

Women's human rights must be at the centre of the Family Planning Summit: Civil Society Declaration

We, civil society organizations working to promote women's and young people's human rights, call on world leaders on the eve of the "Family Planning Summit", hosted by the UK Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights are at the centre of all efforts to meet reproductive health needs, including family planning.

Contraceptive information and services – "family planning" – form an essential part of the health services that women need throughout their lives. Any steps to increase demand for contraceptives must actively support efforts to improve comprehensive and integrated sexual and reproductive health. Contraceptives must be provided through primary healthcare, with full regard for women's human rights and the specific needs of young and unmarried women and other groups.

Our experience, built over decades of work around the world, has taught us that the failure to take actions guided by women's human rights – to health, to life, to live free from discrimination among others – can have devastating consequences. Policies that accept or tacitly condone forced sterilization, the coercive provision of contraceptives, and the denial of essential services to the young, poor and marginalized women that need them every day have violated, and continue to violate, women's human rights.

Nearly twenty years ago, governments at the International Conference on Population and Development agreed that respect for women's reproductive autonomy is the cornerstone of population policy. Any return to coercive family planning programs where quality of care and informed consent are ignored would be both shocking and retrograde. The Family Planning Summit must ensure that the clocks are not put back on women's human rights: women's autonomy and agency to decide freely on matters related to sexual and reproductive health without any discrimination, coercion or violence must be protected under all circumstances.

In order to expand contraceptive access with full respect for women's human rights, we urge governments, donors and other actors supporting the Family Planning Summit to:

- Take all possible measures to ensure that this initiative is designed with quality of care and human rights at its core, so that no coercive measures are introduced in the provision of contraceptives;
- Ensure that meaningful participation by women, including young women, is built into all stages of program design and implementation to ensure that services are responsive to their needs and to prevent any human rights violations;
- Ensure that the provision of contraceptives is integrated into existing and new sexual and reproductive health services, and that a full range of contraceptive methods is offered;
- Design and implement a system for monitoring, evaluation and accountability to track and measure its impact on the human rights of women as this initiative is rolled out, and urgently make necessary corrections should violations come to light;
- Commit to tackling the existing legal and policy barriers that hinder access to contraceptive information and services, without which efforts are likely to be ineffective and exacerbate disparities in access.

In 2012, nothing less will do.

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Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) - NEW WAYS	Turkey
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Red Flag Women's Movement	Sri Lanka
Action on African Women Foundation	Ghana
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BPW ISTANBUL Business and Professional Women Association	Turkey
Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)	India
Nepal-International Consumers Union	Nepal
Réseau des Associations et Groupements des Femmes Handicapées du Tchad (RAGFHT)	Chad
ELA - Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Genero	Argentina
Popular Education Programme	South Africa
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Servicios Urbanos y Rurales para Mujeres de Bajos Ingresos-SURMUBI	Perú

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Fundacion para Estudio e Investigacion de la Mujer -FEIM	Argentina
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Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat)	United Kingdom
Organizacion de Mujeres Tierra Viva	Guatemala
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Gender and Development Network	UK
Sex og Politikk - Norwegian Association for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	Norway
Colectivo Feminista Mujeres Universitarias	Honduras
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Rede Naional de Promoção e Controle social em Saúde das Lésbicas Negras	Brazil
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South Asia Forum for Human Rights	India
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Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)	USA
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Action Canada for Population and Development	Canada
Agrupación ciudadana por la despenalización del aborto terapéutico, ético y eugenésico	El Salvador
The Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality	Romania
International Disability Alliance	International
Campaign to Stop Torture in Health Care	International
Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ)	Nigeria
Associação Brasileira de Lésbicas, Gays, Bissexuais, Travestis e Transexuais	Brazil
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Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment in Africa (WAELE/ARCELFA)	Nigeria
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ASTRA Central and Eastern European Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health	Poland
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Population Services International	USA
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Lebanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Lebanon
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Youth Vision Zambia	Zambia
Population and Community Development Association	Thailand
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SUTRA	India
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Our Bodies Ourselves (Our Bodies Ourselves Global Network)	USA
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Articulação de Organizações de Mulheres Negras	Brazil
A Rede Mulheres Negras - PR	Brazil
Movimento Negro Unificado do Rio Grande do Sul - MNU/RS	Brazil
ActionAid International	International
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Tanzania Home Economics Association	Tanzania
Women's Health Initiative Group	Bulgaria
Irish Family Planning Association	Ireland
CREDO-ACTION	Togo
Commite National des Droits de la Femme (CONADF)	Republic of Congo
ONG Femmes Sante Developpement (FESADE)	Cameroon
Si Mujer	Nicaragua
The Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN)	LAC
CLADEM Brazil	Brazil
Management Sciences for Health	USA
Women's Rehabilitation Centre (Our Bodies Ourselves Global Network)	Nepal
Sanlaap (Our Bodies Ourselves Global Network)	India
Reproductive Health Matters	United Kingdom
Asia Pacific Women's Watch	Sri Lanka
Federation of Women Lawyers Kenya (FIDA Kenya)	Kenya

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