



Action Canada
for Sexual Health & Rights

Annual Report 2022-2023

Holding Ground and Pushing for Progress

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From Our Leadership

Dear Supporters and Allies,

The Action Canada team is more dedicated than ever to the meaningful work of making sure that everyone, regardless of who they are, where they live, or what's in their bank account, has the autonomy, information, and access necessary to make real choices about their sexual and reproductive health. Your steadfast support as our partners, supporters, funders, donors, and colleagues is instrumental in our pursuit of a better life for all.

Reflecting on this past year, with the world shifting at a breakneck pace, we celebrate our team and our movement's resilience amid challenges and, intern leadership transitions*. Bolstered by our engaged and mobilized community, we stepped up and continued to safeguard sexual and reproductive rights nationally and globally.

After the overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States, our collective efforts moved Canada away from the idea of introducing new legislation, which would have weakened abortion protections. Instead, we brought all hands on deck to the diligent work of making access to abortion better for everyone. At the same time, our Access Line and Emergency Abortion Travel Fund programs grew, dramatically increasing our ability to connect people to abortion care when complex barriers stood in the way. That work would not be possible without dedicated funders and generous community backing.

Our policy and advocacy work led to important milestones both in Canada and around the world.

Amidst challenges and opportunities, our resilient network of supporters propelled us forward and for that, we thank you—it means the world. Together, we know that we win when we all win, and that we must continue to champion the kind of change that makes real differences in people's lives. As we face a time of growing uncertainty, we promise to persist until every person can truly claim their sexual and reproductive rights.

We deeply appreciate your support and partnership on this transformative journey. United, we stand as agents of change, unwavering in our pursuit of a better life for everyone.

With gratitude and solidarity,



Shalini Konanur, she.her
Chair, Board of Directors
Action Canada for Sexual
Health and Rights



fred chabot, she.her
Executive Director (Acting)
Action Canada for Sexual
Health and Rights

*In April of 2023, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Farrah Khan. Unfortunately, in June 2023, she needed to go on medical leave after being diagnosed with cancer. She is currently taking time to prioritize her health and healing, surrounded by her family and loved ones.



Our Vision

People everywhere have control over and are able to decide freely upon all matters related to their sexuality, reproduction, and gender, including their sexual and reproductive health.

Our Mission

To advance and uphold sexual and reproductive health and rights, in Canada and globally.



Who We Are

Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights is a national organization committed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in Canada and around the world.

We are a team of movement builders, advocates, policy analysts, and health system navigators who fiercely champion the humanrights of everyone, everywhere to sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, and freedom from all forms of discrimination.

With unwavering commitment, we work tirelessly to ensure a world where these fundamental rights are not just safeguarded, but realized, igniting a brighter future for all.

Our Programmatic Pillars

Sexual and reproductive rights are recognized in national laws and international agreements and are a core component of sustainable development, gender equality, and human rights.

Access to Abortion Care

Access to safe abortion is a human right and a basic healthcare need for millions of women, girls, and others who can become pregnant.

Universal Contraceptive Care

Access to comprehensive contraceptive care ensures individuals are able to freely decide if, when, and with whom to become parents, as well as the spacing of their children. To respect, protect, and fulfill this right, governments must ensure that contraceptive information, supplies, and services are available, accessible, acceptable, and of good quality.

Advocacy for Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

Advocacy is about taking action to create change. Advocacy can be aimed at the state or government to enact law and policy change. It can also be used to transform social norms and foster supportive contexts for policy implementation.

Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Comprehensive sexuality education is a curriculum-based process of teaching and learning about the cognitive, emotional, physical, and social aspects of sexuality and healthy relationships.



What We Do

We foster enduring, community and global collaborations to ensure that every individual has the fundamental right to exercise autonomy over their own body and make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

Global and Domestic Advocacy

We actively work to shape laws and policies in Canada and globally, from the House of Commons to hospitals, to professional colleges to the UN system. We engage with diverse communities, partners, and activists to build powerful coalitions and partnerships for change. Our relentless advocacy and movement building work aims to create real, tangible change in people's daily lives.

