WITHOUT FEAR OR BOUNDARY

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
“The conditions of our work are very difficult,” says Chantal Inamahoro, MPH, Country Representative, Pathfinder Burundi. “Even during the most difficult times, our staff remains committed to strengthening Burundi’s health system and reaching individuals in urgent need.” In some of Burundi’s most underserved communities, Pathfinder and our local partners deploy mobile outreach teams to ensure women, men, and young people can access quality services and information—for contraception, antenatal care, and the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence.
Without Fear or Boundary. These are bold words. For Pathfinder, they are our anthem.

For nearly 60 years in over 120 countries, Pathfinders around the world have been partnering with local governments, communities, and health systems to remove obstacles that stand in the way of providing quality sexual and reproductive health care to those who need it most. And your support and encouragement helps us keep going.

This year, with the help of a new logo and tagline, we have reaffirmed what it means to be a Pathfinder.

It means courage in the face of adversity. I see this in John Karisa, Pathfinder’s Service Delivery Manager, and his colleague in Lamu County, Kenya, who survived a terrorist attack by hiding in the forest and in a half-full water tank, and they kept on working. “As Pathfinders,” John states firmly, “we must continue to support people with the health services they need.”

Like John, all Pathfinders are driven by the conviction that everyone, regardless of where they live, has the right to decide whether and when to have children, to exist free from fear and stigma, and to lead the lives they choose. That’s what we strive for every day.

It means facing down fear and overcoming discrimination. I see this in our work with 19-year-old Samantha and her 16-year-old sister, Viola, in Haiti, who are already mothers. Samantha wants to go back to school and knows another pregnancy will stop that from happening. In Haiti, more than 50 percent of sexually active unmarried women ages 15–19 have an unmet need for family planning, and young people are often turned away by providers who do not think they should be having sex. Pathfinder is there, without judgment, ensuring Haiti’s young women have the right and opportunity to make their own choices about their lives and futures (See page 8).

Complications from pregnancy and childbirth are the second leading cause of death among adolescent women ages 15–19 worldwide. Thanks to you, courageous Pathfinders and the brave individuals who raise their voices with us are changing harmful traditional beliefs and practices all over the world. Because we know that when women and girls have knowledge about their sexual and reproductive rights—and can exercise them freely—communities and countries prosper.

It means finding a way to reach those who need it most. Where you live shouldn’t dictate whether you live or die. From a remote corner of Tanzania to rural Nigeria, our work bridges the distance between pregnant women and the health care they need (See page 3). Ninety-nine percent of all maternal deaths worldwide occur in developing countries. Fifty-seven percent of all the world’s maternal deaths occur in just nine countries—and Pathfinder works in all of them.

It’s about more than just health. As Pathfinders, we know that providing sexual and reproductive health services is also about education, economics, and gender equality. On the remote shores of the Lake Victoria Basin in Uganda and Kenya, we are learning there is little separation between people’s decisions about family size, birth spacing, and maternal care and their decisions about livelihood, food supply, and the environment. It’s all connected (See page 7).

It means never giving up. The incredible conviction in the hearts of Pathfinders, our partners, and those we serve fills me with hope and renewed energy to do my part in making this world a better place. I believe strongly that our achievements over the past year and our active pursuit of a more equitable world will have an impact across the global landscape (See page 13).

And I invite you to stand with us as we continue to ensure millions of women, men, and young people around the world are able to choose their own paths forward, without fear or boundary.

I am proud to be a Pathfinder.

With regard and gratitude,

Purnima Mane, PhD
President and CEO

TO THE EXTENDED PATHFINDER FAMILY,
Forging a new path is part of Pathfinder’s DNA. Last year, in 26 developing countries, we pushed through barriers to ensure millions of women, men, and young people are able to access critical sexual and reproductive health care and choose their own paths forward.

Despite crushing poverty, conflict, vast geographic distances, and cultural pressures, Pathfinder and the communities with whom we work made remarkable progress to ensure every individual—no matter where they live—can make choices about their bodies and their futures. Hand in hand with our dedicated local partners, we expanded access to contraception, promoted healthy pregnancies, saved mothers’ lives, and stopped the spread of new HIV infections, wherever the need was most urgent.

