

# Plan International USA

## Stance on Abortion and Contraception

<https://www.planusa.org/blog/sexual-and-reproductive-health-rights-statement/>

Plan International USA issued their “Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights” statement in 2020. Throughout the statement they explain that they support both abortion and contraception:

Unintended pregnancies can often be a consequence of these violations of girls’ and women’s fundamental rights, with pregnancy and childbirth a leading cause of death for girls 15 to 19, in many cases due to complications from unsafe abortions...Plan does not administer or fund any abortion services. Plan does believe that priority should be given to avoiding unintended pregnancy through the provision of comprehensive sexuality education and access to youth-responsive sexual and reproductive health services.

<https://www.planusa.org/our-work/what-we-focus-on/maternal-child-health/>

“Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights” is just one of Plan International USA’s six initiatives:

Our SRHR program areas include life skills programming, comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, adolescent and **youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health access**, addressing child and early forced marriage (CEFM), **access to sexual reproductive health in emergencies (SRHiE)**, HIV prevention and increasing access to HIV care.

<https://plan-international.org/news/2022/06/27/plan-international-concerned-supreme-court-decision-roe-v-wade/>

This was PIU’s statement following the *Dobbs* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. The introduction to the statement is below:

Plan International USA is **extremely dismayed** by the official Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. By revoking nearly 50 years of the

court's own precedents, the ruling endangers the sexual and reproductive health rights of millions of American women and adolescent girls.

<https://www.planusa.org/blog/plan-international-usa-statement-on-texas-abortion-law/>

PIU also made a statement condemning Texas' six-week abortion ban in 2021.

<https://www.planusa.org/staff-members/maham/>

<https://www.planusa.org/staff-members/soha-sewani/>

These two staff members of Plan International USA work with their local Planned Parenthood chapters.

[https://plan-international.org/uploads/2021/12/srhr\\_position\\_paper\\_io-eng-jun17-final.pdf](https://plan-international.org/uploads/2021/12/srhr_position_paper_io-eng-jun17-final.pdf)

The link above leads to Plan International's Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights position paper, which states: "Plan International believes that all sexually active adolescents, including younger adolescents, and young people with an unmet need for family planning should be able to access modern contraception." They also say in the same brochure, "Plan International believes that abortions should be rare and that priority should be given to avoiding unintended pregnancy, through the provision of comprehensive sexuality education including accurate information on contraceptives as well as access to quality contraceptive services (including emergency contraception) for all girls and women."

<https://plan-international.org/srhr/teenage-pregnancy/>

On their global website, Plan International focuses especially on contraception in the developing world. They feature a young woman they have trained "who has helped up to 500 young people in Malawi access contraception, support and vital sexual health information."

<https://plan-international.org/case-studies/health-app-helps-teens-avoid-pregnancy/>

[MSI Reproductive Choices](#), formerly known as Marie Stopes International, worked with Plan International to create a sexual health app for teens to avoid pregnancy.

### **Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyles**

<https://www.planusa.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-at-plan/>

<https://www.planusa.org/blog/how-to-be-a-gender-equality-and-lgbtqia-ally-lc/>

Both links above showcase Plan International USA's support for the LGBTQ+ lifestyle through their DEI statement and their article on how to be an LGBTQ+ "ally."

<https://plan-international.org/srhr/lgbtiq-inclusion/>

The link above features Plan International's LGBTQ+ inclusion statement on their global site.



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