Frontline Services

While we do the long-term work of closing the gaps in access to abortion care, we connect those who are facing barriers today to the services they need. We offer logistical and financial support as well as advocate for people directly with institutions and health care facilities. Our team of Access Line Navigators speak to and directly support hundreds of people in Canada every year.

Knowledge Mobilization

By developing and disseminating policy analyses and trends reports as well as sharing research, evidence, and technical guidance, we ensure that crucial information and insights reach the right stakeholders, including the United Nations Human Rights System, policymakers, healthcare providers, and the public.



Navigating the 2022-2023 Political Landscape

One Year Since Roe v. Wade Was Overturned: The fight to defend reproductive rights and gender equality continues

Groups that oppose human rights continue to pose a threat to people worldwide this year.

The U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which removed 50 years of constitutional protection for abortion, is just one example of global setbacks against SRHR. Oftentimes, political shifts in the U.S. reverberate across the border and influence how we talk about our own rights in Canada. This historic moment led many to wonder whether the right to get an abortion could be dismantled in Canada.

In response, Action Canada worked with partners across provinces and on the national stage to safeguard the right to abortion. In response to what was happening south of the border, some were suggesting the introduction of a new law to protect abortion. The reality is, the Canada Health Act, the law that sets out how health care is managed in Canada, is our abortion law. Abortion is treated as health care in Canada.

Access to care can be difficult for people who can't afford to travel if they don't have local abortion services, people who face crises due to homelessness, intimate partner violence, or are without citizenship status. For those who face racism and discrimination in healthcare settings, or experience mistreatment due to their gender identity or sexual orientation, doors can close with devastating impacts. The fall of Roe reaffirmed our commitment to dismantle these barriers every single day in our frontline and policy work.



Misinformation on gender-affirming care and sex-ed also ramped up as abortion came under attack. Quickly-coordinated campaigns inspired by American tactics have successfully limited access to comprehensive sex-ed and restricted support for queer and trans students in some provinces.

While there is a swell of targeted attacks on sexual and reproductive rights across the world, we stand strong in our commitment to uplifting and defending sexual and reproductive rights for all.

By building bridges across progressive movements and issues, we will ensure that nobody gets left behind.

Promoting Collective Learning and Health Amid The Era of Mis- and Disinformation

Creating educational and informative materials and campaigns continues to be part of our foundation. With the influx of mis- and disinformation this year, our team took this opportunity to bring to light its continued impact on people’s health.

Sexual Health Week: Get the Facts!

Sexual Health Week is an annual campaign designed to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health and promote resources to improve community health in Canada. This year, in response to the threat that mis- and disinformation poses to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Through the Get the Facts campaign, we shared ways to identify, create, and share accurate information. We spotlighted resources and organizations building media literacy skills that can be applied to our own searches on sexual and reproductive health issues. Disinformation gets in the way of people thinking through their pregnancy options and the kind of care they need, including gender-affirming care.



Sexual Health Hub

Action Canada is proud to offer a hub of accurate, accessible, and non-judgemental sexual health information online. Since its launch, we have contributed 90,000 words of new content, with a focus on making sure the content is relevant and affirming to diverse communities.

This past year, our team worked tirelessly to improve the Hub’s inclusivity, ease of navigation, and accessibility. Those upgrades were appreciated by thousands of users, helping to support the sexual health decisions of people when they need us the most.

Digital Stats

1,850,000

INSTAGRAM IMPRESSIONS

247,249

FACEBOOK IMPRESSIONS

605,704

TWITTER/X IMPRESSIONS

266,576

WEBSITE USERS

In the Media

57 ARTICLES

6 RADIO

4 TV

Highlights:
Washington Post, NPR,
Toronto Star, Globe & Mail,
CBC News

On the Frontlines with the Access Line Team

Communities across Canada continue to cope with hardships and changes brought on by COVID-19 pandemic.

We witnessed a rise in the number of people reaching out to us facing overwhelming barriers to access to abortion, STIs, and support with their overall sexual health. Many individuals struggled with prolonged wait times and uncertainty about where to find necessary care.

