

Guiding Principles for Australian Assistance for Family Planning Activities

Australia supports a reproductive health approach to family planning activities based on the following guiding principles:

- Individuals should decide freely the number and spacing of their children and have the information and means to exercise this choice.
- Women and men should have access to the widest possible range of safe and effective family planning methods and should participate fully in defining the family planning services they need.
- Family planning programs should cater for all people who may be sexually active.
- Australia's assistance should actively work towards improving the quality of care in family planning programs by (but not limited to):
 - involving communities in planning programs appropriate to their needs
 - increasing the choice of family planning methods available
 - improving the skills and competence of family planning service providers
 - providing accurate information and confidential counselling for clients
 - providing follow-up advice and services to clients
 - ensuring affordable, acceptable and accessible services.

NOTE:

- *Australian aid funds are not available for activities that involve abortion training or services, or research trials or activities, which directly involve abortion drugs.*
- *Australian aid funds can only be used to purchase contraceptives which are registered in Australia: monthly cycle oral contraceptive pills; emergency contraceptive pills, barrier methods (including condoms, diaphragms, cervical caps), Depo Provera (three monthly injectable), Copper T and Multiload IUDs and Implanon (hormonal implant). It is not necessary that the particular brand or formula be registered in Australia.*