

Niu Waves

Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific

Expanding Access

Welcome to the latest issue of Niu Waves, from the IPPF Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific. The data is in and we are thrilled to report that the eight Partnerships for Health MAs delivered 137% more services in the first six months of 2019 compared to the first half of 2018. We saw 74% more first time visitors to our clinics and provided contraception to 67% more first time users. 90% of our SRH services were provided to poor or vulnerable clients. PNGFHA has also delivered an increase in services year on year, but due to delays in data collection, we can only report on PNGFHA's annual data currently.

These outstanding results are testament to the hard work and dedication of every volunteer, board member, executive director and member of staff across the Pacific MAs and the SROP office and the improvements that have been made in data management, service delivery and awareness raising in recent years. We look forward to building on our successes in the second half of 2019 and into 2020, ensuring that people in the Pacific are empowered to fulfill their SRHR.

SROP and the Pacific MAs also marked two key International Days in August: International Youth Day on 12th and World Humanitarian Day on 19th. Young people are crucial to the work of IPPF and International Youth Day provides a chance for us to celebrate their contributions. On World Humanitarian Day, we celebrated all those working to maintain access to SRH services for people in the Pacific, even during humanitarian crises, particularly Women Humanitarians, who were the theme of the celebration this year.

Our Highlights

- In the first half of 2019, the eight Partnerships for Health MAs delivered 137% more services than the first half of 2018, and 90% of SRH services were to poor or vulnerable clients. More details on page 2.
- Pacific MAs celebrated International Youth Day with their volunteers.
- RFHAF hosted an awards ceremony to celebrate the participants of their Future She Deserves program.
- IPPF launched the consultation process for the Youth Manifesto. Find out how you can have your say on page 4.



SFHA Youth Volunteers at Mapuifagalele at Vailele Aged Care Facility for International Youth Day

Service Delivery January – June 2019

SROP is delighted to share the service statistics from the first half of 2019 from Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Due to technical issues causing delays in data collection, we are only able to report on annual data for Papua New Guinea Family Health Association (PNGFHA).

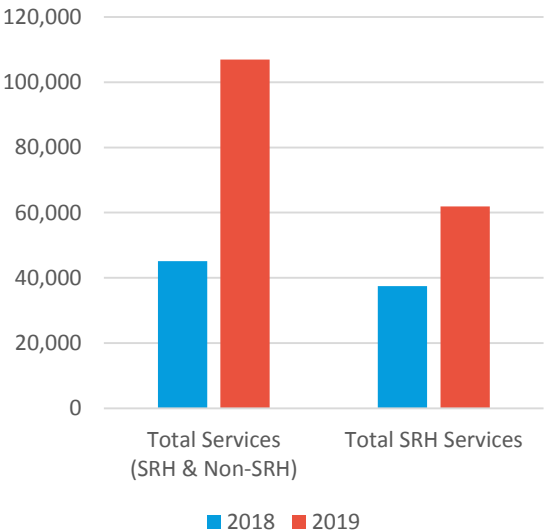
Comparing the first half of 2019 to the same period in 2018, there has been a 137% increase in services delivered by the 8 Partnerships for Health MAs. The MAs provided a staggering 107,000 services in just 6 months, 62,000 of which were SRH services. Of the SRH services, 56,000 were provided to vulnerable or marginalised clients. We provided services to twice as many young people in the first six months of 2019 than 2018 and to 68% more women.

There were almost 6,000 first time users of contraception, an increase of 67% year on year. Over 10,000 clients visited MA clinics for the first time in the first half of 2019, a 74% increase from 2018.

Sera, SROP M&E Officer, has been working closely with PNGFHA this year to improve their data management systems. However, due to the challenges of collecting data from remote clinics without reliable internet service, we have not been able to collect service statistics for the full first six months of 2019 yet.

Analysing PNGFHA’s annual performance over the last three years, however, we see an encouraging trend, with SRH services increasing, particularly among young people. In 2018, PNGFHA delivered over 85,000 SRH services to young people, a 34% increase year on year, and provided over 4,300 Couple Years of Protection, a 29% increase on 2017.

