





Ipas works globally to improve the sexual and reproductive health of women and girls by enhancing their access to and use of safe abortion and contraceptive care. Our work is urgent: 44,000 women and girls die each year from unsafe abortions, and millions more suffer serious, often permanent injuries. But it doesn't have to be this way.

With our partners, we use a multifaceted approach that includes work in the health, social and legal sectors to support women's health and rights. To meet the reproductive health needs of women and girls, we focus on improving **health** services for them, increasing their **access** to services, and expanding their sexual and reproductive **rights**.

HEALTH

High-quality safe abortion care

Safe abortion and contraceptive care saves women's and girls' lives. Ipas draws on more than 40 years of experience to help countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America improve their health systems' ability to provide safe abortion services. We train health workers to safely and respectfully perform abortions and provide counseling on contraceptive options, and we support health facilities to ensure high-quality, evidence-based care is available.



ACCESS

Reproductive health knowledge

For many women and girls, lack of accurate information about reproductive health and how to access services is a major barrier to safe abortion and contraceptive care. Ipas partners with community-based organizations to connect women and girls with the information they need to fully exercise their sexual and reproductive rights. We also train local leaders on the importance of safe abortion access and work to reduce abortion stigma through education.



RIGHTS

Sexual and reproductive rights advocacy

Women and girls can't determine their own reproductive health without laws and policies that support access to safe abortion and contraception. At the national, regional and global levels, Ipas promotes the right to safe, legal abortion and advocates for laws that ensure women and girls can fully exercise their reproductive rights. We also support local champions for abortion rights, and train police, judges and lawyers on how to protect these rights.



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ON THE COVER: Women and children gather outside a new health center—formerly a run-down school building—in Nepal's remote Mugu district. A collaborative effort involving community members, government health officials, partner organizations and Ipas Nepal transformed the school into a health center and established safe abortion service delivery on site. © Ipas Nepal



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