Ipas FY18 ANNUAL REPORT

We believe in a world where every woman and girl has the right and ability to determine her own sexuality and reproductive health.

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Ipas works globally to improve access to safe abortion and contraception so that every woman and girl can determine her own future. Across Africa, Asia and the Americas, we work with partners to make safe abortion and contraception widely available, to connect women with vital information so they can access safe services, and to advocate for safe, legal abortion.

Cover photos:

Front: Women celebrate the opening of a new community health post in Mugu District, Nepal. © Ipas Nepal

Back: A community health worker trained by the Ipas Development Foundation counsels women on contraceptive methods during a home visit in India. © Ipas Development Foundation

Message from Anu Kumar,
Ipas president and CEO

Each and every day, Ipas works with partners around the world to promote the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls. We are proud of the impact of our work. In Fiscal Year 2018, more than 600,000 women and girls received abortion care at Ipas-supported facilities and more than two million received contraceptive services.

As you read this report, I encourage you to look at the bigger picture behind the data and stories. It's the 21st century—and women still have little decisionmaking power over their lives, including over whether and when they want to be pregnant.

So why do we do this work? Why do we focus on abortion and contraception? Because we envision a positive future where women's human rights are respected and they have decisionmaking power over their own lives. Because we know that with this power, women will flourish, and so will their families, society and country. In short, because women deserve their full humanity.
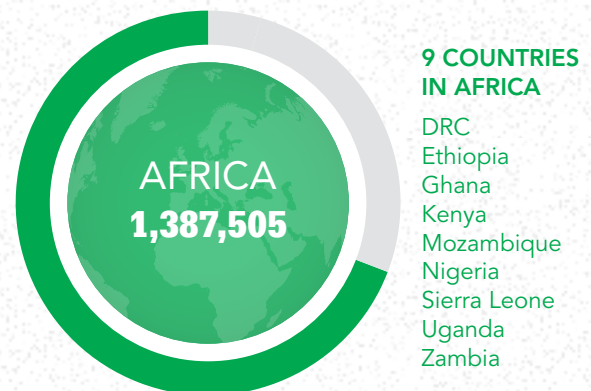
OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE
GLOBAL

HELPED AVERT AN ESTIMATED

298,000

U N S A F E

ABORTIONS*

HELPED AVERT AN ESTIMATED

316,000

UNINTENDED

PREGNANCIES*

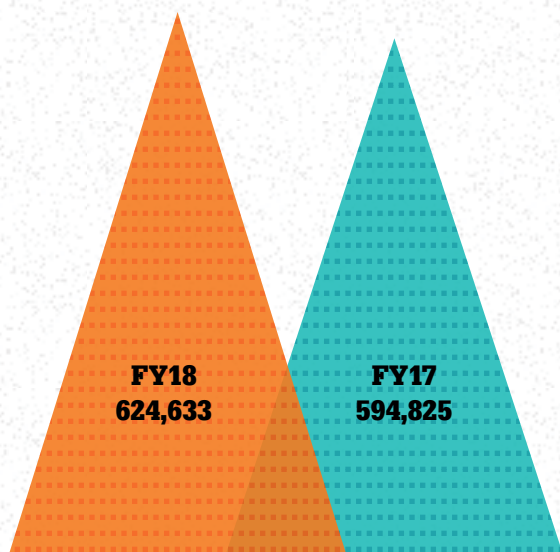*Modeled using Impact 2 (v4)
Marie Stopes International 2016*

Total provision of
contraceptive care

2,009,900

AFRICA
1,387,505

**9 COUNTRIES
IN AFRICA**

DRC
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Mozambique
Nigeria
Sierra Leone
Uganda
Zambia

ASIA
532,411

**4 COUNTRIES
IN ASIA**

Bangladesh
India
Myanmar
Nepal

**LATIN
AMERICA**
89,984

**7 COUNTRIES IN
LATIN AMERICA**

Argentina
Bolivia
El Salvador
Guatemala
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama

Women and girls receiving abortion care at Ipas-supported facilities

624,633

FY18
624,633

FY17
594,825

Postabortion care (PAC) vs induced

51% PAC
48% induced
1% other
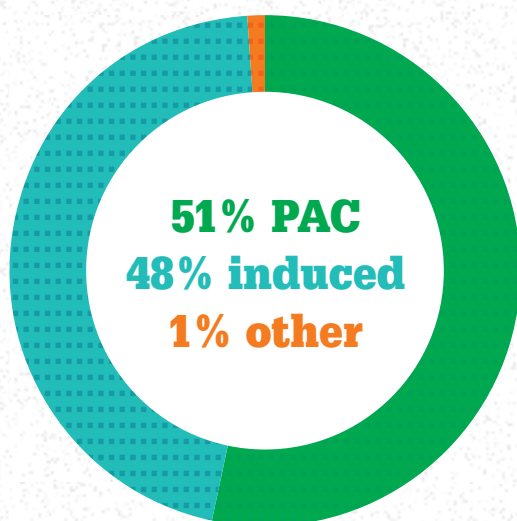
THE IMPACT OF OUR VALUED PARTNERS

We have hundreds of partners worldwide, including ministries of health, international and local NGOs, community-based organizations and regional coalitions. In FY18, we engaged with 60 new partners at the country level.

One of our valued partners is the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The IRC responds to humanitarian crises around the world, helping people whose lives are shattered to survive, recover and gain control of their future. In Pakistan, the IRC partnered with Ipas to conduct two trainings in Peshawar focused on one of the major barriers to the provison of abortion care in humanitarian settings—the stigma surrounding abortion and a lack of knowledge about the abortion procedure and its legal status. The trainings were attended by IRC-Pakistan staff and about two dozen community-based health workers. "We are committed to improving services for women and adolescent girls in refugee settings around the world," says Erin Wheeler of the IRC. "The trainings in Peshawar were an important step in that direction."

HEALTH

Safe abortion and contraception save lives. In strengthening services in the public health sector, we help to ensure high-quality safe abortion care by training health professionals, providing clinical guidance and equipping health facilities in urban and rural communities. We help keep hospitals and clinics stocked with the necessary equipment and supplies, and we work with governments' ministries of health to develop national standards and guidelines for safe abortion care.

Dr. María Paula Botta by Juliana Faggi

Dr. Botta: Women's rights champion and abortion care provider in Argentina

"Abortion is, above all, an issue of rights—a woman's right to make decisions about her body. A woman who wants to end her pregnancy will do so. What is at stake is whether she will put her life and wellbeing at risk, or whether health facilities will begin to provide quality services that uphold the rights to health and freedom of choice."

—María Paula Botta

Botta is a physician and abortion provider in Rosario, Argentina. A passionate advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights, Botta is a member of the Network of Health Professionals for the Right to Choose. She has participated in Ipas trainings on comprehensive abortion care (CAC) and conducted research on CAC services in Rosario. Botta is active in the National Campaign for the Right to Safe and Free Legal Abortion (Aborto Legal Ya), which in 2018 pushed for the legalization of abortion on request.

Nurse-midwives receive on-the-job training at General Hospital Bichi in Nigeria. © Ipas.

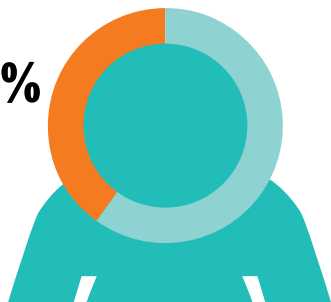## OUR IMPACT

Number of Ipas-supported intervention sites

5,384

Number of providers trained or oriented

5,176

Percentage of women receiving abortion care under the age of 25*
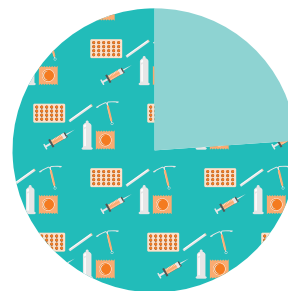
40%

* for whom data is available

Percentage of women who accepted a modern method of postabortion contraception

76%

ACCESS

For many women and girls, lack of information is a major barrier to safe abortion and contraceptive care. Working with local partners, we find innovative ways to connect women and girls with the health information and care they need. This includes reaching out through hotlines, community health advocates, radio programs, theater, youth dialogues and social media. One of our major goals is to break down barriers to care so that high-quality abortion and contraceptive care is accessible to women and girls everywhere—even in the world's most remote regions.

