

Children by choice, not chance.

Marie Stopes International (MSI) stands for the right of every woman and girl to have choice and control over her life. We make this choice possible for millions of disadvantaged women and girls globally.

MSI is one of the world's largest providers of high-quality, affordable contraception and safe abortion services. Through MSI-Australia, individuals and organisations in Australia can help vulnerable women and girls in developing countries get the sexual and reproductive health services they want and deserve. Marie Stopes International Australia (MSIA) supports three countries in the Asia-Pacific region: Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia.



**Over the past 40 years,
we have served more than
120 million clients.
Still, there is much more to do.**

Worldwide

214
million

women want modern
contraception and
can't access it.



Every year

25
million

women globally
resort to
unsafe abortion.



Our 2017 impact

26.9

million

**women using a MSI
method of contraception.**

8.2

million

**unintended pregnancies
prevented.**

5.4

million

unsafe abortions avoided.

What we do with your help



We work in 37 countries across six continents, in rural and urban settings.



Our expert and compassionate team members care for each client like family. We are more than 11,000 strong worldwide, and less than 100 MSI team members are expatriates.



Women can access services in MSI centres or through our outreach teams, which travel to remote communities. We also serve clients in their homes.



We are relentless about managing our performance and measuring our results. We gather and review data daily, weekly, monthly and yearly.



The women who come to us have individual needs. We offer every client a range of contraceptive choice. When needed and where legal, we provide safe abortion and post-abortion care.



We build a sustainable social enterprise so clients can depend on us to be there when they need us.

Why contraception matters for young people

If a girl has access to contraception, she can choose to stay in school, pursue higher education and be more likely to participate in the formal economy. We know that each additional year of schooling increases a woman's future earnings by at least 10 per cent and in turn contribute to an increasing GDP.

Our challenge

1.8 billion

young people under the age of 24 live in the world today—the largest generation of youth in history.

MSI's effective approach to better serve girls and young women



Client-centred contraceptive counselling ensures adolescents have full contraceptive information and choice.



Our providers give respectful, non-judgemental care.

Involving young men in family planning helps instil knowledge and understanding.



We have a zero-tolerance child safeguarding policy.

Targeted messaging reaches different groups—from girls focused on their education to married adolescents who already have children.



A wide range of trusted referral agents—from teachers to teen ambassadors—raise awareness and educate young people about our services.



We offer vouchers, waivers and free services where necessary, so that cost is not a barrier.



OUR SUCCESS

We served more than **1 million** adolescents between January 2017 and April 2018.

Globally

23
million



adolescents don't have access to modern contraception.

Complications from pregnancy and childbirth are the

#1 cause of death for girls aged 15-19 worldwide.



Papua New Guinea client

Natasha lives in Papua New Guinea, where cultural norms, taboos and the difficult terrain make modern contraception challenging to access, especially as teenagers. While her husband goes to school, Natasha spends time growing food in her garden, looking after her child and going to the market.



“ I've got 2 brothers each with 5 children close together. I see their wives struggling to get enough food and firewood for their families. Their children get sick frequently because they're not getting enough nutrition, they don't have enough clothes and enough firewood. I don't want my children to be like that. My implant will allow me enough time to grow food and sell it. ”

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Entrepreneurs provide discreet contraception

The Marie Stopes Ladies model meets the needs of women and girls in rural and peri-urban areas under-served by traditional health care systems or areas with limited access to health care facilities. Through this model, MSI focuses on regions with high unmet need for contraceptive services, recruiting self-employed and qualified nurses, midwives or community health workers with entrepreneurial aspirations and a desire to generate a supplementary income but may face barriers such as training needs, or a lack of capital or quality supplies.

Marie Stopes Ladies



Marie Stopes country programs support local midwives and nurses with training, supplies and clinical quality (MS Ladies).



They see clients in their own homes, make house calls, or rent a room in a community centre to provide women and adolescents with discreet, accessible and affordable services.



They have a deep understanding of local norms, are trusted by women and girls in their communities, and expand access to family planning services.



They travel to multiple locations and work flexible hours.



Marie Stopes Ladies are social entrepreneurs. They charge a service fee, which supplements their income from other sources.



Marie Stopes Ladies are a vital lifeline in places where movement outside the home and community are limited by conflict or restrictive gender norms.

