



# UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

## Vision

UNFPA is the lead UN agency working to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA anticipates and responds to tomorrow's challenges – today – by helping countries use population data to assess and anticipate needs, and to monitor progress and gaps. UNFPA also works to ensure that the reproductive health of young people, women and men remains at the very centre of development.

UNFPA focuses on improving lives by promoting an understanding of population dynamics. Population dynamics – including growth rates, age structure, fertility, mortality and migration – have a major impact on various aspects of human, social and economic development.

UNFPA works with a range of partners, assisting governments in delivering reproductive health care throughout the life cycle of women, men and youth in areas such as safe delivery, infertility, ante- and post-natal care, prevention, care and treatment of sexually-transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, and information, education and counseling.

Founded in 1969, UNFPA was in 1994 designated the lead United Nations organization for the follow-up of implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. The goals of UNFPA – achieving



UNFPA works to address reproductive health issues, such as infertility.

universal access to reproductive health (RH), reducing maternal mortality, and accelerating progress on the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) agenda and MDG-5 – are all inextricably linked.

## Work in Iran

UNFPA has been working in the I.R. Iran for over 30 years, and is currently working on its 5<sup>th</sup> Country Programme, which is aligned with Iran's 5<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan. All priority areas are implemented in partnership with government partners, addressed in a culturally-sensitive manner, and promote national ownership and leadership.

In Iran, UNFPA works with national partners to apply population data to prepare for today and tomorrow's challenges and opportunities. Key work goals include:

- To enhance national capacity to collect, analyse, disseminate and utilize disaggregated population data for decision-making, evidence-based policy formulation, programming and



In-depth analysis of female-headed households to develop targeted programmes.

monitoring of national achievements.

- Conduct advocacy and policy dialogue on population issues.
- Generate sound and up-to-date evidence on population dynamics, including in the areas of ageing, youth, female-headed households, urbanization and internal migration.

UNFPA Iran is also working to ensure that everyone can enjoy a healthy reproductive life, and does this by:

- Bridging regional disparities in reproductive health indicators.
- Improving the quality of reproductive health care and programme delivery in general.
- Addressing areas such as infertility, sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, and reproductive tract cancers.



Improving the quality of reproductive health care.

- Incorporating reproductive health/ issues into the humanitarian responses of the country.

As a cross-cutting strategy, UNFPA places emphasis on promoting South-South cooperation by linking Iran to international best practices and resources to share its experiences. In this regard, UNFPA recently launched a large-scale project using Iranian midwifery expertise to strengthen maternal health in Afghanistan.



UNFPA training on reproductive health in emergencies.