

TRENDS ANALYSIS 2020-2021

EUROPEAN DONOR SUPPORT TO SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING

WITH A SPOTLIGHT ON SRHR

ountdown 2030 Europe (C2030E) is a consortium of European NGOs who advocate for universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) worldwide. We make sure SRH and family planning (FP) are a funding priority for European donors and a policy priority in Europe and globally. To achieve this mission, the consortium partners track policy and financial trends in their respective countries: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK, in addition to the EU institutions. This report presents the outcomes of the policy and financial tracking for the year (financial data for 2020, policy updates for 2021).

POLICY TRENDS & HIGHLIGHTS

European donors continue to be vocal about the importance of SRH/FP and SRHR in international development.

16 new SRH/FP related European policy documents were endorsed by these countries, including a focus on humanitarian settings and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2021 also marked the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action through the Generation Equality Forum. In the context of its Action Coalition on SRHR and Bodily Autonomy, co-led by Denmark and France, European donors reaffirmed their support to SRHR and put forward a bold outcome plan for progress.

WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

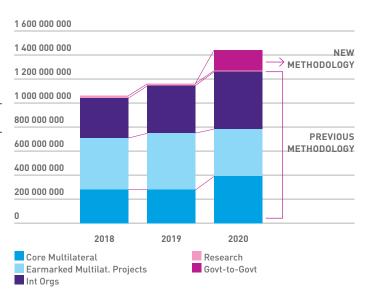
EUROPEAN DONORS' SUPPORT TO SRH/FP

In 2020, European donors contributed a total of 1.447 billion Euros to SRH/FP, reaching a new maximum.

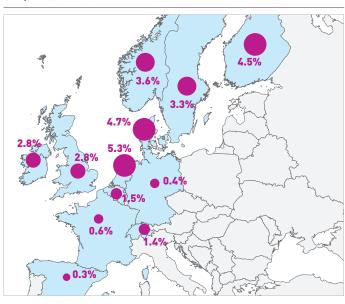
12 out of the 13 European donors under review either increased or maintained funding compared to the previous year. The multilateral system remains the most used stream for European donors' support to SRH/FP, followed by international organisations & initiatives and government-to-government cooperation - the latter of which is a funding stream measured for the first time this year.

In 2020, European donors provided more than 582 million Euros to UNFPA in support of SRH/FP, which is 14% less than in 2019 and equivalent to 0.7% of European Official Development Assistance (ODA). Although core funding and support to earmarked programmes increased in this period, this boost was not enough to offset the decreased contributions to the Supplies Programme. Individual European donors allocated between 0.3 - 5.3% of their ODA to SRH/FP in 2020.

EUROPEAN DONORS' SUPPORT TO SRH/FP



SRH/FP AS % OF ODA



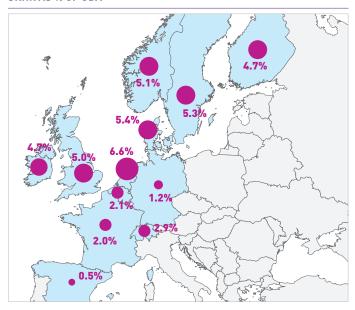
EUROPEAN DONORS' SUPPORT TO SRHR

Data collected indicates that in 2020 European donors contributed 2.614 billion Euros to SRHR. This includes the 1.447 billion Euros allocated to SRH/FP, in addition to other core SRHR elements, such as HIV/AIDS, prevention and integrated responses to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), safe abortion, work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer (LGBTIQ+) people or broader human rights-based, gender-responsive and intersectional approaches. Analysis of individual contributions confirms that European donors tend to invest on integrated approaches to SRHR, as advocated by C2030E. Once more, multilateral funding is the biggest share of SRHR investments. Of this, 617.5 million Euros was channelled through UNFPA.

EUROPEAN DONORS' FUNDING TO SRHR (2020)



SRHR AS % OF ODA



Individual European donors allocated between 0.5 – 6.6% to SRHR in 2020. This overview shows that it is possible to scale up the weight of SRHR as a share of European ODA, especially considering donors' increased efforts to work across sectors for interdependent achievements on development and SRHR. Countdown 2030 Europe partners will continue to work towards increased European investments in SRH/FP and SRHR and hold their governments accountable to their policy and funding commitments.

THE NOVELTIES INTRODUCED BY THIS REPORT

WHAT IS MEASURED

Assessing also SRHR funding: For the first time, this report assesses European donors' funding going to SRHR, in addition to SRH/FP. This new approach allows to measure other essential interventions, such as HIV investments – in line with the ICPD costed population package –, or initiatives that advance gender-responsiveness and bodily autonomy. SRHR funding is only available for 2020. To be noted however that the methodology does not necessarily match all donors' internal reporting.

HOW IT IS MEASURED

Complementing the financial streams: This report edition also considers for the first time what European donors contribute through government-to-government cooperation. As funding data through this stream is only available for 2020, the report presents two sets of findings: with and without government-to-government support.

WHO IS MEASURED

Complementing the sample of European donors: Another novelty is the inclusion of funding from the EU institutions, also done retroactively to include EU contributions since 2012.

A CLOSER LOOK AT INDIVIDUAL DONORS' TRENDS

To better depict all the funding trends, this report includes country pages for all 13 European donors analysed. More information can be found in the country sheets.



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