

We come together as international civil society organizations spanning a range of sectors and geographies to oppose the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and call for a permanent end to this harmful policy. This policy prohibits U.S. assistance for critical global challenges to certain organizations if they provide, counsel, refer, or advocate for legal abortion services in their own country, even if these activities are protected by local law, despite being supported solely with non-U.S. funds. Since 1984, the policy has come and gone with changes in the U.S. presidency, leaving the health and lives of millions of people vulnerable to political whims.

As a result of this policy, lifesaving health services have been dismantled in communities around the world, many of which already face systematic barriers to care. Clinics have been forced to close, outreach efforts to underserved populations have been eliminated, and people have lost access to contraception and many other essential health services, resulting in more unintended pregnancies, more unsafe abortions, and more deaths. Implementing organizations who comply with the global gag rule face costly, risky, intensive administrative burdens that limit efficient program implementation and partner cooperation.

When in effect, the global gag rule restricts the medical information that health care providers can offer, limits free speech, and stifles local advocacy efforts by prohibiting people from participating in public policy debates. Numerous research studies over the course of decades and the direct experiences of organizations working in diverse settings demonstrate that the global gag rule impedes access to a range of health services – including reproductive, maternal and child health care, HIV prevention and treatment, tuberculosis, malaria and even some nutrition programs – by cutting off funding for experienced providers.

Even when the global gag rule is rescinded, the policy's chilling effect persists due to fear that it will be reinstated by a future U.S. president. Even when presidents lift the global gag rule immediately upon taking office, high-quality health partners face long delays in resuming participation in U.S. global health programs. Permanent repeal of the policy is urgently needed to promote sustainable progress in global health and to build and maintain long-term partnerships between the U.S. government, local organizations, and the communities that they serve. We must end this destructive cycle of widespread fear and confusion that disrupts local advocacy efforts and long-standing partnerships, and undercuts the vital work of organizations on the ground. Ending the global gag rule for good would lift the threat of reinstatement and allow U.S.-funded programs to reach their full potential, thus ensuring that the needs and rights of people around the world are fulfilled.

We are in solidarity with those opposing the global gag rule and those harmed by it. Together, we call for urgent action to end this policy once and for all and to advance health, human rights, and gender equality across the globe.

1. Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
2. Advocates for Youth
3. African Trans Network

4. Afya na Haki (Ahaki)
5. Aidos - Italian Association for Women in Development
6. All* Above All
7. American Civil Liberties Union
8. American Humanist Association
9. American Jewish World Service
10. Amnesty International
11. Amnesty International USA
12. APPG on Global SRHR
13. Asociación Feminista Mercedes Machado
14. ASTRA Network
15. ATHENA Network
16. AVAC
17. Better World Campaign
18. Beyond Beijing Committee Nepal
19. Catholics for Choice
20. Center for Reproductive Rights
21. Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy (CFFP)
22. Centre for Maternal Adolescent Reproductive Child Health Steering Committee, London
School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
23. Central FILIA/FILIA Center
24. CESI - Center for Education, Counselling and Research
25. COC Nederland
26. Corporación MILES Chile
27. Council for Global Equality
28. Creme de la Creme House of Fame Foundation (CDLC)
29. Critical Studies in Sexualities and Reproduction, Rhodes University, South Africa
30. Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
31. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
32. DKT International
33. Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF-USA)
34. EDDIB
35. EMMA Association, Hungary
36. Equimundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice
37. Family Planning Australia
38. Feminist Majority
39. Fiji Women's Rights Movement
40. Fòs Feminista
41. FP2030
42. Frontline AIDS
43. FUSA Civil Association
44. Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage
45. Global Justice Center
46. Global Health Council

47. Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation (GWPF)
48. Guttmacher Institute
49. Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America
50. Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum
51. Humanistischer Verband Deutschlands - Bundesverband e.V.
52. International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion
53. International Center for Research on Women
54. International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)
55. International Community of Women Living with HIV
56. International Planned Parenthood Federation
57. International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)
58. Interruptrr
59. Intersex Venezuela
60. Ipas
61. Itsoseng
62. JOICFP
63. Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network - LACWHN
64. Lex Initiative
65. Margaret Pyke Trust
66. medicusmundi españa
67. MenEngage Global Alliance
68. Midwifery Society of Nepal
69. MSI Reproductive Choices
70. Mujeres Jóvenes de la Región de Murcia: 8 de marzo (MUJOMUR)
71. Namibia Diverse Women's Association (NDWA)
72. National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
73. National Council of Jewish Women
74. National Health Law Program
75. National Institute for Reproductive Health
76. National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
77. National Rural Women's Coalition
78. National Women's Law Center
79. Nzingha Maternal Health Rights & Research
80. Options Consultancy Services
81. PAI
82. Physicians for Human Rights
83. Physicians for Reproductive Health
84. Plan International
85. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
86. Population Connection Action Fund
87. Population Council
88. Population Institute
89. Population Matters
90. Positive Women's Network-USA

91. Pro Choice Deutschland e.V.
92. pro familia Bundesverband, Germany
93. QueeriséEs
94. The Rabbinical Assembly
95. Raise Your Voice CBO
96. Reproductive Freedom for All
97. Reproductive Health Network Kenya
98. RFSL Ungdom - Queer Youth Sweden
99. RFSU - International Planned Parenthood Sweden
100. Rutgers
101. SEDRA-Federación de Planificación Familiar
102. Sex og Politikk (IPPF Norway)
103. SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
104. Society of Gender Professionals
105. STOPAIDS
106. Tamtang Group, Thailand
107. TERRE DES FEMMES Menschenrechte für die Frau e.V.
108. The Barbados LGBTQ+ Coalition
109. The Inclusion Studio
110. The Initiative for Equal Rights (TIERs)
111. The Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality
112. Tranz Network Uganda
113. UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
114. UN Program, Occidental College
115. UN Women Deutschland e.V.
116. Union for Reform Judaism
117. Union Women Center
118. Universal Access Project
119. Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism
120. USA for UNFPA
121. Women Deliver
122. Women & Girls Capabilities & Empowerment Organization
123. Women and Modern World Social Charitable Centre (CWMW)
124. Women of Reform Judaism
125. Women in Global Health
126. Women's Refugee Commission
127. WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform
128. Zamara Foundation