

ChildFund International

Stance on Contraception & Abortion

<https://www.childfund.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Sexual-and-Reproductive-Health-Policy.pdf>

ChildFund Australia's 2023 Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy opens with the following statement:

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- ◆ “All women, men and young people have the right to make their own free and informed choices and to have control over their sexual and reproductive health and lives, free from coercion, violence, discrimination, and abuse. **Globally, girls, young women, and those who identify as transgender and gender diverse in particular are denied the opportunity to exercise these rights.**”
- ◆ “ChildFund Australia defines SRHR as including family planning, maternal and child health, the promotion of sexual health, the prevention and management of gender-based violence and **the prevention of unsafe abortion and post abortion care.**”
- ◆ “Family planning, including access to appropriate, affordable, and safe contraceptive use is one of the most effective approaches to reducing maternal and child mortality and improving the quality of women’s lives. Ensuring that women, men, and young people have access to comprehensive reproductive health services helps to reduce numbers of unplanned pregnancies, adolescent pregnancies, and sexually transmitted infections.”

Pages 3 & 4-Policy Commitments

- ◆ “Include sexual and reproductive health projects in ChildFund Australia programs where appropriate, either mainstreamed or as targeted projects.”
- ◆ “Make the prevention of unplanned pregnancies the highest priority in all reproductive health projects, with every attempt being made to minimise the need for the termination of pregnancies.”
- ◆ “Aim to ensure that women of reproductive age who choose to terminate pregnancies have access to safe abortion services and appropriate follow-up treatment/support.”

- ◆ “Aim for young people, men, women, people with a disability, and those who identify as transgender or gender diverse to have accessible information and access to safe, effective, affordable, and culturally acceptable contraception, so they can make informed choices to prevent unplanned pregnancies and the transfer of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and AIDS.”

<https://www.childfund.org/globalassets/uploaded-files/newcf/impact/impact-2020-ch-5-health.pdf>

On page 78 of their 2020 impact report, CFI reports the number of youth who felt safe discussing reproductive health with Child Fund’s Youth Access team:

Through our global M&E data collection in 2019, we ascertained whether youth who visited a health facility, clinic, teen center, or doctor to receive services or information on contraception, pregnancy, abortion, or sexually transmitted diseases had received ‘youth-friendly services’ (i.e., when they report feeling comfortable enough to ask questions and felt that their privacy would be respected).

<https://toolkits.knowledgesuccess.org/toolkits/cba2i/childfund-international>

ChildFund International partners with USAID. As a part of this partnership, USAID provides CFI with toolkit resources for contraceptives such as the one in the link.

https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/uploads/filer_public/f8/db/f8db7e16-d335-4e27-9a70-5652b088536f/org_endorsements_global_her_-_june_2021.pdf

Planned Parenthood Action League listed 156 organizations that were backing the Global HER (Health, Empowerment, Rights) Act of 2021, which advocated for the global expansion of educating /promoting abortion. ChildFund is on this list endorsing this pro-abortion act.

https://www.regionalamericacf.org/3_MeQuiero/Englishversions/3_LovingandTakingCareofMyself_Narrative-converted.pdf

In their Latin American booklet “Loving and Taking Care of Myself,” ChildFund makes some concerning claims in the name of taking care of children:

- ◆ “Sexual and Reproductive Health-Youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services All youth have access to confidential, accessible and youth friendly reproductive health services Supportive Homes and Communities - Communities and households support sexual health behaviors and reproductive health for youth Community protection mechanisms against sexual exploitation and abuse Communities understand and address sexual exploitation and abuse” (p.8).
- ◆ “In the region, the percentage of adolescents and youth who begin their sexual relations between **10 and 13 years of age** is often high, often without protection, which places them at risk of: **Sexuality is denied through silence, lack of education and repression when the child wants to discover his or her body.** Ignoring their sexuality produces fear, feelings of guilt regarding pleasure and the natural curiosity to know their own body and that of the other. The natural expressions of the experience and the discovery of sexuality in girls and boys are often repressed with violence. By not addressing these issues in families or in schools, children can be victims of sexual exploitation or abuse. Communication between youth and their mothers, fathers and other caregivers is generally scarce, which limits possibilities in sharing their experiences on sexuality and their affections. On the other hand, most health services do not prioritize education and the promotion of adolescent health among their activities. His staff is not prepared and often has a negative attitude and little sensitive to the situation of adolescence and youth. The weak relationship between families, schools and child protection networks aggravates the problem since it does not allow the development of timely or effective preventives:
 - **Unwanted pregnancy**
 - **Unsafe abortions**
 - **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)”** (p.25).
- ◆ “That is why, comprehensive sexuality education, the promotion of condom use and access to early detection tests play an important role in reducing cases of HIV / AIDS” (p. 26).

Stance on LGBTQ+

<https://www.svri.org/forums/forum2015/presentations/Bisexual.pdf>

ChildFund International and CFI Philippines displayed this presentation in 2015 on LGBTQ+ rights in the Philippines. This presentation states that the Catholic Church's teachings on the LGBTQ+ movement are "pervasive, existence of ex-gay movements and reparative therapies," despite the "73%" of the population in the Philippines they list that believe these "rights" should be accepted.



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