4,148
ACCESS LINE CALLS

ROUGHLY
15 mins
ARE SPENT ON EACH CALL

62,220 MINUTES OR **1,037** HOURS ON THE LINE

Access Line Navigators directly supported people who needed our assistance in patient navigation and advocacy with hospitals, institutions and providers, shared information on sexual health, discussed and shared pregnancy options, provided emotional care after an abortion, and more.

Following the historic creation of Canada's first Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund dedicated to connecting people to the sexual and reproductive healthcare services they are entitled to, Action Canada received funding to grow our Access Line and Emergency Travel Fund programs.

In its first year, our team was able to respond quickly to the

167% increase

of people seeking support by providing wraparound case management services.

Top Five Themes of Discussion



- Abortion
- Financial & Logistical Support for Abortion
- STIs
- Peer Support Counselling
- Contraception

We provide support in:

- English
- Arabic
- French
- Hindi
- Spanish
- Gujarati
- Mandarin

50% of the people we support with accessing abortion do not have health insurance or have insurance that doesn't cover abortion

56% of calls we receive on the Access Line relate to someone who is pregnant

+20 new ACCESS LINE VOLUNTEERS

over **50%** of people we support on the Access Line are under 30



Alka recently moved to Canada to join her husband, who's studying here. She and her three young children have only been here a month, and she's just discovered she's pregnant. Alka doesn't speak English or French and is unsure how to access an abortion. She's still uncomfortable navigating public transportation and doesn't know what she'll do with her children while at the appointments.

An Access Line Navigator was able to communicate with her through text message translation and the help of an interpreter. With Alka's consent, we advocated for the abortion clinic to reduce the cost, and were able to cover the remaining fees with our abortion emergency fund. We also arranged for taxi transportation to the clinic, and covered the cost of childcare so she could attend her appointments.

The Demand for our Support Rises

We worked closely with the National Abortion Federation of Canada, supporting more individuals travelling between provinces and into the U.S. to access abortion care. There was a notable 118% increase in U.S. travel and an 186% increase between provinces. The distance people travelled also increased significantly, with a 173% rise in individuals travelling three or more provinces due to overwhelmed hospitals and limited local services.

The demand for our services increased by 186% for uninsured individuals, those awaiting coverage, undocumented people, and those unable to access their ID.

What we learned guided our approach to collaborating with key institutions and partners across the country. Our goal was to strengthen our capacity to serve diverse populations and advocate for policy changes that broaden access to care.

As we continue to specialize in supporting the most complex cases, we gained deeper insights into the various obstacles individuals face in accessing abortion care. In addition to travel barriers and lack of healthcare coverage, people faced housing insecurity, language barriers, reproductive coercion, and other situations excluding them from services they are entitled to.



Jordan is 16 years old and lives in the Yukon. They are 22 weeks pregnant and need to travel out of the province to access an abortion because there were no hospitals who could offer them the care she needed in their community. Due to financial insecurities, Jordan has been staying on friend's couches for the last few months, and since their phone doesn't have any minutes, they can only use it when they are in a location with Wi-Fi access, making communication difficult. Their partner is willing to travel with them as a support person but they're only 17 and cannot legally check into a hotel.

Our Access Line Navigator booked and covered the cost of Jordan's travel and accommodation, and also provided a food voucher. We arranged for a local doula to pick up Jordan and their partner at the train station, drive them to the hotel, and support them at the abortion clinic.

These stories reflect the experiences of hundreds of people across the country who encounter numerous obstacles when seeking abortion care.

These challenges particularly impact marginalized groups and people in rural areas. Despite the tireless efforts of our Access Line team, more work lies ahead. With a growing number of people seeking assistance, we need to expand our capacity for immediate support while advocating for lasting changes. Our dedicated network of advocates, clinicians, and supporters collaborates to create solutions that ensure universal access to abortion in every community.



Phyllis Harris Scholarship

Each year, the Phyllis Harris Scholarship Fund provided financial support to strengthen the skills and experience of students who are passionate about the general field of human sexuality, and either have volunteered, been employed, or intend to pursue a career in this field. In 2022, The Phyllis Harris Scholarship was awarded to **Naomi Izumba**.

