

**FAMILY PLANNING:  
A FEMINIST ASSOCIATION BASED  
ON A PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH SINCE 1956**



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## FROM FIELD EXPERIENCE TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

**As a feminist organization based on a pedagogical approach, Family Planning has been advocating for access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for over 60 years.** Through an intersectional approach, we act for women's rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, SRHR including the right and access to safe abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, and adapted and inclusive support for people with disabilities; we fight against violence and anti-choice and anti-gender movements. We demand that everyone should be able to enjoy a fulfilling sexuality, free from constraints, violence and dependency. Our expertise in the field, both in France and internationally, enables us to develop effective advocacy for a more egalitarian, equitable and inclusive society.



OUR FIGHT AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

## WE TAKE ACTION

**Family Planning relies on the expertise of its partners in the field to carry out advocacy rooted in reality. Since the early 60s, Family Planning has been bonding with international organizations. The first cooperation programs were initiated through partnerships established by departmental associations.**

Since 2003, Family Planning and its partners in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Madagascar have been working to question gender norms and make people more active players in their emotional, relational and sexual lives. Since 2021 in Burkina Faso, a pilot program with young peer educators from the age of 10 has been implemented, also strengthening adults in their cross-border living area. It was then extended to Madagascar, Chad, Tunisia and Vietnam, to work for comprehensive sexuality education from the earliest age and the right to abortion.

**Family Planning strives to work with its partners valuing equality and horizontality, and applying the principles of a pedagogical approach. Decolonizing practices are central to our thoughts and actions.**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> 1956**

Establishment of *Maternité heureuse*, which later became the *Mouvement Français pour le Planning familial* (French Family Planning Movement)

**1983**

France ratifies the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which assesses the state of violence against women in signatory countries every 5 years

**1960**

French Family Planning joins the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

**1994**

International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo, recognizes sexual and reproductive rights

## OUR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

Our two priorities for the advancement and recognition of SRHR as fundamental human rights are to:

- **Mobilize the French public authorities for feminist public policies in Europe and internationally:** our advocacy is directed towards France so that it leads exemplary feminist policies on a national, European and international level in its position statements. We also advocate at the European Union in the context of new directives or European elections.
- **Contribute to a strong and proactive international network of feminist organizations:** the solidarity and visibility of feminist and LGBTQIA+ struggles transcend borders. This international feminist network is built on exchanges of practices through international programs. Strengthening this solidarity, mobilizing and training our Network on these issues, and making French Family Planning's work visible, are all part of our strategy.



**1995**

Beijing Conference adopts the main global policy document on gender equality, with the fight against violence as one of its key areas of focus, to which the signatory governments commit themselves

**2003**

French Family Planning's first cooperation program with partners in Cameroon, Madagascar and Burkina Faso

**2003**

Maputo Protocol commits African signatory states to guaranteeing women's rights

**2012**

Family Planning's first participation in the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

## WE DEFEND

**By raising awareness in favor of feminist public policies in Europe and internationally, Family Planning actively advocates for the rights of women, LGBTQIA+ people and better access to sexual health for everyone everywhere in the world:**

- Through our participation in international conferences and events, in order to advance international standards.
- By lobbying European parliamentarians to ensure that European directives are in line with our message. With the same objective in mind, we are also approaching candidates in the European elections.
- We work with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the French Development Agency to ensure that our themes are integrated into international strategies and their implementation.

Last but not least, the international days provide an opportunity to promote our demands through communication campaigns, the drafting of press boxes, events and meetings between institutions and civil society organizations.



**2015**

Launch of the Agenda 2030 to achieve the 17 sustainable development goals, of which goal 5 is dedicated to gender equality

**2021**

Family Planning's active participation in the Generation Equality Forum

**2014**

Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence enters into force in France

**2024**

Launch of PADSSR (support program for SRHR, sexual and reproductive health and rights) in Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Chad, Tunisia and Vietnam



## KEY FACTS

**A dozen experts** involved in international programs (health professionals, marriage and family counselors, trainers, advocacy, project coordinators...).

Partners in **10 countries** for over 20 years.

**More than 10 cooperation programs** since the 2000s.

Participation in **dozens of international conferences** since 2015 (UN Commission on the Status of Women, CPD, Women Deliver, AFRAVIH...).

## PARTNERS



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