
Support to perinatal centres
Further strengthening of Emergency Obstetric Care
Training for medical employees to apply up-to-date contraceptive technologies
Cervical Cancer Prevention Programme
Nationwide Computerized Contraceptive Logistics Management Information System

Financial data on UNFPA work in Uzbekistan in 2005-2016

- Sexual and reproductive health: 7,685,000
- Youth: 2,618,000
- Gender equality: 2,100,000
- Population dynamics: 1,607,000

Cost of contraceptives donated to Uzbekistan 2005-2014: 7,387,000
Overall programme spending from core resources: 13,810,000
Additional programme resources mobilized in 2005-2016: 1,107,000

Total resources in 2005-2016: 21,197,000 USD

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