Naomi (she/her) is a 21-year-old law and legal studies student at Carleton University. She is planning to attend law school in the near future to become a lawyer in the employment, family, and human rights law field while doing social policy and research work as well. Naomi is an advocate for safer workplaces free of sexual violence, progressive reproductive rights and health policies, and the implementation of anti-racist and stigma-free healthcare policies.

Naomi worked with us on developing materials for third-party fundraisers and supporting campus groups who wanted to raise awareness about Action Canada.

Holding Ground and Pushing for Progress

This past year, our advocacy team developed policy recommendations, submitted briefs to Parliamentary committees, and testified in front of elected officials, and submitted evidence to United Nations human rights experts. We took proactive measures—publishing over half a dozen policy briefs, organizing a two-day workshop to strategize on Canada’s global leadership on SRHR, and orchestrating events with Members of Parliament and the public to raise crucial awareness on critical policy imperatives.

Our advocacy is always rooted in the goal of making people’s lives better by ensuring they have autonomy over their own body, and have what they need to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. We work with passionate partners to achieve this vision.

Bigger Investments to Make Sexual Health Services Accessible in Canada and Worldwide

The staggering toll of maternal mortality and injuries due to unsafe abortions globally underscores the urgency of our mission—approximately 45% of all abortions worldwide are deemed unsafe, disproportionately affecting people in the Global South.

Our impact transcended borders as we championed Canada’s international aid commitment through the 10-Year Commitment to Women and Children’s Health. This led to increased investments in areas such as family planning, safe abortion, post-abortion care, and comprehensive sexual health education, particularly targeting the nations most affected by harsh economic policies and debt.

Simultaneously, the immediate impact of our Access Line program supercharged our demands for extending support for Canada’s Sexual Reproductive Health Fund, a key source of support to make sure those most at risk of being denied sexual and reproductive health care are not left behind. The 2021 Federal Budget initially allocated \$45 million over three years for the Health Fund. Because of our advocacy efforts, the Health Fund received an additional \$36 million investment, extending this crucial funding until 2027 during a time of increasing government austerity.

Holding Our Leaders Accountable

The Policy, Advocacy, and Government Relations team worked hard to ensure that Canada’s existing commitments to safeguard and champion SRHR were met. We highlighted the harm caused by crisis pregnancy centers that provide false information about sexual health and called on the government to act on their promise to both address those harms and play a role in providing evidence-based, judgement free information to the public to help address abortion stigma.

We published a follow-up analysis to the government’s first ever public report on the 10-Year Commitment to Women and Children’s Health, monitoring that the government continues to invest in the most neglected areas of SRHR. In early summer, we hosted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the then-Minister of International Development, Harjit Sajjan, where they publicly recommitted to this work. This sent a powerful statement to the world that Canada will be there for women and girls through all stages of their lives.





Canada increased global investments towards SRHR by

\$71.61 million

2 statements

about SRHR in the House of Commons

These actions involve the government openly discussing reproductive health which demystifies the topic and influence cultural norms by speaking publicly with government



ACTION CANADA PUBLISHED

8 policy briefs

that shared emerging trends in our sector to decision makers and provided recommendations backed by evidence-based research



2,014

PETITION SIGNATURES

Action Canada launched a national petition urging for a Federal Budget which would advance sexual and reproductive policies for all.

Strengthening Political Alliances for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Amidst challenging times, it has been essential to build connections across sectors and movements. With our partners, we tracked Canada's progress on its human rights record, writing and submitting a report on the impacts of homelessness and migration status on people's access to abortion in Canada. We supported the organizing of the first Feminist Influencing Group in-person retreat since the pandemic, gathering over 50 women's rights and feminist organizations in a room to strategize and connect.

We also convened our partners in our Associates Network to plan approaches and strategies in the face of a growing hostility against sexual health educators and trans rights. This year and moving forward, building strong coalitions is one of our top priorities.