Our work in 2015 reflects Pathfinder’s belief that just because something hasn’t been done before doesn’t mean it can’t be done. We take on these challenges with enthusiasm, innovation, and courage. As a result, our staff and partners advance new ways of strengthening health systems, preventing deadly diseases, and reaching populations ignored by others. And we speak up. Pathfinder advocates for the sexual and reproductive rights of the world’s most marginalized populations, so they can transform their lives.

We are extremely proud of the changes our work has made possible. Across these pages, you can see what it means to be a Pathfinder.
“After my delivery...There were no side effects. Not a lot of bleeding. I felt very good.”
—Hadiza Hamisu with her newborn daughter, Hameeda

Distance Should Not Be a Death Sentence

The pregnant wife of a rice farmer, 16-year-old Hadiza Hamisu, had no choice but to deliver her baby at home. In her poor, extremely remote community in northwestern Nigeria, it is nearly impossible to access a health facility. So Pathfinder found a new way to reach her.

“Women face extreme barriers,” says Farouk Jega, MD, MPH, Senior Country Representative, Pathfinder Nigeria. Crushing poverty, cultural and religious constraints, and long distances to the health facility force women to give birth at home. “If something goes wrong, there’s no skilled provider to help.”

Excessive bleeding after childbirth is lethal, accounting for nearly 50 percent of maternal deaths in rural Kebbi state. “A woman can bleed to death within two hours,” says Dr. Jega. “Most women live more than two hours away from the hospital.”

Last year, Pathfinder brought a lifesaving intervention to the doorsteps of women like Hadiza, partnering with the government of Kebbi to distribute the drug misoprostol for the prevention of postpartum hemorrhage in communities for the first time. “To understand how important this is,” says Dr. Jega, “you have to understand how this drug works.”

Hadiza received three misoprostol tablets from her neighbor, a Pathfinder-trained community health worker. “She told us women to take the tablets right after we delivered our babies,” Hadiza says. The drug caused Hadiza’s uterine muscles to contract tightly, acting like a tourniquet for her blood vessels.

“It’s remarkable. Since we launched our initiative, there hasn’t been a single case of severe postpartum hemorrhage requiring a blood transfusion, referral, or further treatment. Not one,” says Dr. Jega. “So while Pathfinder works to close the gaps between health facilities and Nigeria’s most underserved women, misoprostol can be a lifesaver.”

FUNDER Merck for Mothers Giving Program, from Merck & Co, Inc.

1 Nigeria DHS 2013
Empowering the Largest Generation of Young People in History

For nearly half a century, Pathfinder has fought for young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights. Today, we are more committed than ever to ensuring young people can access accurate, unbiased information and a full range of contraceptive methods.

The need is urgent. Nearly half of our global population is under the age of 25, and most live in the world’s poorest countries. Many youth want to postpone pregnancy for several years to focus on their futures—finishing school, gaining employment, or caring for a baby they already have. We believe young people should have the ability to choose the contraceptive method that works best for them. A safe, discrete, and reliable long-acting contraceptive method, like an implant or an IUD that can prevent pregnancy for up to 10 years, is often a perfect choice. But it’s a choice too many young people do not have.

Pathfinder focuses on this critical challenge in Ethiopia, seizing the opportunity to increase young people’s access to the most effective contraceptive methods available:

- 248 service sites with integrated youth-friendly services supported to offer a full range of contraceptive methods
- 6,200+ young peer educators trained to share information on contraceptive implants
- 21,300 young people chose to use an IUD or implant

FUNDERS: Korea International Cooperation Agency and USAID through the Evidence to Action (E2A) Project

Meeting an Urgent Need

There are 1.8 billion adolescents and youth globally. One out of every three girls in developing countries is married before age 18. 33 million women ages 15-24 in low and middle income countries have an unmet need for contraception.

1. UNFPA 2014
2. Girls Not Brides 2015
3. DHS Comparative Reports No. 34
After Marriage, a Chance for Young Brides

Last year, in a region facing a devastating Ebola outbreak and political instability, our teams in Niger, Burkina Faso, and Guinea led one of West Africa’s first programs targeting young married women and first-time parents.

