



# EngenderHealth Annual Impact Summary

Fiscal Year 2023: July 2022 to June 2023

## Overall Health Impact

In fiscal year 2023 (FY23), EngenderHealth implemented sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) activities through 23 projects across 16 countries. Moreover, we supported the provision of high-quality contraceptive care through eight projects across nine countries reaching approximately **1,164,500 clients** and contributing to the following estimated health outcomes:\*

**3,448,700** couple years of protection

**1,682,900** unintended pregnancies averted

**477,400** unsafe abortions averted

**31,300** child deaths averted

**2,300** maternal deaths averted

**\$157,679,500** in direct healthcare costs saved

\* These data represent the reach of those services and their contribution to reducing preventable death and disabilities through eight projects supporting contraceptive and abortion care between July 2022 and June 2023. Impact data are estimated using the MSI Reproductive Choices Impact 2 Model.

## Achievements across the Socioecological Model

We are continuing to realize our mission of implementing high-quality, gender-equitable programming to advance SRHR across the socioecological model: from the policy level to the individual level.

### Positively Influencing Policies, Laws, and Processes

In FY23, EngenderHealth and our partners **supported a total of 18 policy changes across 11 countries.**

### Strengthening Health Systems

EngenderHealth continued to work with governments and other partners to build equitable and resilient health systems that support universal health coverage and primary healthcare by improving the availability, accessibility, acceptability, and quality of services; advancing research and innovation; and promoting ownership and sustainability. We also **supported the training of more than 7,300 clinical staff and more than 41,500 community health workers across 14 projects.**

### Reaching Communities with SRHR Information

We reached individuals directly through peer-to-peer outreach, home visits, and community events and indirectly through mass media activities to promote SRHR. This year, **we reached more than 1.6 million people directly with SRHR messaging,** including messaging on abortion, contraception, gender-based violence (GBV), and other health topics.

### Ensuring Access to High-Quality Services

This year, EngenderHealth **supported approximately 1,164,500 clients** (including 336,100 people under the age of 25) to adopt a contraceptive method of their choice. In addition to contraceptive care, our work **supported provision of more than 89,400 obstetric surgeries, 21,000 abortion and postabortion services, and 1,299 fistula repair surgeries.** We also supported services for survivors of 127,435 GBV incidents.

## Individual-Level Impact: Building Confident Youth Champions in India

Muskan, an 18-year-old from the state of Bihar in India, began working as a peer educator with our Tarunya project\* in July 2019. Initially apprehensive to discuss SRHR topics, after participating in our peer education training—which includes games, role-play exercises, and discussions—she gained a deeper understanding of the issues and emerged as a confident advocate able to lead peer group meetings and support school events on adolescent health and wellness days. Muskan is now a master trainer for new peer educators, a recipient of a Youth Dreamer Foundation scholarship, and an active EngenderHealth Youth Advisory Group member. Her evolution from a hesitant peer educator to a confident advocate and master trainer is a testament to the power of youth agency and its transformative impact on SRH awareness.



\* The Tarunya project is funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

## Building Resilience in Humanitarian Settings

In FY23, EngenderHealth continued to strengthen health systems and communities to endure and resist shocks. At the individual and community level in Mali, we reached more than 900,000 households in regions of political insecurity with messaging on contraception, newborn care, prevention of malnutrition and malaria, immunization, and water, sanitation, and hygiene. At the health systems-level, through the My Body, My Choice, My Rights (3M) project in Burkina Faso, we helped expand access to quality abortion care and reduce unintended pregnancies by establishing safe spaces for SRHR discussions and by providing training and equipment for health facilities amid the country's deteriorating security situation. At the policy and strategy level, through our work in Ethiopia, we engaged in various humanitarian platforms globally, nationally, and subnationally. This included serving on the Health Cluster in Emergency led by the World Health Organization and continuing to serve as a founding member of SRHR for Humanitarian Situations technical working group.

## Partnerships

EngenderHealth recognizes that building and nurturing SRHR in underserved communities requires strong partnerships with governmental agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private sector partners, and donors. This year, we partnered with 7 new organizations and signed memoranda of understanding with 25 organizations across 10 countries to foster long-term collaboration. Our partnerships have resulted in the following:

- **Partnering to Advocate for SRHR:** In West and Central Africa, our regional Ensemble initiative developed formal relationships with 12 local partners across Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Mali to prevent and respond to GBV. Additionally, in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Cote d'Ivoire, we successfully partnered with nine youth-led organizations through the Partnering to Advance SRHR and Eliminate GBV project; in Burkina Faso, the project facilitated input on an updated National Adolescent and Youth Strategy and across the region five of the nine organizations have received additional external funding to expand activities.
- **Elevating Local Partners:** In Burundi, we transitioned from lead implementer to a supportive partner role for a national organization on the Gir'iteka project, which aimed to improve integration of GBV prevention and response into HIV services. We provided guidance during the proposal development stage and support in addressing harmful gender norms and institutionalizing high-quality care for GBV survivors during implementation. Through our MOMENTUM Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics project, we provided technical assistance and mentorship to the State Ministries of Women Affairs in Sokoto, Nigeria, which resulted in the state ministries securing \$50,000 to improve the state rehabilitation center for fistula clients.
- **Partnering for Meaningful Youth Participation:** We continue to engage youth as SRHR and GBV champions within their communities. For example, in India and Tanzania, our integrated education, play, and sports initiative has reached more than 8,000 young people with information on sensitive issues related to SRHR, GBV, and gender. We also collaborated local organizations to engage youth (ages 15 to 30) from six states in India by training more than 2,900 champions to conduct GBV-related awareness sessions.



Indian youth playing and learning together.

## Leadership and Learning

Our technical expertise and leadership and our use of evidence-based best practices that reflect lessons from our own work and those of others contribute to our achievements.

- **Global Commitments and Advocacy:** In FY23, we shared updates on our contributions to global goals, including for commitments for FP2030 goals and the 2022 Global Disability Summit. We also promoted Generation Equality Forum efforts in West Africa, by supporting a regional stakeholder workshop to monitor gender equality commitments.
- **Learning from and Sharing Evidence:** EngenderHealth staff actively engaged in several global conferences, including the International Conference on Family Planning in November, the International Maternal and Newborn Health Conference in May, and the Women Deliver Conference that launched virtually in April and continued in-person in July. We also launched an organizational Abortion Strategy, articulating our commitment to advancing rights-based abortion care, and published a diverse set of journal articles, language guides, organizational reports, and technical briefs on a variety of topics including GBV, SRHR, and maternal and obstetric health.

*For more information, please read our full Annual Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2023.*