Total Services



90%

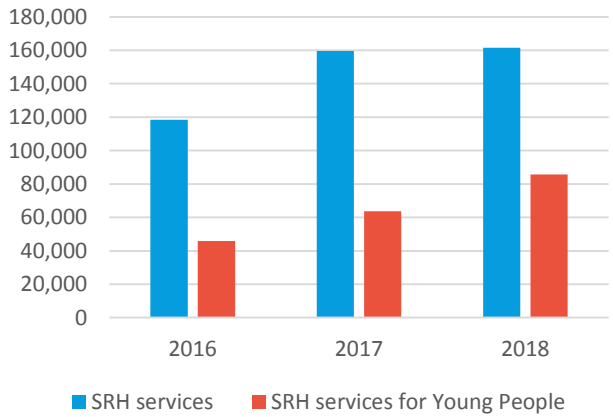
Of SRH services in 2019 were to vulnerable or marginalised clients

74%

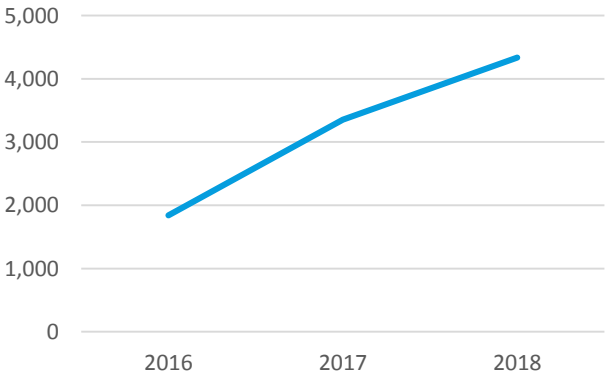
Increase in first time visitors to MA clinics from 2018 to 2019

Please note: the figures above do not include PNG due to delays in data collection.

PNG - SRH Services



PNG - Couple Years Protection Delivered



RFHAF - Future She Deserves

On 23rd August, Reproductive and Family Health Association of Fiji (RFHAF) marked the culmination of the Future She Deserves Program with an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the young women who participated.

Funded by the Fiji Women's Fund, the Future She Deserves program targets adolescent girls to empower them to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. This is achieved through SRH awareness raising and mentoring to assist participants develop their skills in decision making, communication and assertiveness.

CIFWA - Engaging Parliamentarians

The Cook Islands Family Welfare Association (CIFWA) hosted an information session with female parliamentarians and their partners, to increase awareness of SRHR issues and celebrate the recent increase in the representation of women in parliament. Rongo File, CIFWA Executive Director and Polly Tongia, CIFWA Program Manager, shared their experiences of delivering sexual and reproductive health programs and championing gender equality in Cook Islands.

Find out more on the [CIFWA Facebook page](#).

SFHA Anniversary Celebrations

On 9th August, Samoa Family Health Association (SFHA) celebrated one year since opening their new service delivery points at Salelologa & Motootua. To coincide with Father's Day in Samoa, the theme of the day was 'Be a Man' and highlighted men's roles in reducing gender-based violence.

The SFHA team was joined by the Secretary of the Council of Churches in Samoa, Susuga Rev. Maauga Motu, the Associate Minister for the Ministry of Women Community and Social Development, Afioga Salausa Dr. John Ah Ching, and the Australia Deputy High Commissioner in Samoa, Miss Amanda Jewel.



SFHA team with partners at SFHA Day celebrations

International Youth Day

12th August marked International Youth Day, which was celebrated around the world. Young people are integral to the work of IPPF and the Pacific MAs took the opportunity to thank their passionate youth volunteers for the work they do to advance SRHR across the Pacific. Volunteers at the MAs were also keen to give back further to their communities and peers: volunteers at SFHA spent the day with residents at Mapuifagalele at Vailele Aged Care Facility and volunteers at Solomon Islands Planned Parenthood Association (SIPPA) set up a youth stall during the International Youth Day celebrations to raise awareness of SRHR issues.



IPPF Youth Manifesto

IPPF also launched the consultation process for the Youth Manifesto on International Youth Day. This is an opportunity for young people around the world to tell the world what they want and need from sexual and reproductive health services.



If you're under 25, have your say at [IPPF.org/YouthManifesto](https://www.ippf.org/YouthManifesto) before Tuesday 10th September and please share the link with your networks. This is a crucial opportunity to ensure that Pacific voices are represented in IPPF's work going forward. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have already completed and shared the survey link.