OUR SUCCESS

In 2018, we aim to recruit

200 Marie Stopes Ladies in **Cambodia**

Globally

214
million

women and girls want
to use modern contraception
but don't have access.

Each year

3.2
million



adolescent girls undergo
unsafe abortions.

Marie Stopes Lady

Nanuka is a 22 year old from the Khotang district, one of the remotest districts of Nepal. She is from a Dalit community which is considered an 'untouchable community.' She has worked as a Marie Stopes Lady for the last ten months delivering close to 450 long-acting and reversible contraceptive services so far. Her father passed away so she is the main income earner for her family.



"I feel proud to be a MS lady and serve my community, especially the Dalit communities who are living in extreme poverty, where accessibility of services is remarkably low. I can provide services at the doorstep of women and girls who are not able to come to health facilities for reasons such as poverty, disability and stigma. Many community members are happy with my service which motivates me to continuously serve."

“ I am thankful to Marie Stopes for equipping me with the business and clinical skills to help women and girls access contraception. ”

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Going the last mile to reach women who need contraception

Imagine if you didn't want to get pregnant, but you lived hours away from the nearest clinic. Without a car, bus or train, your only option is to walk. When you finally arrive, the contraception you want is out of stock or costs more than you can afford.

We think this is unacceptable. So our outreach teams travel long distances to take sexual and reproductive health services to women and girls who need them.

We go where others don't



We provide free or subsidised mobile outreach in 30,000 locations worldwide.



We work with community, political and religious leaders to build awareness, acceptance and trust of our services.



Our outreach teams are trained, monitored and supported to maintain high clinical standards.



Using technologies like geo-mapping, we locate and go to communities where we're needed most.

Our vehicle tracking system monitors teams' movements, ensuring they visit the right sites and are on time. This increases efficiency, improves security, and guarantees clients can depend on us.



Our client information systems ensure we understand our clients' needs and can measure our impact.



We work with the public health sector to fill gaps in access to contraception.



OUR IMPACT

Marie Stopes International outreach services prevented **2.7 million** unintended pregnancies in 2017.

In 2017

2.2
million

women worldwide were
using a contraceptive method
provided by a Marie Stopes
International outreach team.

We have more than

500

outreach teams that
travel by car, boat and foot
to serve remote communities.

Timor-Leste client

In Timor-Leste, Marie Stopes travels to 12 of the 13 districts to provide high-quality sexual and reproductive health services in the most remote locations. With our mobile outreach services, women no longer have to walk up to 5 hours to receive a method of contraception. Francisca, 16, and her husband brought their newborn daughter to the centre for vaccinations. Currently, neither are employed so they came to Marie Stopes to delay their next child.



Francisca received an implant from a trained Marie Stopes Timor-Leste midwife at a Ministry of Health Community Health Centre. It is through this partnership that we able to provide access to a comprehensive range of family planning methods for those most in need, free of charge.

“The midwives are really great. They don't speak to us harshly, they speak really nicely, spoil us with care and love. I'm really happy.”

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Giving women access to safe abortion services

At Marie Stopes International (MSI), we know that access to safe abortion and post-abortion care saves women's lives and gives them control over their own bodies.

But even in countries where abortion is legal, women's access to safe abortion is often overly restricted or denied due to politics, stigma and misinformation. MSI's dedicated team members push boundaries and work to remove barriers so women can enjoy their reproductive rights, and avoid risking their lives through unsafe abortions.

What makes our approach different



We strive to understand each client and her unique situation, tailoring our services accordingly.



Our range of ways to reach clients—from clinics to traveling midwives—ensures we serve women where they are.

We work to achieve the highest standards in medical care, and our rigorous data allow us to continually fine-tune our services and increase our impact.



We confront abortion myths and stigma, and raise awareness about women's rights and options.



We advocate for safe abortion and help shape policy in countries where we work.

We provide immediate, life-saving medical care to women suffering complications from unsafe abortions.



Our providers counsel women on post-abortion contraceptive options to help prevent future unplanned pregnancies.



OUR RESULTS

Because of Marie Stopes International, **5.4 million** women avoided unsafe abortions in 2017.

Each year

25
million

women and girls resort
to unsafe abortions.

97%

of unsafe abortions occur
in developing regions, where
laws are most restrictive.