OUR IMPACT

People who learned about safe abortion in workshops, trainings and other activities

1,526,092 program participants

11% were under the age of 20

82% were over 20

7% were age unknown

"Values clarification and attitude transformation" (VCAT) workshops are an integral part of our work to expand access to safe abortion and engage with communities. For more than a decade, Ipas has conducted VCAT workshops around the world to encourage health providers, policymakers and others to reflect on their values and attitudes toward abortion and consider the consequences when safe abortion services are not available to women. VCAT workshops encourage participants to explore their assumptions about abortion and examine their role in assuring women's safe access to abortion care. In FY18, 5,121 people participated in VCAT workshops.

Reaching women in remote areas of the world

A remarkable collaborative effort brought safe abortion services to one of the most rugged and remote areas of Nepal. © Ipas Nepal

Safe abortion services are now available in one of the most rugged and remote areas of Nepal, the Mugu District, thanks to a collaborative effort involving community members, government health officials, partner organizations and Ipas Nepal. Steep terrain, river waters and icy snow were just some of the challenges encountered as an old school building was transformed into a functioning health center. After community members assisted with repairs to the roof, floor and walls of the building, Ipas Nepal staff worked to train health providers. Female community health volunteers then met with community members to raise awareness that safe abortion and contraceptive services, which had not been easily accessible for years, were now available at the new site.

RIGHTS

Women and girls can't determine their own futures without laws and policies that support access to safe abortion and contraception — and we know that criminal abortion laws only increase the number of people who resort to unsafe abortion methods. Ipas advocates around the world for safe, legal abortion by educating policymakers about the need for safe abortion, training police and lawyers on how to uphold women's rights within legal systems and partnering with local groups that advocate with community members for sexual and reproductive rights.

OUR IMPACT

More than 70 policy changes, positive statements, organizational declarations and other actions that helped shift the environment in favor of reproductive health access.

The goal of our policy work is to create environments that support women and girls' access to high-quality abortion and contraceptive care.

In FY18, our results at the country and regional level included eight favorable policy/regulatory/guideline changes; seven budget or procurement commitments that allocated more government resources for services including abortion care; 34 positive public statements from key influencers; and six positive statements, declarations or resolutions from international or regional bodies.

Expanding sexual and reproductive rights in the DRC

In 2018, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) moved toward greater fulfillment of women's sexual and reproductive rights. Women can now legally access abortion under a broader range of conditions—including in cases of sexual assault, rape or incest, and when a continued pregnancy would endanger the mental and physical health of the woman or the life of the woman or the fetus.

For months, Ipas worked with the ministries of health, gender, youth, finance, planning and education—plus with the national police force, judges, civil society organizations, professional associations and others—to raise awareness of the risks caused by legal restrictions on abortion and contraception.

The Francophone West Africa region is home to some of the African continent's strictest legal and regulatory environments regarding abortion, plus some of the highest maternal mortality rates. Ipas is building partnerships across the region to advance women's reproductive rights and improve reproductive health services in public hospitals.

Ipas DRC representative Patrick Djemo with Chantal Safou Lopusa, the Minister of Gender, Children and Family, at a press conference announcing the expansion of abortion rights. © Ipas

Responding to a critical need for reproductive health care in humanitarian settings

An estimated 34 million women of reproductive age are living in refugee camps and other humanitarian settings around the world. These are women who have lost their livelihoods, their normal family and social structures, and are facing tremendous obstacles to managing their reproductive lives.

