

Organisations Supporting Safe and Legal Abortion in Africa

Below is a list of organisations that are active in Africa on access to safe and legal abortion. For many of these organisations, work on abortion is part of their broader work on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). The list was developed by the Regional Team for SRHR from the Embassy of Sweden, based in Lusaka. It is a work in progress so if you would like your organisation to be added to the list or would like the description below to be revised, please e mail the relevant information in a format similar to that used below (Type of organisation, Name of Organisation, Description of role/services, website address) to info@sexrightsafrika.net

Health service providers

Population Services International (PSI)

PSI is a global health organisation dedicated to challenges such as a lack of family planning, HIV and AIDS, barriers to maternal health. They also address some of the greatest threats to children under five, including malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia and malnutrition. PSI seeks to save women's lives and reduce the mortality and morbidity caused by unsafe abortion. Their network supplies quality contraceptives in order to enable women to avoid unintended pregnancies.

<http://www.psi.org/>

DKT International

DKT International is one of the largest private providers of family planning and reproductive health products and services in the developing world. A non-profit organisation that has been promoting family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention through social marketing, it works on safe and affordable abortion wherever legal and is present in 20 countries globally. Eighty per cent of the budget is covered by revenues from retail revenues.

<http://www.dktinternational.org/contraceptive-social-marketing/providing-safe-affordable-abortion/>

IPAS

Ipas is unique among international NGOs in bringing a comprehensive approach to the issue of unsafe abortion, through strategies that have evolved over more than 40 years of working with governments and other partners around the world. Ipas's strengths include integrating comprehensive abortion care, including measures for prevention of unwanted pregnancy, into organized health systems; ensuring that women have the knowledge, skills, social support and sources of care in their communities to make and act upon their reproductive decisions; and promoting a policy, legislation and rights environment that supports access to comprehensive abortion care and prevention of unwanted pregnancy. Ipas also has a strong research program, focused on producing evidence to improve policies and practices related to abortion.

<http://www.ipas.org/en/What-We-Do/Comprehensive-Abortion-Care.aspx>

Marie Stopes International

Marie Stopes International is an NGO that provides a full range of quality sexual and reproductive health services. It has expert teams that offer a full range of methods of contraception, and provides women with access to safe abortion services (where legal) and post-abortion care.

<http://mariestopes.org/what-we-do/safe-abortion-and-post-abortion-care>

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

IPPF is a federation of 152 Member Associations, working in 172 countries and six regional offices. It runs 65,000 service points worldwide and strives to increase access to sexual and reproductive health information and services incl. access to safe and legal abortion.

<http://www.ippf.org/our-work/what-we-do/Abortion>

Women Care Global (WCG)

WCG works to provide affordable access to high-quality reproductive health products for women and girls around the world through a sustainable value chain, empowering them to make and act on safe choices. It forecasts demand and distributes reproductive healthcare products through a global supply chain, bringing reproductive options to women in more than 100 countries worldwide.

<http://www.womancareglobal.org/>

International Consortium for Medical Abortion (ICMA)

The International Consortium for Medical Abortion (ICMA) works to promote medical abortion within the framework of support for women's right to a safe, legal abortion worldwide, focusing on the needs of women in developing countries, including countries where abortion is unsafe or not accessible. ICMA supports international and regional networks of organisations and individuals interested in medical abortion, including for those working to make medical abortion available in safe conditions for women.

<http://www.medicalabortionconsortium.org/>

International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC)

IWHC strives to advance the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and young people, particularly adolescent girls globally. IWHC works to expand the availability and quality of safe abortion services as part of comprehensive reproductive health policies and programs. It has been active in Africa for nearly three decades and has helped build and strengthen grassroots organisations in Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Swaziland. Regionally, they support feminist groups and young leaders to advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights at the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

<http://iwhc.org/priorities/ensure-safe-legal-abortion/>

Pathfinder International

Pathfinder helps ensure the availability of safe, legal abortion services that are performed by well-trained providers so that every woman has options and can make choices about what is best for her personal wellbeing.

<http://www.pathfinder.org/our-work/focus-areas/abortion/>

Guttmacher Institute

The Guttmacher Institute works to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights through an inter-related program of research, policy analysis and public education. It focuses on the right to choose and to access safe, legal abortion. <https://www.guttmacher.org/about/mission.html>

PATH

PATH is an international non-profit organisation, with a focus on saving lives and improving health, especially among women and children. It has played a central role in advancing access to emergency contraception worldwide.

<http://sites.path.org/rh/>

EngenderHealth

EngenderHealth is a leading global women's health organisation working on SRHR in 20 countries around the world to make high-quality family planning and sexual and reproductive health services available. It has been involved with implementing post-abortion care services in nearly 30 countries.

<https://www.engenderhealth.org/our-work/maternal/postabortion-care.php>

Technical and research

Gynuity

Gynuity provides technical assistance and research expertise on medical abortions.

<http://gynuity.org/programs/medical-abortion/>

African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)

APHRC is a leading pan-African research institution that conducts high quality policy-relevant research on population, health, education, urbanisation and related development issues across Africa. APHRC actively engages policymakers and other key stakeholders to achieve measurable policy impacts and ensures decision making across the continent is informed by rigorous evidence-based research.

