

# CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY: PPG'S HISTORICAL TIMELINE

## Five Decades of Backing the Brave

For more than half a century, Planned Parenthood Global (PPG) has partnered with courageous leaders around the world to spark and sustain progress for sexual and reproductive health and rights. We have seen powerful change when people and organizations come together to work toward common goals.

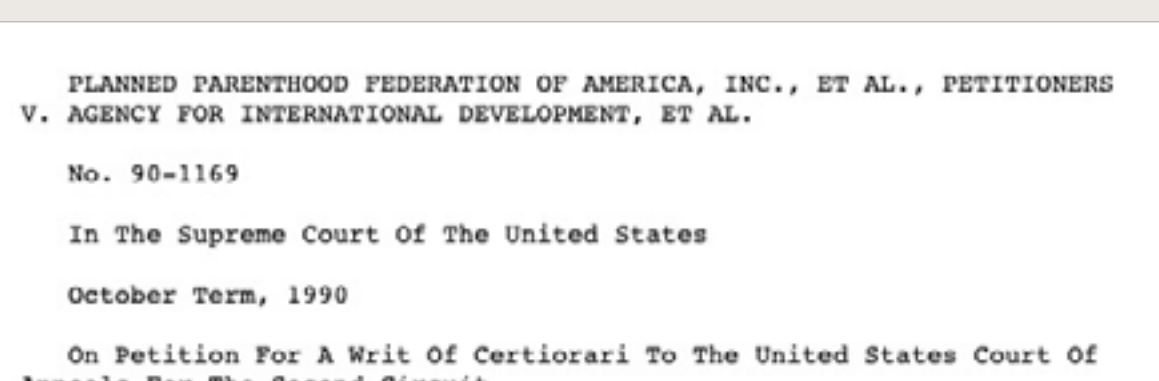


**1970's** ←  
In the 1970's when USAID wanted to support international access to family planning, the US government came to Planned Parenthood to design and implement the program. Under the name Family Planning International Assistance (FPIA), the Planned Parenthood Federation of America received the largest of USAID's program grants, averaging between \$12 and \$15 million per year by the late 1970s and early '80s used to partner with countries to expand access to family planning around the world.

### 1970's

→ **1972**  
PPFA opened an office in Kenya to provide technical support to local non-governmental organizations.

→ **1974**  
With PPFA's support, Teresa de Vargas and others founded the organization CEMOPLAF in Ecuador, which became the country's largest provider of sexual and reproductive health care.



**1987** ←  
PPFA sued the U.S. government over the restrictions imposed on USAID funding through the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy), which prohibits foreign non-governmental organizations from receiving U.S. global health assistance if they provide information, referrals, or services for legal abortion or advocate for legalization of abortion in their country – even if they do so with non-U.S. funds.

### 1980's

→ **1983**  
PPFA supported the launch of the organization APROPO in Peru to improve quality of life for all Peruvians. APROPO went on to become a national leader in social marketing of contraception.



→ **1972-1989**  
FPIA supplied 330 million cycles of contraceptive pills, 1.3 billion condoms, 14 million IUDs, and distributed nearly \$92 million of USAID-furnished financial assistance to more than 439 projects in 61 countries.



### 1990's

→ **1990's**, ←  
after losing its lawsuit challenging the global gag rule and USAID funding, PPFA embarked on a strategic shift and doubled down to support abortion rights around the world, seeking new donors to support this vision. Leading organizations in many countries founded with PPFA's support include SHSSR in Yucatán, Mexico; Si Mujer in Nicaragua; and Tan Ux'il in Guatemala.



→ **1990's**  
PPFA launched the first-ever Youth Peer Provider program in Mexico to train young people, not just as peer educators, but contraceptive counselors, too, directly providing contraception and referrals to other youth.



→ **1998**  
with PPFA support, a group of activists and providers in Guyana launched the first-ever clinic to offer abortion after it was legalized in 1995.



→ **1999** ←  
PPFA launched Global Partners, pairing Planned Parenthood affiliates across the U.S. with global "sister organizations" to foster the exchange of skills, experience, and resources.

### 2000's

→ **2000's** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global launched the Latin American Abortion Provider Support Network, also known as Grupo Cosco, to create solidarity, training, peer-to-peer sharing, and connections to legal experts to protect providers against raids and harassment.