“We could not wait,” says Sani Aliou, MD, MPH, Country Representative, Pathfinder Niger. “Pathfinder refuses to sit by as these girls suffer through five, six, or seven pregnancies before learning their options for family planning. We can have a big impact on the future of my country by ensuring these young people—many of them married by 15—can begin exercising their right to plan and space their pregnancies.”

Pathfinder has made major strides in identifying the best ways to ensure these young married women and their partners—an extremely neglected group—can access contraception and gain the support of their communities to use it.

**FUNDERS** John Templeton Foundation, Pathfinding Fund, Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and USAID

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**What We Learn, We Share**

Pathfinder launched an intensive fact-finding mission in Burkina Faso, generating evidence about what works best for supporting this hard-to-reach population of young married women. Here are three findings:

1. **MOTHERS-IN-LAW MATTER**
   - Start by gaining the trust and support of household decision makers.

2. **RESPECT WHERE THEY LIVE**
   - Recognize the differences between urban and rural settings.

3. **ADAPT YOUR APPROACH**
   - Each young married woman has unique needs.

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“I found out that you don’t have to become pregnant if you don’t want to.”

Ouali was 15 when she became a bride. Today, with Pathfinder’s help, she belongs to a support group for young married women, empowered with information and options for preventing unintended pregnancies.
Cervical cancer is the deadliest form of cancer among women in most developing countries, including Ethiopia. It kills approximately 270,000 women globally every year.

“We can prevent these deaths,” says Konjit Kassahun, MPH, Project Manager, Pathfinder Ethiopia, “with timely, effective treatment of pre-cancer lesions. For too many women, these services are totally unavailable. We are changing that.”

For six years, Pathfinder has partnered with Ethiopia’s Ministry of Health and Stanford University to lead a powerful cervical cancer prevention program targeting women with HIV, who are particularly at risk.

“We didn’t fight this hard to increase the lifespan of women with HIV only to watch them die from something that’s preventable,” says Konjit. “We refuse to let that happen.”

With our local partners, Pathfinder is breaking barriers, advancing an approach designed for low-resource settings, so women don’t have to live in fear of a preventable disease.

“The Pap smear is rarely available here; it requires many resources and for women to travel distances for follow-up visits,” says Konjit. “Our approach is low-tech, low-cost, and proven effective.” Women are getting all the services they need—screened and treated—in a single visit for free. This is a first for Ethiopia, and the results have been remarkable. 20,000+ women have been screened for cervical cancer, including thousands with HIV. More than 92 percent of women who tested positive received treatment the same day.

“We have been so successful that the government of Ethiopia is taking it over, scaling it up from 14 to 118 facilities. Now these services will be sustainable. We can save lives countrywide.”

Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through a grant from President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

1. Cervical Cancer Action 2014
2. WHO 2012
Fish, Family Planning, and Our Future

2015 marks the start of something big. The United Nations just unveiled its list of 17 global goals for solving the world’s most urgent challenges by 2030. From empowering women to combating climate change, this powerful to-do list requires world leaders, governments, communities, and organizations like Pathfinder to think outside the box.

Pathfinder understands that the health of people, their economy, and their environment are inextricably linked. With the generous support of our donors, we continue to break through boundaries with our Population, Health, and Environment programs. Partnering with hard-to-reach, impoverished communities, and leaders in conservation in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, we’ve unlocked a formula for achieving the world’s most ambitious goals. And we are already seeing the results:

- 65,000+ women have accessed family planning.
- 339,000+ trees have been planted.
- Nearly 900 model households have been established to share lessons from sanitation to reproductive health.

Tens of thousands of community members—fisherfolk, women, youth, and others—as well as governments across East Africa are taking steps to safeguard people’s health, livelihoods, and the natural resources they depend on in a truly integrated way.

FUNDERS Visit us online to see the full list of partners and donors supporting the Tuungane project in Tanzania and the Health of People and Environment in the Lake Victoria Basin project in Kenya and Uganda.

“The beauty of Pathfinder’s approach is that we are addressing some of the world’s biggest challenges all at the same time, in a truly holistic way.”