Across the Federation

Young people were celebrated across the Federation for International Youth Day. Read [Yumna Nurtanty Tsamara's story](#) of working with the Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association.

SFA Pageant

SFHA furthered their partnership with the Samoa Fa'afafanine Association (SFA) during their annual pageant. SFHA joined SFA during the pageant to call for an end to violence, stigma and discrimination against fa'afafine and other people of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

WHO Updated Contraception Guidance

Following the recent study which found no links between HIV risk and contraceptive method used, the World Health Organization (WHO) has released updated guidance statement on contraceptive eligibility for women at high risk of HIV. WHO now recommends that women at high risk of HIV can use all methods of contraception without restriction. Click here to read [IPPF's full statement](#) on the changes.

Humanitarian

World Humanitarian Day

On Monday 19th August, SROP commemorated World Humanitarian Day, with an orange themed lunch and quiz to test our knowledge of all things humanitarian. In keeping with this year's theme, SROP celebrated our wonderful team of Women Humanitarians who support IPPF member associations across the region to deliver lifesaving sexual and reproductive health care in humanitarian crises and all those who work to make sure that no one is left behind.

RFHAF and SROP's humanitarian work was also featured in FBC's news coverage of the day. Click here to [watch the clip](#). Across the Federation, Charter4Change also featured two IPPF youth educators from SALAMA in Lebanon in their World Humanitarian Day video campaign. Watch the videos [here](#) and [here](#).

KFHA Humanitarian Youth Club

Kiribati Family Health Association (KFHA) hosted the first meeting of their Youth Humanitarian Club on 21st August. The group was established to ensure young people are involved in all stages of humanitarian response.

GBViE Workshop with PDF & UNFPA

In collaboration with the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and UNFPA, we are working to strengthen GBV in emergency (GBViE)

programming for women and girls with disabilities, with a particular focus on programs which support the procurement, storage and distribution of Dignity Kits. To progress this work and ensure that humanitarian response is more inclusive of the needs of women and girls with disabilities, a workshop on adapting Dignity Kits and related programming to suit the needs of those with disabilities will take place in Nadi from 10th – 12th September with MAs and the Pacific Humanitarian team, PDF and Disabled Peoples Organisations and UNFPA representatives from Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Kiribati, Fiji, and Tonga.

Team Welcomes

The Pacific Humanitarian team is delighted to welcome Daniel Noriega and to welcome back Petra Letter to the Humanitarian Team. Daniel joins us as Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist through the RedR Australia Assists program. He will be based in Suva but will spend the next few weeks in the Bangkok Hub, undertaking orientation with Dr Raj, Senior M&E Officer. We are also excited to welcome back Petra Letter, who rejoins us as Gender Specialist for the next two months to continue her work on developing the capacity of the Pacific to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence.



Dates for Your Diary

- 10th – 12th September: GBVIE workshop with PDF and UNFPA, Nadi
- 23rd – 25th September: Asia-Pacific ICPD25 Youth Consultation and Flagship Event, Bangkok
- 29th – 31st October: Pacific Humanitarian Review, Fiji
- 13th – 15th November: The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, Nairobi
- 28th November: IPPF General Assembly Youth Pre-Conference, Delhi
- 29th – 30th November: IPPF General Assembly, Delhi



Honoured guests cut the cake at SFHA Day celebrations

SRHR in the News

- IPPF is excited to be recognised by Nation Swell as one of eight key organisations working to [achieve gender equality](#).
- A group of 140 musicians have supported the Planned Parenthoods US’s [campaign for abortion rights](#).
- RFHAF advocates for [more investment to boost humanitarian work](#) in Fiji and the region.

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Coming Up Next

There are several key events coming up for the Federation over the last few months of 2019, culminating in the General Assembly at the end of November in Delhi.

Consultation is underway for the upcoming Youth Manifesto and we encourage all young people across the Pacific to have your say and help us improve SRHR for young people around the world. Complete the survey at IPPF.org/YouthManifesto.

We are delighted to share the remarkable achievements of the Pacific MAs in expanding service delivery over the first half of 2019 in this issue. We look forward to capitalising and expanding on this impact for the rest of 2019 and into 2020.

From all at SROP, we would like to thank our partners and Member Associations across the Pacific for their tireless work.

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