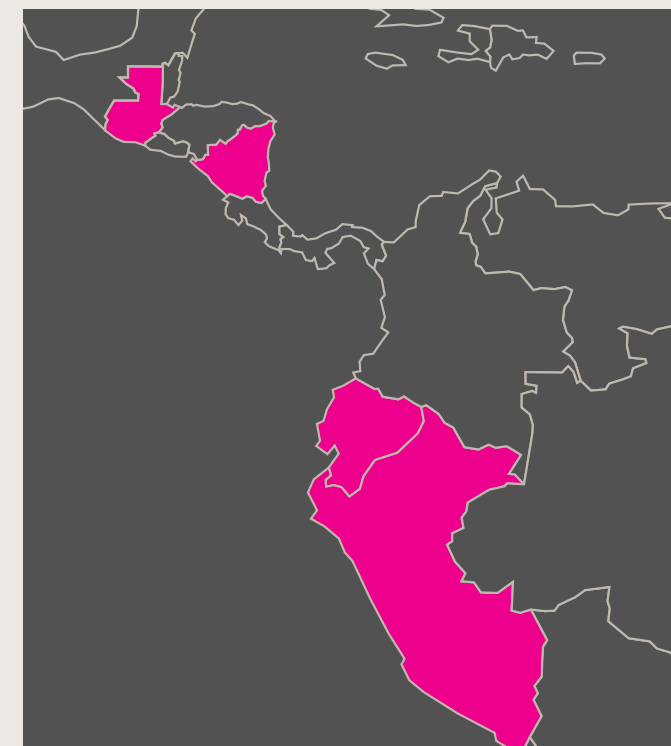
Photo by Dora (inauguration in November '00)

→ **2001**  
PPFA launched the community-based access to misoprostol (CBAM) model, supporting partners to deliver abortion and post-abortion care with pills where appropriate.



→ **2002**  
Leading organizations founded with PPFA support: Promsex in Peru, AME-Guatemala, Prevenir and Surkuna in Ecuador

First multidisciplinary coalition dedicated to abortion advocacy launched in Guatemala



→ **2002** ←  
with PPFA's support, the Network of Adolescents and Youth of Africa (NAYA) launched flagship chapters in Benin, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, and Uganda. Today NAYA has more than 120 active member organizations.



→ **2004**  
PPFA supported the formation of the Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance (RHRA) in Kenya, a coalition of safe abortion rights advocates.

### 2004

→ **2004** ←  
PPFA joined activists, researchers, and health service providers to found the Consorcio Latinoamericano Contra el Aborto Inseguro (Latin American Consortium Against Unsafe Abortion) CLACAI.



→ **2007**  
PPFA supported the convening of the first-ever national Abortion Mock Tribunal in Kenya to publicize the negative consequences of the criminalization of abortion in Kenya through storytelling.



### 2010's

→ **2011** ←  
PPFA relaunched its international program as Planned Parenthood Global and published Health Has No Borders to articulate the organization's model of supporting partners advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy and service delivery.

→ **2010**  
The RHRA led a charge to ensure that Kenya's new constitution not only protected safe abortion access but expanded it.



→ **2011**  
PPFA supported the formation of Reproductive Health Network-Kenya (RHNK), a network of health professionals advocating for and promoting access to safe abortion information and services around the country.

→ **2012**  
PPFA launched the Closing the Gap project to ensure that reproductive rights enshrined in the new constitution became a reality across the country. Closing the Gap partners went on to serve an average of 1.4 million clients annually through 2021, 65% of which were 24 years or younger.



Pregnant teens sit in a health center waiting room in Paten, Guatemala. The health center is run by Tan Ux'il, a youth-friendly partner of Planned Parenthood Global.

→ **2015**  
Planned Parenthood Global released the Stolen Lives report, documenting the incidence and consequences of forced pregnancy among young girls in Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Peru.

### 2015

→ **2015**  
Planned Parenthood Global launched Voices for Health, an initiative in Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, Senegal, and Uganda to support advocates to test messages and design evidence-based sexual and reproductive rights campaigns around national policy goals.



→ **2017** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global launched the IDEA Initiative to engage business, tech, social impact, and communications leaders to design leading-edge solutions to sexual and reproductive health challenges.

→ **2016**  
Planned Parenthood Global and partners promoted the slogan "girls, not mothers" and the hashtag #NiNiasNiMadres as part of a multifaceted strategy to spotlight forced pregnancy among young girls and encourage the expansion of access to safe, legal abortion.



→ **2017** ←  
PPG had the amazing opportunity to partner with organizations at FESPACO to create a short film called Silence Kills about youth in Burkina Faso and the need for health care access there and everywhere. [Silence Kills Part One](#), [Silence Kills Part Two](#)

→ **2017**  
Planned Parenthood Global and 16 partners convened a meeting of African women in Senegal to call on the government to make good on the commitments they made in signing the "Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa." Also known as the Maputo Protocol, this international agreement states that countries should permit abortion "in cases of sexual assault, rape, incest, and where the continued pregnancy endangers the mental and physical health of the mother or the life of the mother or the foetus." (FESPACO 2017)



Photo sourced by The Sawtooth Network

→ **2018** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global partners in Mexico piloted an abortion by telemedicine program.