Youth in Action: Cross-Regional Youth Forum

Building stronger movements starts with youth. Action Canada believes that empowering and building leadership capacity with young leaders in SRHR will allow them to champion and advocate for what they need to lead in their own communities.

In November 2022, Action Canada hosted a virtual forum convening 30 youth advocates (15 from Latin America and the Caribbean, and 15 from across Canada). The theme of the forum was "Connecting Activism Across Regions and Movements." For three days, participants explored the connections between SRHR and other social justice issues, focusing on climate justice, drug policy reform, and migrant justice.

The importance of intersectionality in understanding our struggles, being aware of how different oppressions and inequalities affect us, being empathetic and sensitive, supporting one another, not invalidating other struggles, and listening to what others have to tell us.

— Youth in Action Participant

Advocating for Change at the United Nations

Since its inception, Action Canada has tirelessly championed sexual and reproductive rights at the United Nations Human Rights Council, alongside feminist activists worldwide.

This year, collaborating with the Sexual Rights Initiative and partners, we jointly submitted crucial insights to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Our submission focused on gaps in how the UN guides countries on eliminating racial discrimination in their healthcare systems. These gaps create disparities in health outcomes based on race, evident in situations such as the higher maternal mortality rates among black women in the U.S. compared to white women, and the forced sterilization of Indigenous women in Canada.

Addressing these gaps are critical because they sprout from a web of human rights violations; from healthcare, housing, freedom from violence, discrimination, gender inequality, systemic racism, and more. By strengthening an equitable framework within the UN, we empower countries to fulfill their obligations and individuals to claim their rights globally.

Our success lies in ensuring that governments deliver publicly funded healthcare, oppose health system privatization, and endorse a holistic healthcare approach rooted in the interdependence of human rights. We hope these guidelines contribute to more people asserting their rights in both national and international spaces.

Throughout the year, our active engagement spanned various UN sessions and thematic reports, organizing events, delivering seminars, and advocating at forums such as the UN Commission on the Status of Women and the UN Commission on Population and Development. These efforts underscore our commitment to safeguarding sexual and reproductive rights worldwide, aligning with Action Canada's mission of empowering individuals to assert control over their bodies and lives.

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Our Networks at Work

We couldn't do this work on our own. Our partnerships, coalitions, and networks are the bedrock of our policy and advocacy work, as well as key to connecting people to the right services and information when they need it.

Associates Network

This is a network of 20+ sexual health centers providing a range of services to their communities across Canada in nine provinces and territories.

This year, Action Canada strengthened the infrastructure for better connection and support across this network of healthcare providers and educators. We met quarterly to share information and stories from our regions, identify common trends and strategize together. We met with 21 people from 16 partner organizations in Ottawa for a weekend of conversations, connection, and planning which culminated with a roundtable discussion with the Federal Minister of Health to discuss the daily realities of sexual health center.

Feminist Influencing Group

The Feminist Influencing Group (FIG) is a coalition of close to 100 national organizations jointly committed to advancing feminist priorities in Canada's federal policy and practice. Together the network shares best practices on advocacy, strengthens solidarity across movements, and builds collective power to advance a more equitable society for everyone living in Canada.

Future Planning Initiative

The Future Planning Initiative is a coalition of Canadian organizations working together to advocate for Canadian leadership on SRHR. Recognizing these rights as central to good health and sustainable development, the Future Planning Initiative strives to push the SRHR agenda forward. development, the Future Planning Initiative strives to push the SRHR agenda forward.

The Future Planning Initiative is made up of six organizations:

- Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
- Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH)
- Cooperation Canada
- Global Canada
- Inter Pares
- Oxfam Canada

Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

Action Canada is proud to support the work of the CAPPD in serving as their secretariat. The Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (CAPPD) provides a forum for the exchange of ideas on population, sexual and reproductive health, human rights, and development issues. Formed in 1997, CAPPD is open to all sitting Senators and Members of Parliament.

Sexual Rights Initiative

Action Canada is a founding partner and secretariat of the Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI), a coalition of feminist organizations from around the world that have been working together since 2006 to advance a broad and intersectional sexual rights agenda with the UN human rights system. Since its inception, the SRI has been at the forefront of normative progress on human rights related to sexuality, gender, and reproduction and making space within the UN human rights system for sexual and reproductive rights advocates to hold governments accountable to their obligations.