—Eileen Mokaya, PhD, Senior Country Representative, Pathfinder Kenya and Uganda

Addressing 11 Urgent Challenges All At Once

Pathfinder’s Population, Health, and Environment approach is a key to progress on 11 of the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Gender Equality
5. Clean Water and Sanitation
6. Affordable and Clean Energy
7. Reduced Inequalities
8. Sustainable Cities and Communities
9. Climate Action
10. Life Below Water
11. Life on Land

Icons courtesy of globalgoals.org
Valcin Lunose, one of Haiti’s heroic community health workers, bends beneath crumbling doorframes to reach her neighbors with life-changing information and health care. In her hand, she carries a powerful tool—a mobile device that is transforming health care in her country.

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FUNDER USAID

*These mSanté activities are led by Pathfinder and our partner, Dimagi, Inc., with the Haitian Ministry of Health and local implementing partners through the Services de Santé de Qualité pour Haïti project.
Health Care Without Judgment

Pathfinder believes that every individual has the right to high-quality health care free from stigma, persecution, and abuse. We will not stop until every individual can get it.

In Kenya and Mozambique, we are ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health services for highly marginalized and vulnerable populations—including female sex workers, prisoners, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs. Like everyone else, they need providers that welcome them without bias; access to services for HIV prevention, testing, and treatment; and laws that protect their human rights. Pathfinder is helping make that happen.

“We create safe spaces,” says Zebedee Mkala Mganga, Senior Technical Advisor in Community Health, Pathfinder Kenya. “That means training and sensitizing providers to respond to the urgent needs of these key populations without prejudice. Sex workers exposed to violence need extra support, including HIV testing, legal services, and referrals for additional care. Pathfinder is making sure they get it, and that they can raise their voices to assert their rights.”

FUNDERS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and USAID

Meeting an Urgent Global Need

Female sex workers are 14 times more likely to have HIV than other women

Risks of HIV infection can be 50 times higher for people who inject drugs than the general population

Up to 1 million HIV infections can be averted in 10 years if men who have sex with men access pre-exposure prophylaxis (antiretroviral medicines + condoms)

1 Global Estimates, WHO 2014

Without this program, I would be dead,” says Fernanda, a peer educator and one of the 94,000+ sex workers supported by Pathfinder and our local partners in Mozambique and Kenya. “We have to take control of our health. Only when we feel good about our health will we feel good with ourselves.”
Every woman must be able to determine what is best for her own wellbeing—to save her life and protect her and her family’s future.

Bringing Choice Where There Was None

Pathfinder is driven by a strong belief: every woman should have the power to decide whether and when to have children. Yet the world’s poorest, most underserved women are often denied this basic right. Facing extreme barriers—gender inequality and violence, social and religious constraints, and a lack of access to contraceptive services—many women turn to abortion because they have no means to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

What alternative does an adolescent in Burkina Faso have when she is married at 15 and pressured to prove her fertility before her body is ready?

What alternative does a woman in rural Tanzania have when she must walk for hours to reach the nearest health center only to learn the contraceptive method she needs is out of stock?

What alternative does a woman in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have where rape is used as a weapon of war, and she is powerless to protect herself even against a boyfriend or husband?

“If you truly want to create change in developing countries,” says Purnima Mane, Pathfinder’s President and CEO, “you must accept that access to safe abortion is a public health imperative. And Pathfinder believes it’s a woman’s right.” Of the 22,000 women who die from unsafe abortion every year, nearly all of them die in developing countries, where abortion laws are often highly restrictive, and the poorest women have the least access to quality sexual and reproductive health care. “This is a tragedy of epic proportion,” says Purnima, “a violence perpetrated on the world’s most vulnerable women, whose rights are denied at every turn.” Pathfinder knows there is a better way.

Partnering with governments and the communities most in need, Pathfinder advances safe, legal abortion services for all women in any circumstance, including youth-friendly post-abortion care and contraceptive services to prevent unintended pregnancy. In 2015, funding for Pathfinder’s safe abortion programs increased by 411 percent.