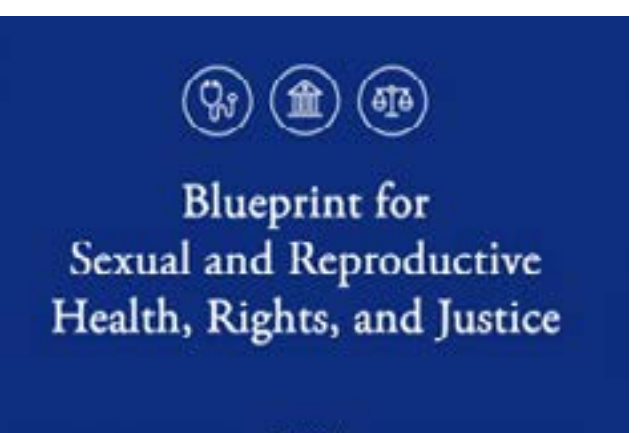


→ **2018** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global and 100 young people launched "Billi Now Now!" an arts, culture and movement-building initiative designed to draw attention to the urgent needs of the planet's billion young people - including their sexual and reproductive rights.

→ **2018**  
After years of controversy, Uganda officially enacted the National Sexuality Education Framework to provide comprehensive, school-based sex education to young people across the country.

→ **2019** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global and partners presented five cases of girls who were denied abortion after rape to the UN human rights committees in a groundbreaking legal action.

→ **2019**  
Health care champions in the U.S. Congress introduced three proactive, global sexual and reproductive health and rights bills with record support from policymakers: the Global HER Act, Reproductive Rights are Human Rights Act, and the Support UNFPA Funding Act.



→ **2019** ←  
PPFA joined nearly 80 organizations to present "Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice," a proactive policy agenda to advance sexual and reproductive health in the United States and around the world.

→ **2019**  
With Planned Parenthood Global's support, El Churo organized the first Latin American forum for journalists covering SRHR in Ecuador, bringing together over 500 participants from 13 countries.

### 2020's

→ **2020** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global partners worked alongside the Guatemala Ministry of Health to roll out a successful program that enables home use of misoprostol which is a prostaglandin that can be used for a number of maternal health issues, including abortion. Misoprostol is often referred to as the abortion pill by midwives.

→ **2020**  
Champions in the U.S. Congress introduced the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act. This proactive legislation set out to end the Helms Amendment, which bans the use of U.S. foreign assistance for abortion care.

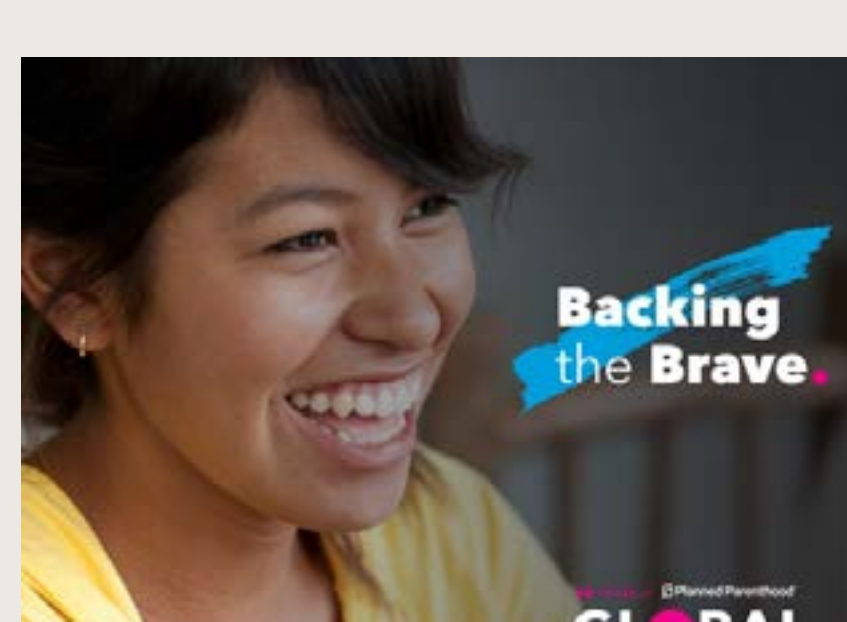


→ **2021** ←  
The Billi Now Now! movement in Burkina Faso launched a digital referral platform to link young people to trusted health facilities. The percentage of successful youth referrals to SRHR services increased from 20% to 70% among Planned Parenthood Global's partners.

→ **2021**  
Planned Parenthood Global and partners informed the drafting of the National Plan for Family Planning in Burkina Faso, which includes bold commitments to increase access to sexual and reproductive health care.



→ **2021** ←  
Planned Parenthood Global's youth partners Tan Ux'il launched the Toma Nota digital platform to provide young people across Central America with SRHR information.



→ **2021**  
The Constitutional Court of Ecuador ruled to decriminalize abortion in the case of rape, in part due to the brave advocacy of Planned Parenthood Global partners like Desafio, Surkuna, and others.

→ **Looking forward...**  
During the 50 year anniversary of Planned Parenthood Global, we have released our campaign "Backing the Brave." With it, we are doubling down on our commitment to supporting bold and innovative partners in the locally-led, globally-connected movement for sexual and reproductive health and safe abortion.