

FINLAND

Finland is politically and financially committed to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), as the country upholds that this is a pre-condition to achieve the SDGs. This commitment to SRHR has been reflected in the 2019 Humanitarian Policy and the 2021 Report on Development Policy across Parliamentary Terms, which confirms SRHR as a priority for the promotion of the rights of women and girls.

MATCHING POLICIES TO FINANCING TRENDS

Finland allocated a total of 51 million Euros to sexual and reproductive health and family planning (SRH/FP) in 2020, equivalent to 4.5% of total ODA. Finland has been a main backer of the multilateral system, a support that became even more visible in 2020. Compared to 2019, the country increased assistance to SRH/FP by almost 44% through multilateral funding (both core and earmarked programmes). Finland has also channelled a significant part of its ODA through international NGOs: funding to specific SRH/FP organisations and initiatives has in fact increased by 39% from 2019 to 2020. Traditionally, Finland does not support SRH/FP through research or government-to-government funding.

The same funding trends can be observed in Finnish spending on SRHR, which amounted to 52 million Euros in 2020 or 4.7% of the country's total ODA. Most (98%) of Finnish investment on the broader SRHR agenda hence goes to SRH/FP.

Core funding to UNFPA has been on a rising track from 2018, having almost doubled from 17.7 million Euros in 2018 to 33 million Euros in 2020, and following the Nairobi ICPD+25 Summit. This makes UNFPA the largest receiver of Finnish core funding among UN organisations. Compared to 2019, Finland also almost doubled its support to UNFPA earmarked projects in 2020, up to a total of 13.4 million Euros, both as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to sustain the country's commitment to fragile states.

FORECAST

In the new Government Budget Proposal for 2021, the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicated that more support will be channelled for multilateral cooperation and through civil society organisations. The level of ODA might however decrease starting in 2023, which will also be a year of general elections. The general government fiscal plan from 2021 includes a 35 million Euros reduction for 2023, yet to be allocated to specific sectors.

SRH/FP AS % ODA

4,5%

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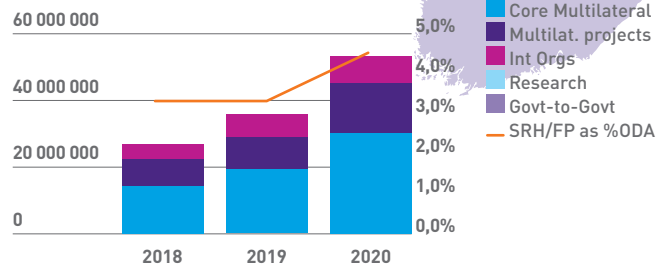
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LEVEL OF ODA TRANSPARENCY



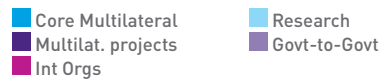
FINLAND'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SRH/FP AND SRHR

SRH/FP SPENDING

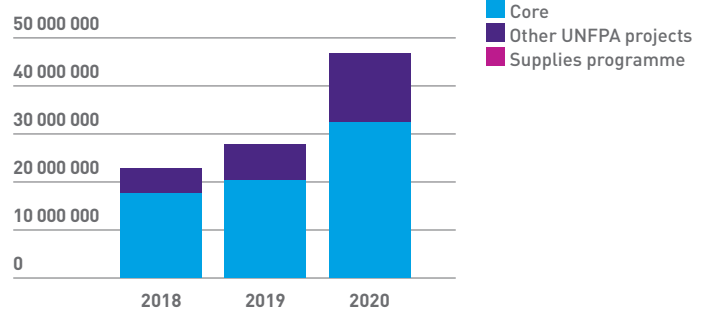


SRHR SPENDING (2020)

TOTAL: 52 143 414 €



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRH/FP



UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTIONS - SRHR (2020)

TOTAL: 46 500 990 €

