

## Introduction

The impact of voluntary family planning—for women, families, communities, and countries—is transformational. The ability to use contraceptives has far-reaching implications for a woman’s quality of life and may determine whether her children thrive or perish. At the same time, it is one of the most cost-effective investments a country can make in its future.

Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) is a global partnership that supports the rights of women and girls to decide, freely, and for themselves, whether, when, and how many children they want to have. FP2020 works with governments, civil society, multilateral organizations, donors, the private sector, and the research and development community to enable 120 million more women and girls to use contraceptives by 2020.

Achieving this goal requires an extraordinary commitment of effort across the next four years. Thus far, 39 countries have made commitments to FP2020, and, in 2014, donors provided US \$1.4 billion in bilateral funding for family planning—32 percent more than in 2012. FP2020 believes that by working together we tap the most precious resource of all: the human energy that fuels our adaptive creativity, talent for innovation, and shared dedication to improving the lives of the most vulnerable and isolated people.

*We invite you to join us by making a commitment to FP2020.*

## Why Make a Commitment?

By making a commitment to FP2020, you join the global community of leaders, experts, advocates, and implementers who are working together to address the most challenging barriers to expanding access to contraceptives. **This is an action-oriented partnership that seeks to accelerate the process of matching funds, technical expertise, and other resources with critical programmatic needs at the country level.**

These are some of the ways FP2020 can help you achieve your family planning goals:

- Developing and costing family planning strategies,
- Finding donors that can provide financial resources and technical expertise to fill short- and long-term gaps,
- Building capacity for measurement and evaluation, and using data to inform planning and decision-making,
- Working with you and donors to identify gaps, bottlenecks, and barriers that impede program implementation,
- Sharing knowledge, including tailored information for countries, and contributing to problem-solving by tapping into FP2020’s global network, and
- Fostering innovative partnerships and working relationships.

## What is an FP2020 Commitment?

An FP2020 commitment complement’s your countries family planning goals and strategies. When you make a commitment to FP2020, you gain access to an international platform from which you can promote your program and collaborate with fellow commitment-makers. FP2020 works at the country level through an existing network of donors, such as USAID, UNFPA, and DFID, with whom you likely work already. This ensures that your involvement in FP2020 does not create redundant activities and contributes to your existing country priorities and plans.

To date, more than 90 countries, donors, multilateral institutions, and civil society, research, development, and private sector organizations have made formal commitments to FP2020. Their commitments include specific financial, policy, and programmatic pledges that will contribute to achieving the FP2020 goal of expanding access to contraception. FP2020 commitments must be long-term, sustainable, and measurable. Importantly, all commitments must be grounded in FP2020’s fundamental principles. *To see the list of commitment-makers, please visit <http://www.familyplanning2020.org/commitments/pages/commitment-makers>.*

FP2020 is aligned with the United Nations Secretary-General Ban ki-Moon's *Every Woman, Every Child* Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. A commitment to FP2020 is counted as a commitment to *Every Woman, Every Child*. If your country has already made a commitment to *Every Woman, Every Child*, your FP2020 commitment supplements that commitment.

### **How Do I Make a Commitment?**

To make a new commitment to FP2020, please review and complete the FP2020 Commitment Form. You may submit your form or direct questions to [info@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:info@familyplanning2020.org). Your commitment will have to be approved by the Every Woman, Every Child Secretariat, during which there may be a request for additional information.

### **What Happens After?**

We will work with you to announce and spotlight your commitment to the FP2020 community—an important step in the process of identifying ways FP2020 can help you meet your family planning goals. Some ways FP2020 has highlighted new commitments is through press releases and statements at press events.

FP2020 is expanding access to contraception by helping governments get the financial, technical, and informational resources they need. At the country level, FP2020 will work with you to identify your priorities and determine what we can do to support your program.

In addition, FP2020 supports a culture of learning and emergent thinking to help accelerate progress toward our shared goal. For this reason, FP2020 tracks progress on commitments. This information is shared on the FP2020 website (<http://www.familyplanning2020.org>) and informs the FP2020 Annual Progress Report (<http://progress.familyplanning2020.org/>).



# Commitment Form for Countries

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please describe the specific financial, policy, and programmatic actions your country commits to taking to expand access to voluntary family planning by 2020:*

Financial:

Policy:

Programmatic:

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***Please provide the following information:***

Government department or office responsible for commitment:

Government point of contact for communication on this commitment:

Signature and date signed:

## ***Examples of FP2020 Partner Country Commitments***

**Financial commitment:** a pledge of new, additional funds for family planning; or a pledge to prioritize or earmark funds for a dimension of family planning.

- Guinea: *From 2014-2018, \$743,493 will be appropriated annually for the purchase of contraceptives, constituting 50% of the cost of contraceptive products.*
- Mozambique: *Cover 5% (2012), 10% (2015), and 15% (2020) of contraceptive needs in the federal budget.*

**Policy commitment:** a pledge to make a change in law, policy, or governance structure to enable family planning; or a pledge to place greater emphasis or raise the profile of existing laws, policies, or governance structures.

- Cote d'Ivoire: *Contraceptives have been included in the recommended list of essential medicines and subsidized to improve affordability.*
- Guinea: *Enforce the legal marriage age of 18 in accordance with the Children's Code by 2018.*
- Malawi: *Strengthen policy leadership by elevating the Reproductive Health Unit to a full directorate.*

**Programmatic commitment:** a pledge to implement programs that increase awareness, expand access, offer choice, ensure quality of care, eliminate barriers, respect rights, and support measurement, evaluation, and accountability.

- India: *Scale up investments and service delivery in 264 districts which have particularly weak public health indicators.*
- Liberia: *Train general community health workers in conducting counseling, distribution of family planning commodities, and appropriate administration of contraceptive methods.*
- Mauritania: *National action plan on family planning developed will be implemented for the period 2014-2018 and outlines Mauritania's priorities for family planning and creates a framework for partnership and resource mobilization.*
- Mozambique: *Increase the number of health facilities offering at least three contraceptive methods from one-third to 50% by 2015.*