

NORWAY

In September 2021, Norway held parliamentary elections that led to a change of government. The newly elected leadership has defined six priority areas for Norwegian ODA in the upcoming period, one of which is women's bodily autonomy. In this context, the government wants to strengthen Norwegian efforts, establish new alliances and increase support to family planning, contraception and safe abortions.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Although great financial commitments were made to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) during the Nairobi Summit in 2019, Norway substantially sustained (-3%) its level of funding in 2020, totalling 133 million Euros, or 3.6% of total ODA. This is due to a slight reduction in earmarked multilateral programmes and research, while support through SRH/FP organizations and initiatives increased, including through the Global Financial Facility. Norway mostly relies on the multilateral system to promote access to SRH/FP: 70% of Norwegian support was channelled through core and earmarked multilateral programmes.

Contributions to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are significantly higher than only looking at SRH/FP, given Norwegian support also to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), safe abortion and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV): total funding in 2020 amounted to more than 187 million Euros, equivalent to 5.1% of total ODA. Government-to-government and research were the only channels that Norway did not use in 2020 to advance SRH/FP or SRHR.

In 2020, Norway's support to UNFPA benefitting SRH/FP decreased by 23%, amounting to 78 million Euros. This was mainly due to substantially curtailed support to earmarked programmes. A significant portion of disbursed funds through these initiatives was allocated to humanitarian assistance, in line with the country's ICPD+25 commitments. On the other hand, Norway allocated almost 85 million Euros to SRHR through UNFPA.

FORECAST

The reduction of funds for SRHR in 2020 has been acknowledged by the Norwegian Minister of International Development, who committed to close the gap in the upcoming years.

SRH/FP AS % ODA

3,6%

SRHR AS % ODA

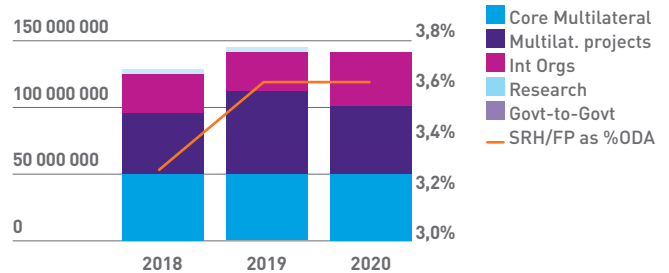
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LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



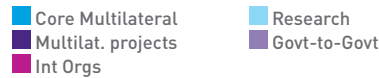
NORWAY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING

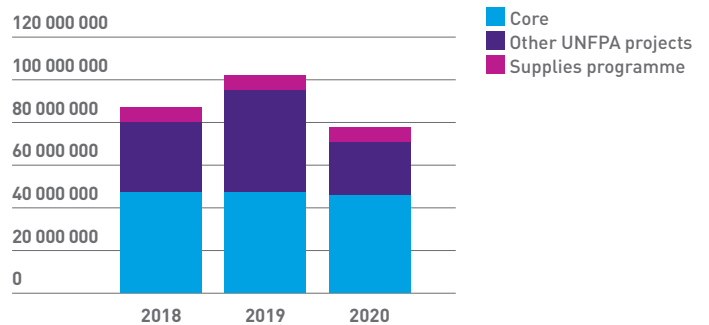


SRHR SPENDING (2020)

TOTAL: 187 492 430 €



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRH/FP



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRHR (2020)

TOTAL: 84 678 869 €

