



CHARITY WATCHLIST

Heifer International



POPULATION CONTROL

- An [article on its blog](#) explains how Heifer International works to eliminate poverty:

“One of the first outcomes from project participation is that parents spend additional income for education for their children. Education, especially of girls, has been shown to directly affect birth rates.

Second, and perhaps more important, is the result of Heifer’s helping hungry people feed themselves. Studies dating back to the 1950s show that poverty contributes to overpopulation (and not the other way around). As long as children are seen as social security for old age or emergencies, or as a source of labor for a family struggling day to day, having as many children as possible is seen as an economic benefit. But when the standard of living of a society improves, the population rate begins to level off.

*By helping farm families become self-reliant and build security (for old age or emergencies) in their livestock, **Heifer is helping families to determine that they have a choice in family size. As poverty declines, so will the birth rate. In this way, Heifer is an important player in the effort to bring population rates down.***

- The [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is a corporate partner](#) of Heifer International, and has funded millions of dollars to Heifer for years.

CONTRACEPTION & ABORTION

- A [blog post features Heifer volunteers in Vietnam](#) and the work they have done, which includes workshops on “reproductive health and family planning.” ALL contacted Heifer seeking clarification of these workshops and has not received a reply. Here is an excerpt:

*“Additionally, 767 households have participated in 37 management and technical training workshops and 616 people have participated in workshops about gender equity, **reproductive health and family planning**, and domestic violence.”*

- One of [Heifer’s Associate Directors of Business Development](#) has worked with Planned Parenthood, Jhpiego (John Hopkins University’s international pro-abortion/pro-contraception health affiliate), and the Baltimore Abortion Fund.

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Mission

Moving families toward greater self-reliance through gifts of livestock, plants, and environmentally-sound agriculture.

Focus

agriculture, fishing, forestry, livestock