Rights from the Start

Action Canada powers the Rights from the Start initiative in partnership with PROMSEX (Peru), INPPARES (Peru), Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association GRPA (Guyana), CIES (Bolivia), CEPAM-G (Ecuador), Akãhatã, and Fòs Feminista. Under the local partners' leadership, educators, community leaders, and health care workers promote comprehensive sex education, abortion care, and the advancement of human rights. Our collective goal is to empower individuals to make free and informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

PROVIDED SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES TO

984,939

ADOLESCENTS AND WOMEN

PROVIDED COMPREHENSIVE SEX-EDUCATION TO

78,420

YOUNG PEOPLE

Contributed to

11 advances

in SRHR laws and policies in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador



FUTURE PLANNING INITIATIVE

ADVOCATING FOR CANADIAN LEADERSHIP ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS



Forging Connections Around the Globe

The movement for sexual health and rights transcends borders. We are grateful to have partners and take part in advocacy around the world. Take a look at where our work and connections took us this year!

- ASSOCIATES NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS
- RIGHTS FROM THE START PARTNERS
- SEXUAL RIGHTS INITIATIVE PARTNERS
- FUTURE PLANNING INITIATIVE MEMBERS
- NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
- NETWORKS AND COALITIONS
- MEETINGS AND EVENTS

NORTH AMERICA

- Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH)
- Global Canada
- Inter Pares
- Oxfam Canada
- Cooperation Canada
- Dignity Network Canada
- Observatory on the Universality of Rights
- Alliance for Feminist Movements
- Feminist Influencing Group

- BRITISH COLUMBIA**
- Island Sexual Health Society Community Health Centre
 - Island Sexual Health Society Community Health Centre
 - Options for Sexual Health BC

- ALBERTA**
- Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health
 - Centre for Sexuality

- SASKATCHEWAN**
- Planned Parenthood Regina
 - Saskatoon Sexual Health

- MANITOBA**
- Klinik Community Health
 - Sexuality Education Resource
 - Sexuality Education Resource
 - Women's Health Clinic

- ONTARIO**
- NorWest Community Health Centres
 - Planned Parenthood Ottawa
 - Planned Parenthood Toronto
 - SHORE Centre

- ONTARIO CONT.**
- Seeing the Unseen
 - Civil Society Roundtable on Canadian Global Leadership in SRHR
 - National Youth Advisory Board Meeting

- Feminist Influencing Group Strategic Convening
- Rising Up for Sexual Health and Rights Reception
- Get the Facts! Sexual Health Training

- Associates Convening and Roundtable with Health Minister

- QUEBEC**
- Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances
 - Sexual Health Network of Quebec
 - 24th International AIDS Conference
 - FPI Partners Convening

- NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**
- Planned Parenthood Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health

- NOVA SCOTIA**
- Cape Breton Centre for Sexual Health
 - Sexual Health Nova Scotia
 - Halifax Sexual Health Centre
 - Pictou County Sexual Health Centre
 - Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County
 - South Shore Sexual Health

- ECUADOR**
- CEPAM-G
- PERU**
- Promsex
 - INPPARES

- BOLIVIA**
- RFTS All Partners Meeting
 - CIES

- ARGENTINA**
- Training on International Human Rights Mechanisms with RFTS

- SOUTH AFRICA**
- Coalition of African Lesbians

EUROPE

- PORTUGAL**
- Policy dialogue for the UNFPA Strategy for Family Planning, 2022-2030

- THE NETHERLANDS**
- Workshop with Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- SWITZERLAND**
- SRI Geneva Office
 - Human Rights Council Sessions
 - SRI Annual

ASIA

- POLAND**
- Foundation for Women and Family Planning

- INDIA**
- Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action

- THAILAND**
- International Conference on Family Planning

SOUTH AMERICA

- Akāhatā
- Fos Feminista

AFRICA

- EGYPT**
- Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights

With Gratitude

2022-2023 was a record-setting year, thanks to the generosity and kindness of our community of supporters, volunteers, and staff.