Ipas has been involved for many years in efforts to advance the sexual and reproductive health of people affected by crises. In August of 2017, we took action to provide critical reproductive health care at the site of one of the world's largest humanitarian crisis settings—the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh. In just two months, we worked with partners to establish safe abortion services at 10 health facilities within the camps. In FY18 alone, we trained 159 paramedics, doctors and midwives to provide abortion (or "menstrual regulation" as abortion is known in Bangladesh), treatment for complications of unsafe abortion and contraceptive counseling for Rohingya women. We have expanded the training to 37 facilities, and there are other groups who have begun to provide this care.

Toyoba is among the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya who have fled Myanmar since August 2017 to escape persecution by government military forces. She and her husband, along with their daughters and other family members, walked 15 days to reach a refugee camp in Bangladesh. There, she began feeling sick and weak, and realized she was pregnant. Amid what she calls her "anxious life" as a refugee, she knew she didn't want to have another child. She was able to receive menstrual regulation (as abortion is known in Bangladesh) at a facility staffed by Ipas-trained health workers.

Photo © Farzana Hossen

FINANCIALS

Statement of financial position
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS

	(in thousands)
Current assets	
Cash and investments	$44,367
Advances and prepaid expenses	$2,614
Grants receivable	$48,579
Contracts receivable	$4,394
Total current assets	**$99,954**
Fixed assets	**$1,218**
Grants receivable, non-current	**$31,071**
Total assets	**$132,243**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	(in thousands)
Current liabilities	**$7,029**
Net assets	
Unrestricted	$22,806
Temporarily restricted	$102,408
Total net assets	**$125,214**
Total liabilities and net assets	**$132,243**

Statement of activities
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

REVENUE

	(in thousands)
Contributions and grants	$60,317
Contracts	$8,501
Other revenue	$914
Total revenue	**$69,732**

EXPENSES

	(in thousands)
Program services	
Latin America	$6,788
Africa	$21,114
Asia	$11,480
Global	$9,631
Total program services	**$49,013**
Supporting services	
Central operations	$13,708
Development	$1,628
Total supporting services	**$15,336**
Total expenses	**$64,349**

2018 Revenue

$0 from the U.S. government

Contributions and grants: 86%

Contracts 12%

Other 1%
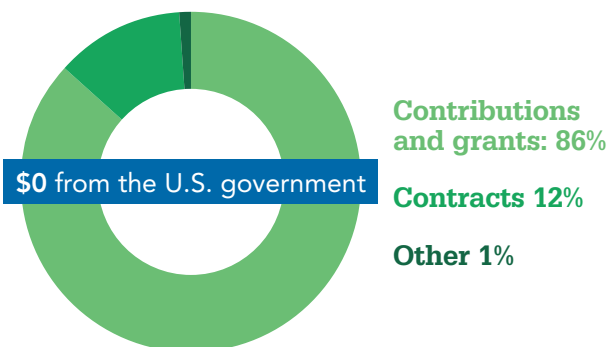
2018 Programmatic expenses

Latin America: 14%

Africa: 43%

Asia: 23%

Global: 20%
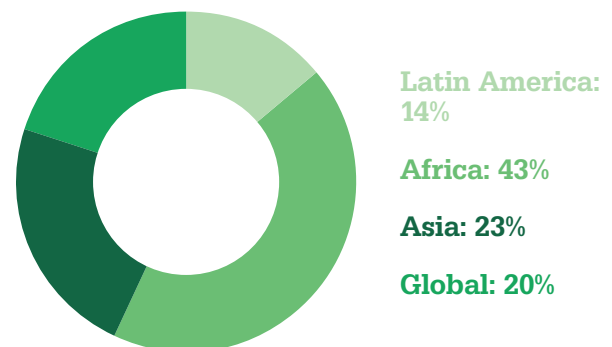
Elisa Vega Sillo participated in Ipas Bolivia's trainings on sexual and reproductive rights and has since been an outspoken advocate for safe, legal abortion—especially for rural women. Photo by Ariel Duranboger

DONATE

Our donors help Ipas increase access to safe abortion and contraception for women and girls around the world. Your support allows us to increase our flexibility and impact, so we are ready to act when the people we serve are in critical need of reproductive health care.

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