“A woman must have a choice,” says Purnima. “The expansion of our safe abortion programs is a testament to Pathfinder’s steadfast commitment to sexual and reproductive rights.”
“In my country, unmarried girls and young women have hardly any information to protect themselves from unintended pregnancy,” says Halida Akhter, MBBS, MCPS, MPH, DrPH, Senior Country Representative and Chief of Party for the USAID/DFID-funded NGO Health Service Delivery Project, Pathfinder Bangladesh. “As Pathfinders, we believe access to contraceptives is the right of all people. As our program moves forward, we will focus on finding new ways to address providers’ biases and ensure adolescents are not left behind.” Across Bangladesh, Pathfinder is building the capacity of the massive Smiling Sun network—24 nongovernmental organizations, 391 static clinics, and 10,186 satellite clinics—to reach 24 million people with a range of quality health services, including contraception for the most underserved.
To our generous supporters, thank you. Your passion and commitment to improving the sexual and reproductive health of the world’s most underserved people makes everything we do possible.

“I give to Pathfinder because I want to see gender equality across the globe. That starts with ensuring women and girls have access to the quality health care and information they need, no matter what.”

—Lex Flint, Pathfinder supporter since 2008

“When you combine respectful reproductive health care and courage—the courage shared by Pathfinder and the people it serves—you get miracles. I want to see a better world for women and girls. Pathfinder is making that happen.”

—R. Lucia Riddle, Pathfinder supporter since 2012
“It’s an easy decision for me to give what I can each year to Pathfinder. I’ve seen my dollars in action in countries like Egypt, and I know what critical health services Pathfinder provides. I’m honored to support this amazing organization as a donor and a board member.”
—Jessica J. Druga, Pathfinder supporter since 2005

“My parents have been supporting Pathfinder since before I was born, and it’s amazing the way they talk about it! This year, I got to visit real Pathfinder projects in Ethiopia and I will never forget what I saw...other kids, nurses, and volunteers, who were awesome. I want to help them too.”
—Ella Kahrl, Pathfinder supporter

In 2015, Pathfinder received support from more than 7,000+ individuals, 44 foundations and corporations, and 20 governments and multilateral donors, including our largest funder, USAID.

Pathfinder’s Global Impact in 2015

Thank you to our donors and partners for supporting our sexual and reproductive health programs. You have had a positive impact around the world and changed the lives of those most in need. We could not have done this without you.

Key performance data from Pathfinder-supported projects in fiscal year 2015 (July 2014–June 2015). Estimates for maternal deaths averted, unintended pregnancies averted, direct healthcare costs saved, and unsafe abortions averted were calculated with Marie Stopes International’s Impact Calculator 2 v3 using contraceptive commodity data.
This was a remarkable year. As Pathfinder’s new Board Chair—and a longtime donor and board member—I continue to be amazed by the number of lives we change by advancing sexual and reproductive health around the world.

My passion for this work has guided me throughout my professional career; first as a Peace Corps physician in Mauritania and Nigeria, then as a surgeon and family planning consultant in East Africa, and finally as a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in New York City. My experience confirms what we all believe—Pathfinder’s work is vital to upholding the dignity and human rights of all people. And our work would not be possible without you.

Pathfinder programs have made significant progress this past year:

**In West Africa**, through one of the first programs of its kind in the region, girls already married at a very young age are learning they have the power to delay pregnancy until they are older.

**In China**, young migrant workers in factories far away from their homes are being taught how to improve their sexual and reproductive health.

**In Tanzania**, pregnant women in crisis can use their mobile phones to access an emergency transportation system that helps them reach the hospital in time to save their lives.

All three of these bold initiatives began with seed investments from the Pathfinding Fund—a special fund supported by individual donors like you. Managed by Pathfinder’s Board of Directors—a group of extraordinary individuals from different walks of life that share a profound commitment to reproductive choice—this fund is a testament to the pioneering spirit of our organization. It allows us to go where we are most needed, speak up for those whose voices are not heard, and test cutting-edge approaches using the vast talent of our staff around the globe.

What you see on these pages reflects Pathfinder’s continued legacy of courage and innovation, and our unwavering commitment to sexual and reproductive health—without fear or boundary.

