Contraceptive supplies financing - a look at European donors

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- Consortium of 15 NGOs in 12 European countries, led by IPPF European Network
- Working to hold European donor governments to account on their policy and financial commitments on sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP)
- Producing an annual tracking report on policy and financial trends in support of SRH/FP from European donor countries
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Contraceptive supplies financing: what role for donors?

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Trends in European donor funding
Four key indicators of European donor funding

1) Funding to UNFPA:
Core funding for UNFPA, funding for UNFPA Supplies, and funding to earmarked UNFPA projects on SRH/FP

2) Multilateral Funding for SRH/FP:
Core funding going towards SRH/FP for key group of multilaterals* and earmarked SRH/FP multilateral funding
*UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank

3) SRH/FP “through all streams”:
As 2) but also including funding for international organisations/initiatives/research, e.g. IPPF, Marie Stopes International, Global Fund (%), Global Financing Facility...
Does NOT include bilateral donor to recipient country funding

4) Transparency in bilateral funding of SRH/FP:
Qualitative indicator; rating donor countries on how transparent/accessible their data on bilateral funding of SRH/FP is
2017 snapshot

In brief:

- European donors increased their funding for SRH/FP in 2017, following numerous funding pledges in support of SheDecides and FP2020 throughout the year.
- While this presents a welcome increase in funding following declines in 2016, it is too soon to tell whether this positive trend will continue.
A closer look

Funding for SRH/FP through all streams (excl. bilateral)
- In 2017, from all 12 European countries: EUR 808 million
- 17% increase from 2016
- Largest donors: UK (EUR 199m), Norway (EUR 151m), Netherlands (EUR 124m), Sweden (EUR 114m)

Funding to UNFPA (core funding + UNFPA Supplies + earmarked SRH/FP projects)
- In 2017, from all 12 European countries: nearly 459 million
- 17% increase from 2016
- But: only UNFPA SRH/FP project funding increased significantly between 2016 and 2017, nearly doubling
- Core funding and funding to UNFPA Supplies were largely sustained at 2016 levels
Funding to UNFPA (core funding + UNFPA Supplies + earmarked SRH/FP projects)

- Core funding: EUR 251m (5% increase from 2016)
- UNFPA Supplies: EUR 91m (3% increase from 2016)
- Projects: EUR 116m (80% increase from 2016)

### Largest donors

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Role of European donors

Donor contributions to UNFPA Supplies in 2017 (based on UNFPA Supplies Annual Report 2017)

- European donors (89%)
- Other (11%)

Donor government funding for FP in 2017 (based on Kaiser Family Foundation analysis)*

- United States (38%)
- Australia and Canada (7%)
- Other (<1%)
- European donors (53%)

Modalities of donor support + recommendations
Looking at...

- Current context of supplies financing in low- and middle-income countries (funding sources and trends, stakeholders...)
- Current trends in donor finance
- Processes of supplies procurement and financing
- Role of donors in contraceptive supplies financing (funding modalities used and possible advantages/disadvantages)

Bilateral, multilateral, multi-bilateral channels

Loans (example: Global Financing Facility)

Volume guarantees, partnerships with the private sector

Pledge guarantee funds, bridging finance

Results-based financing mechanisms, development impact bonds, co-financing

...
Recommendations for donor support

Donors should continue and increase financial support for contraceptive supplies and family planning programmes.

- Investment essential to women’s and girls’ health and well-being and the realisation of their sexual and reproductive rights.
- Combination with funding for capacity building and health systems strengthening will bring more sustainable results.

To increase sustainability, donors should support financing modalities that encourage government commitment and country ownership.

- UNFPA Supplies aiming to increase country commitments...
- Co-financing...
Recommendations for donor support

Donors should continue to explore how to use their funds more efficiently, while mitigating against any potential adverse effects.

- Volume guarantees, support for introduction of new methods, bridging finance...
- Importance of a rights-based approach!

To increase equity and sustainability, donors should provide financing which supports countries to move towards universal health coverage.

- Importance of move away from out-of-pocket spending for health services
- Inclusion of package of sexual and reproductive health services and supplies in universal health coverage schemes
Recommendations for donor support

Transition countries:

To help ease transition and maintain equity, donors should support inclusion of transition countries in price reduction and volume guarantee schemes...

... and provide financial support for new procurement and domestic financing initiatives (pooled procurement, co-financing schemes...).
Thank you