

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Even when the global gag rule is rescinded, the policy's chilling effect persists due to fear that it will be reinstated by a future U.S. president.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. Aidos - Italian Association for Women in Development
5. All* Above All
6. American Humanist Association
7. American Jewish World Service
8. Amnesty International
9. Amnesty International USA
10. ASTRA Network
11. ATHENA Network
12. AVAC
13. Better World Campaign
14. Beyond Beijing Committee Nepal
15. Catholics for Choice
16. Center for Reproductive Rights
17. Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy (CFFP)
18. Centre for Maternal Adolescent Reproductive Child Health Steering Committee, London
School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
19. Centrul FILIA/FILIA Center
20. CESI - Center for Education, Counselling and Research
21. COC Nederland
22. Corporación Miles Chile
23. Council for Global Equality
24. Creme de la Creme House of Fame Foundation (CDLC)
25. Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
26. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
27. Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF-USA)
28. EDDIB
29. EMMA Association, Hungary
30. Equipundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice
31. Feminist Majority
32. Fòs Feminista
33. FP2030
34. Frontline AIDS
35. FUSA Civil Association
36. Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage
37. Global Justice Center
38. Global Health Council
39. Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation (GWPF)
40. Guttmacher Institute
41. Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America
42. Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum
43. Humanistischer Verband Deutschlands - Bundesverband e.V.
44. International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion
45. International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)
46. International Community of Women Living with HIV

47. International Planned Parenthood Federation
48. International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)
49. Interruptrr
50. Intersex Venezuela
51. Ipas
52. Itsoseng
53. JOICFP
54. Lex Initiative
55. Margaret Pyke Trust
56. MenEngage Global Alliance
57. Midwifery Society of Nepal
58. MSI Reproductive Choices
59. Namibia Diverse Women's Association (NDWA)
60. National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
61. National Council of Jewish Women
62. National Health Law Program
63. National Institute for Reproductive Health
64. National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
65. National Rural Women's Coalition
66. National Women's Law Center
67. Options Consultancy Services
68. PAI
69. Physicians for Human Rights
70. Physicians for Reproductive Health
71. Plan International
72. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
73. Population Connection Action Fund
74. Population Council
75. Population Institute
76. Population Matters
77. Positive Women's Network-USA
78. Pro Choice Deutschland e.V.
79. pro familia Bundesverband, Germany
80. QueeriséEs
81. The Rabbinical Assembly
82. Reproductive Freedom for All
83. Reproductive Health Network Kenya
84. RFSL Ungdom - Queer Youth Sweden
85. Rutgers
86. SEDRA-Federación de Planificación Familiar
87. Sex og Politikk (IPPF Norway)
88. SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
89. Society of Gender Professionals
90. STOPAIDS

91. Tamtang Group, Thailand
92. TERRE DES FEMMES Menschenrechte für die Frau e.V.
93. The Barbados LGBTQ+ Coalition
94. The Inclusion Studio
95. The Initiative for Equal rights (TIERs)
96. The Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality
97. Tranz Network Uganda
98. UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
99. Union for Reform Judaism
100. Union Women Center
101. Universal Access Project
102. USA for UNFPA
103. Women & Girls Capabilities & Empowerment Organization
104. Women and Modern World Social Charitable Centre (CWMW)
105. Women of Reform Judaism
106. Women's Refugee Commission
107. Zamara Foundation