United Nations Population Fund



UNFPA is the lead UN agency working to ensure Reproductive Rights for all. UNFPA works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA works in more than 150 countries and territories that are home to the vast majority of the world's people. Guided by the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), UNFPA partners with governments, civil society and other agencies to advance its mission.

The work of UNFPA is based on the premise that all human beings are entitled to equal rights and protections. We focus on women and young people because these are groups whose ability to exercise their right to sexual and reproductive health is often compromised.

Our work on their behalf is informed by an understanding of population dynamics, human rights and cultural sensitivities.

"We at UNFPA, the United Nations reproductive health and rights agency, aspire to achieve three transformative goals with strong support from our partner:

- To end preventable maternal health
- To end unmet need for family planning
- To end violence practices against women and girls"

Dr. Natalia Kanem UNFPA executive Director



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Work in Iran

UNFPA has been working in the I.R. Iran for over 30 years, and is currently implementing its 6th Country Programme, which is aligned with Iran's 6th National Development Plan.

In Iran, UNFPA works with national partners to implement its mandate and go through challenges. Main goals of the 6th programme include:

- 1- Advocating for the availability of sexual and reproductive health strategies that will contribute to the capacity of Iran.
- 2- Empowering women and girls, in order to achieve national priorities.
- 3- Strengthening the national capacity to address development challenges, including enhancing universal health coverage and empowering older persons.
- 4- Harnessing the demographic dividend which will prepare the population of productive ages to invest in old age security to ensure health and dignity in old age for all people.



UNFPA Iran is working to ensure that everyone can enjoy a healthy reproductive life, and does this by:

- Improving the quality of reproductive health care and programme delivery in general.
- Addressing areas such as infertility and sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS.
- Incorporating reproductive health issues into the humanitarian responses of the country

Based on the national priorities, the population and development outputs aim at:

- Advocating and supporting development of sound evidence on the importance of existing demographic structure, and its impact on socioeconomic growth
- Advocating and supporting the inclusion of population dynamics particularly population ageing and related issues into national polices and strategic plans

UNFPA is an international development agency that promotes right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity.

Dr. Leila Joudane UNFPA Representative in Iran



Improving the quality of reproductive health care

As a cross-cutting strategy, UNFPA places emphasis on promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation by linking Iran to international best practices and resources to share its experiences. In this regard, UNFPA recently launched a large-scale project using Iranian midwifery expertise to strengthen maternal health in Afghanistan.



Healthy Reproductive Life is among main objectives of UNFPA programmes in the country

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