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Foundations and funders

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

This Foundation provides grants to expand access to quality family planning and improve the quality of essential reproductive health services, as well as to support organisations that advocate for better policies and conduct vital research to inform those policies. It has a special focus on East Africa and Francophone West Africa. It supports organisations working for reforms that make abortions legal. In countries where the legal framework already permits abortion, they support organisations working to improve the quality of clinical services so women who choose to terminate a pregnancy can do so safely.

<http://www.hewlett.org/programs/global-development-population/expanding-choices/international-womens-reproductive-health>

Ford Foundation

The goal of their department on Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Justice is to help develop national reproductive and sexual health policies and laws supported by regional and international standards. It provides support to a range of organisations working on SRHR incl. to **National Network of Abortion Funds** www.fundabortionnow.org/ which in turn provides support to **Women on Web** (a web-based service for women based in the Netherlands)

<https://www.womenonweb.org/en/page/521/about-women-on-web>

Gates Foundation

Gates Foundation provides support to a range of organisations working on family planning and has set a goal to bring access to high-quality contraceptive information, services, and supplies to an additional 120 million women and girls in the poorest countries by 2020 without coercion or discrimination, with the longer-term goal of universal access to voluntary family planning.

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Family-Planning>

Concept Foundation

Concept Foundation was established in 1989 as an international, non-governmental and non-profit organisation, based in Bangkok, Thailand and in Geneva, Switzerland. The ultimate goal of Concept Foundation in relation to medical abortion is that, globally, all women who want a first or second trimester abortion, will have safe, affordable and reliable products or methods available for termination of their pregnancy. Concept Foundation uses its expertise to get **Medabon®** — a **quality-assured misoprostol-mifepristone product** — registered and introduced in the public sector in as many countries as legally possible. This will be done in up to 20 lower and middle income countries up to 2016, in continued partnership with, inter alia, [IPPF](#), [IPAS](#), [PSI](#), [WCG](#) and [MSI](#).

<http://www.conceptfoundation.org/about-concept-foundation/what-we-do/access-to-safe-medical-abortion/>

Amplify Change

Amplify Change is a fund that aims to empower young people, men and women to realise their sexual and reproductive rights. Its vision is to help to secure universal recognition of SRHR as human rights, enabling people to realise their full potential in safe and supportive environments. Amplify Change supports civil society and community-based groups working in countries where the needs are greatest, in particular Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. It provides grants to CSOs that advocate for and promote better policy and action on neglected sexual and reproductive health and rights issues including safe abortion.

John Worley | Fund Director

<https://amplifychange.org/>

NGOs and CBOs

FEMNET

African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) is a regional, membership-based non-governmental organisation (NGO) working on gender equality and SRHR. It operates through sub-regional and National Focal Points (NFP), most of which are women's network or umbrella organisations. FEMNET was set up in 1988 to share information, experiences, ideas and strategies among African women's NGOs as a strategy for strengthening women's capacity to participate effectively the development of our continent. This is done through advocacy, capacity building, communication and networking.

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African Youth Safe Abortion Alliance (AYOSA)

AYOSA is working to provide an independent and effective voice for the protection and promotion of women and girls' rights to safe and legal abortion, and to advocate and influence policy-makers in order to improve health and other social outcomes. AYOSA believes that legalisation of abortion can prevent the unnecessary suffering and death of women and sustain adult-youth partnerships and dialogue with policy makers on safe abortion issues. AYOSA is based in Mzuzu – Malawi

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HIVOS

Hivos is an international organisation that seeks new solutions to persistent global issues. For many years, Hivos has been working on issues of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), with a strong focus on people's rights to (bodily) self-determination, freedom of choice and pleasure. In itself, SRHR constitutes a sensitive issue in most countries. However, Hivos consciously chooses to work in areas within the field of SRHR that are especially controversial.

<https://www.hivos.org/focal-area/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-srhr>

KMET

KMET is an indigenous Kenyan non governmental organisation established to promote quality health and education services across Kenya. KMET was founded in 1995 and registered under the Trustees Act in 1996. KMET is committed to serving underserved communities in the spheres of Maternal, Child and Family Health. The organisation is based in Kisumu and operates in 35 of the 47 counties in Kenya as well as regionally in East and Central Africa.

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Media – academic, multi-media development

Reproductive Health Matters (RHM)

RHM is a biannual peer-reviewed medical journal covering sexual and reproductive health and rights. It has an international network and engages with partners and collaborators around the globe. <http://www.rhmjournal.org.uk/about/#sthash.cKl8XzHU.dpuf>

<http://www.rhmjournal.org.uk/#sthash.OAEWIG0d.dpuf>

Population Media Center

PMC is a non-profit, international non-governmental organisation founded in 1998 using entertainment-education for positive behaviour change to improve the health and well-being of people around the world. PMC creates [serialized dramas](#), also called soap operas, on radio and television, in which characters evolve into role models for the audience.

<https://www.populationmedia.org/>

MTV Staying Alive

MTV Staying Alive produces ground-breaking, original content that delivers vital HIV prevention messaging to a young international audience. Locally, it gives the right tools to the right people in the right places, namely young people with the influence, drive and determination to help protect their generation and beyond. Its content includes addressing issues of unwanted pregnancy and abortion.

<http://mtvstayingalive.org/>

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Name of organisation

Country/region of operation

Website address

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