Thank you for standing with us.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
For the year ending June 30, 2015

REVENUE
15% FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, INDIVIDUALS, & OTHER
7% FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS & MULTILATERALS
78% US GOVERNMENT

TOTAL EXPENSES
88% PROGRAM SERVICES
10% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
2% FUNDRAISING

EXPENSES BY REGION
17% LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN
20% NEAR EAST & ASIA
63% AFRICA

EXPENSES BY PROGRAM AREA
25% MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH
20% HIV & AIDS
2% POPULATION, HEALTH, & ENVIRONMENT
1% COMPREHENSIVE ABORTION CARE
<1% CERVICAL CANCER
51% CONTRACEPTION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE
Grants and contracts $104,084,416
Contributions 2,976,135
Other 711,666
TOTAL 107,772,217

EXPENSES
Program services 97,376,399
Management and general 10,791,668
Fundraising 2,812,290
TOTAL 110,980,357

Operating deficit (3,208,140)
Non-operating gains 49,017
Change in net assets for the year (3,159,123)
Net assets at beginning of year 34,048,423
Net assets at end of year $30,889,300

The information presented above is drawn from Pathfinder International’s financial statements, audited by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. They are available from our headquarters office upon request or at pathfinder.org/financials

Pathfinder International receives Charity Navigator’s highest rating for accountability and transparency.
WE ARE PROUD TO BE PATHFINDERS

With compassion and fierce determination, our remarkable staff works in some of the world’s most difficult and dangerous conditions to defend the sexual and reproductive health and rights of millions of underserved women, men, and young people. We are courageous. We are pioneers. We are Pathfinders.

“Ultimately the development of my country depends on us touching the hearts and minds of people, creating a surge of acceptance for family planning across Pakistan. I believe it’s possible. It’s everything I work for,” says Tauseef Ahmed, PhD, Country Representative, Pathfinder Pakistan.

A sociologist and population specialist, Tauseef is a deeply motivated individual. “This is my passion. I work with communities, service providers, and religious leaders who are key to the major paradigm shift we need. I am very clear on this—family planning is not irreligious. It is fully Islamic. My own religious convictions and my belief in human rights tells me that Pakistan’s women can no longer bear this terrible burden; a lack of access to birth spacing is costing them their lives. I know there is a better way and will not stop striving until we reach our goals. That’s what makes me a Pathfinder.”

“Girls and women with power—
that’s what excites me most. Many women really struggle in life, but keep their force and courage. Our programs bring that power out.”

—Estrella Alcalde, MS, Project Director and Technical Advisor, Pathfinder Mozambique
“On a cot lifted by four men, my aunt was carried across a river—in difficult labor—to reach a hospital. She survived, but lost her baby on the way. Her story is one of the reasons I became a Pathfinder, helping women choose their path toward a better life.”

—Nisha Dubey, MCA, Program Officer, Pathfinder India

“I see providers get the lifesaving tools and skills they need. I’ve helped supplies reach the most rural communities. Even though I am no longer delivering babies myself, as a Pathfinder, I help keep women and children alive. And it feels good.”

—Habeeb Adetunji Salami, MBBS, MPH, Project Manager, Pathfinder Nigeria

“A bold, pioneering, and resilient spirit, that’s what makes me a Pathfinder.”

—Pamela Onduso, MPH, Youth, Advocacy, and Partnership Advisor, Pathfinder Kenya

“Before the revolution, during the revolution, after the revolution—Pathfinders remain committed, promoting reproductive health and rights and paving the way to a better future.”

—Mohamed Abou Nar, MBA, MSc, DBA, Senior Country Representative, Pathfinder Egypt

“I believe in the power of youth to transform my country. That’s what makes me a Pathfinder.” Worknesh Kereta Abshiro, MPH, Adolescent and Youth Reproductive Health Senior Advisor, Pathfinder Ethiopia, saw young people in Ethiopia suffering and she knew taboos and stigma were the cause. “Parents kept quiet, even as their children died of AIDS, even as their pregnant daughters died from unsafe abortions. Because parents didn’t have accurate information, they didn’t talk to their children. That’s where we came in.” Worknesh leads our effort to improve the way health care is delivered to Ethiopia’s 33 million young people. “What we have done is a first for my country. Young people are finally getting the special attention and proper youth-friendly services they need without judgment. That was my dream, and my dream has come true.”
We champion sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide, mobilizing communities most in need to break through barriers and forge their own path to a healthier future.