

EC Partners

United Nations
Population Fund
(UNFPA)

International Planned
Parenthood Federation
(IPPF)

Facts and Figures

- EC contribution: €32 million
- Duration: 2003-2008
- Area covered:
Burkina Faso,
Ethiopia, Guinea
Bissau, Equatorial
Guinea, Ghana,
Jamaica, Niger,
Rwanda, Surinam,
Tanzania, Congo,
Dominican Republic,
Gambia, Haiti,
Lesotho,
Madagascar,
Mauritania, Nigeria,
Sierra Leone,
Sudan, Tuvalu, and
Zambia.



EUROPEAN
COMMISSION

Health care and training

Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights in 22 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries

"Promoting universal sexual and reproductive health and rights is an essential step to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It is important to support women's right of choice in family planning and to fight against intolerable maternal mortality rates thereby contributing to build a more equitable, stable and peaceful world."

Former EU Development
Commissioner, Karel De Gucht



Context

The European Commission has provided €32 million in assistance to 22 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries over a period of 6 years to help fight poverty and to increase access to and quality of sexual and reproductive health services and commodities to the most vulnerable and underserved people. The programme was developed in line with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement to promote the development of a common strategic approach to poverty reduction.

Objectives

- Develop reliable and efficient health systems able to respond to the health needs of the population.
- Guarantee the rights of women, men and adolescents to good sexual reproductive health.
- Reduce maternal mortality.
- Guarantee universal access to a complete range of secure, effective, accessible and acceptable health services.

Impact

- More than 1.6 million people received sexual and reproductive health services and some 750 professional staff as well as 3 400 volunteers were trained.
- More than 8 700 medical teams and 21 500 non-health professionals were trained on sexual and reproductive health topics boosting the capacity in reproductive health among health care workers.
- Development and adoption of more than 30 national laws, strategic policy documents and plans of action, action, protocols, norms and guidelines.