They organized campaigns, signed petitions, used their creativity to raise awareness and funds, became monthly givers, amplified our message, fully underwrote operations expenses, and stayed committed through the continuing uncertainty of the pandemic, and the overturning of Roe v. Wade. We are deeply grateful to everyone who made our mission possible.

Fundraising

388
NEW DONORS



RAISED
\$ 857,543.63
IN DONATIONS

88
DONORS WHO HAVE
GIVEN FOR OVER
30+ YEARS

\$17 AVERAGE MONTHLY
DONATION

Board of Directors

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Jennie Abell

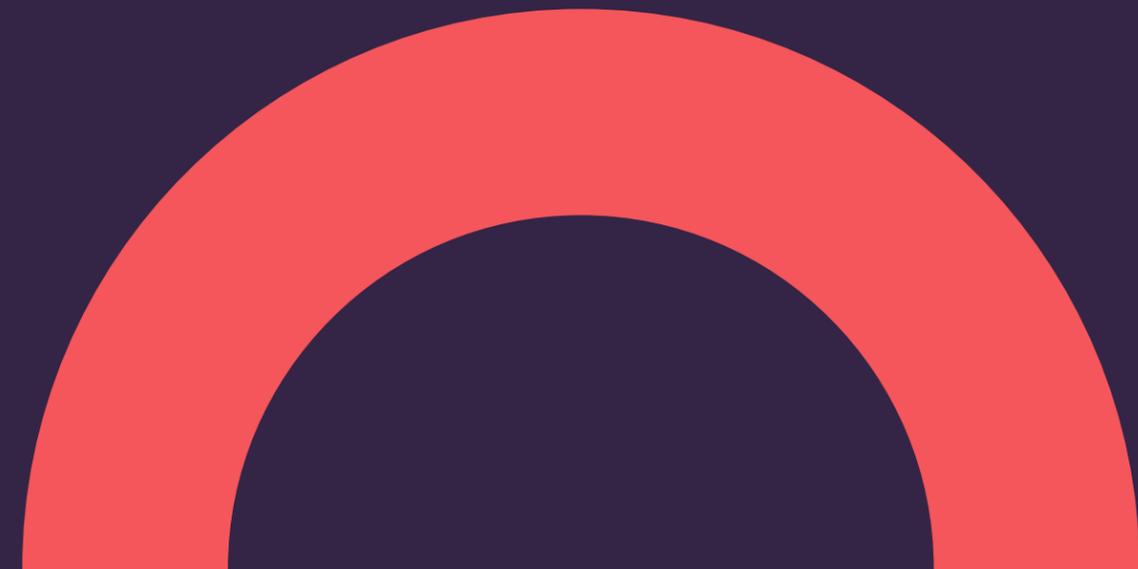
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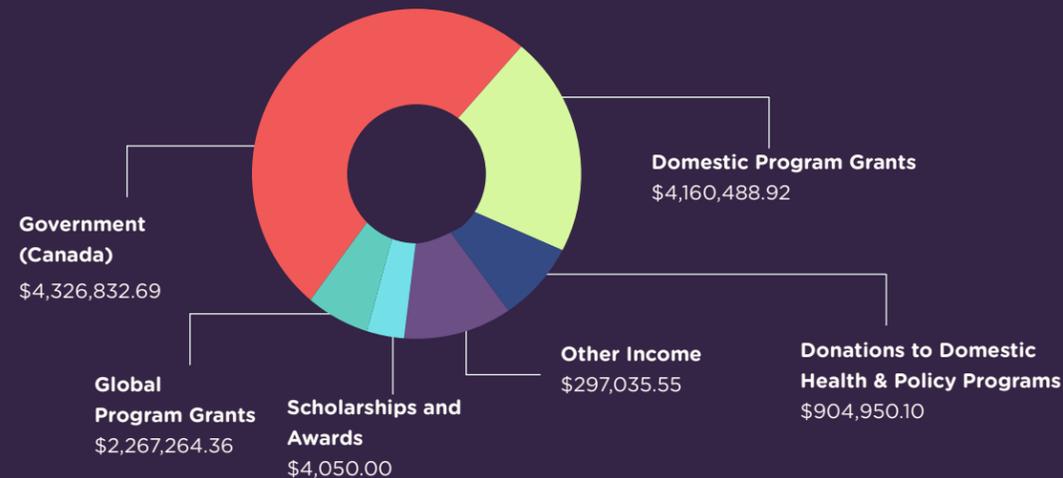
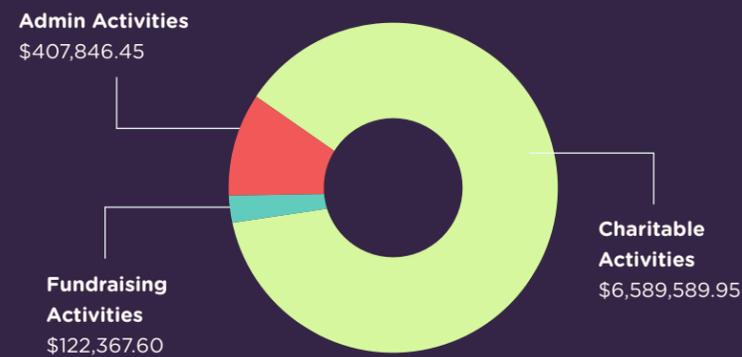
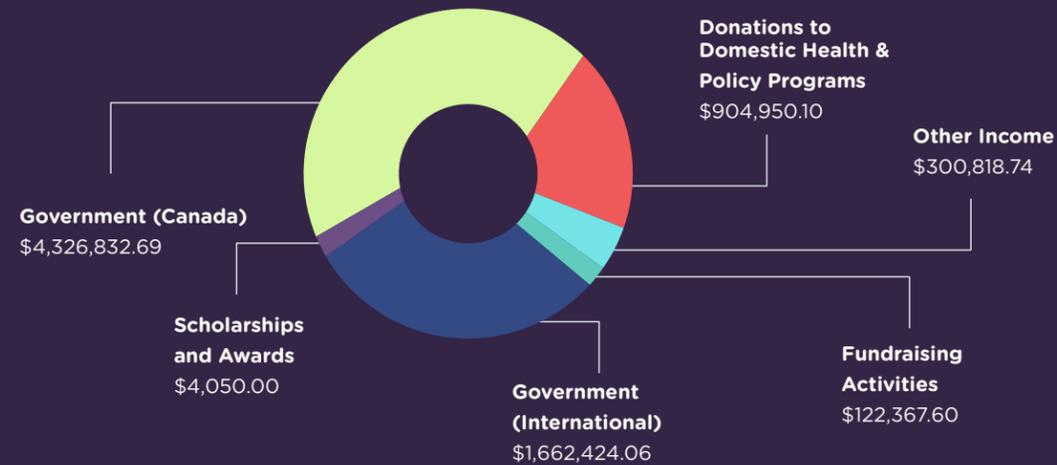
Lynne Raskin

Catherine Steven

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Funding and Financials



Looking Ahead

Our Journey Continues. From the very beginning, our goal has been to ensure that everyone has the freedom to make choices about their sexuality, reproductive health, and gender.

There have been challenges, like the overturning of Roe v. Wade and rise of misinformation, paired with victories, like the Canadian Government investing in the creation of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund.

However, there's still lots of work ahead to make sure everyone can access the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health services without discrimination.

We're more determined than ever to defend sexual and reproductive rights, promote gender and racial justice, and stand against hate and discrimination. Looking ahead, we see the potential for even greater progress. In 2024, we'll continue working hard to make sure everyone across the country can get free birth control.

But just having access to birth control isn't enough. People need to understand what type is right for them, where to get it, and how to use it. That's why we're pushing for better sex education for everyone. At the same time our Access Line team is making sure that everyone gets the information and help they need for abortion care. We're also working hard to influence and shape policies where it matters and at all levels.

Together with your support, we're working for a future where no one is left behind and sexual and reproductive rights are a reality for everyone.

In solidarity.





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