Cambodia client

Srey Pich*, 35, is currently supporting two children and her husband, who recently became ill and had to stop working. She started a business in Phnom Penh selling lunches made up of rice and other foods. Srey Pich fell pregnant, but with three people depending on her wage, she could not afford time away from work, and her family could not afford the cost of another child.

Her business only makes a small profit and she is currently returning her loans which she took to start the business. She was concerned that with another child she would not have enough money to feed or support them and thus she came to Marie Stopes Cambodia for a safe abortion.

“ The midwife was so professional
and everything was confidential.
I feel so reassured. ”



**not her real name*

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How can SRHR be integrated into Climate Change adaption and mitigation programs?

- Increasing investment in voluntary rights-based contraception programs **we expand** and scale up access to service delivery.
- Increasing investment in girls reproductive health and rights education **we enable** reproductive autonomy, develop workforce skills, enhance financial independence and maximise the demographic dividend;
- Integrating gender responsive sexual and reproductive health rights services into disaster relief efforts **we prevent** avoidable maternal and child morbidity and mortality and enhance community resilience.

How you can help save the planet?

Sexual and reproductive health offers a practical solution to climate challenges, mitigating and preventing a variety of consequences resulting from extreme weather events and natural disasters, unsustainable population growth and rising sea levels including:

Poverty reduction and strengthening economies

When women can exercise reproductive choice, they are more likely to participate in education and the workforce. In most developing countries, female participation in the formal economy has increased as fertility has fallen. Women's participation in the economy promotes economic growth and economies that are strong are better able to absorb the disturbances of climate change and recover from climate related events.



Sustainable population growth

Scaling up access to voluntary, high quality sexual and reproductive health services in areas vulnerable to climate change can reduce the pressure that rapid population growth has on the living environment and reduce the harms associated with increasing numbers of people being exposed to climate risks.



Women's participation and leadership

Women's participation and leadership is important to climate change preparedness, resilience and action. Enabling women to control their bodies and reproductive health can help create opportunities for women to participate, lead and contribute to the conversation.



By supporting MSIA's work in the Asia-Pacific region you will help save the planet!

Climate change and contraception

The realisation of sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) of women and girls and the advancement of gender equality are inherently linked to sustainable population and climate change.

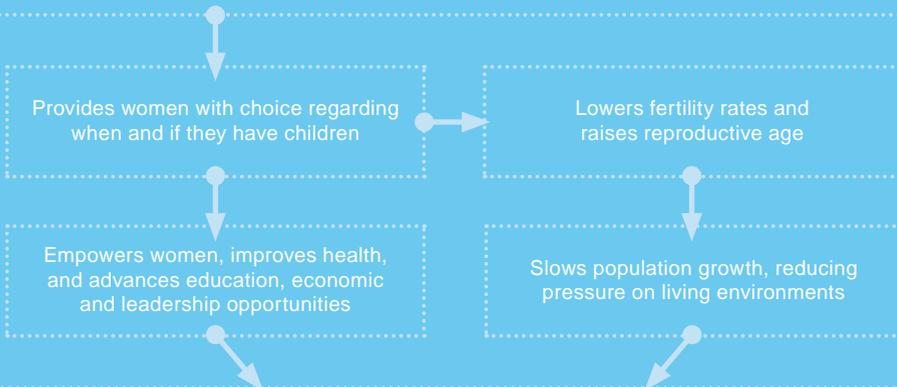
Women and girls are most affected by climate vulnerability, and their reproductive health and rights are negatively impacted by climate change. Providing reproductive choice can improve the health and resilience of women and their communities, enhancing their ability to prepare for and adapt to climate change.

Providing contraception to women and girls wishing to delay or cease child bearing can also contribute to sustainable population growth, decrease consumption and lower emissions.

MSI's climate change approach

MSI's reproductive health services

- Voluntary
- Rights-based
- Accessible
- Reaches most vulnerable
- High-quality
- Safe
- Informed consent
- Strengthen health systems
- Cost effective.



Climate change & environment

- Resilient communities
- Less vulnerability
- Lower carbon emissions
- Sufficient water availability
- Less migration pressure
- Fertile soils.

In disaster settings, maternal and infant mortality rates increase and as does the risk of unplanned pregnancy.

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