

# FINCA International

## Stance on Abortion and Contraception

<https://finca.org/blogs/world-population-day-7-8-billion-people-and-counting>

FINCA International's 2021 "World Population Day" blog post highlights their support for contraception and the UN's pro-population control agenda as they describe the impact COVID-19 had on "women's sexual and reproductive rights." Below is what FINCA says about COVID's impact on access to contraception:

The United Nations sanctioned World Population Day in 1989 **to raise awareness about population and its effects on development and the environment.** Important issues as diverse as family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health, and human rights all touch on population. More than 18 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is in a transitional phase... Against this backdrop, this year, World Population Day **highlights the pandemic's impact on fertility...** The pandemic also wrecked health systems around the world, **including sexual and reproductive healthcare. Family planning and contraceptives are among the most disrupted services. Decision-makers had to reallocate resources and sometimes close institutions. These actions severely limited access to essential health services for women in several countries.**

Supporting the human rights and wellbeing of women and girls around the world is crucial in addressing these population-related issues. **At FINCA this means stepping up efforts to educate and economically empower women. It also means eliminating discriminatory behaviors and practices that disadvantage women, something FINCA targets through its programs as well as through its hiring and training programs in the countries in which it works.**

<https://www.microfinanceopportunities.org/download>

In a report from 2007, Microfinance Opportunities (MFO) published a document entitled *Study of the Demand for Health Financing Services among FINCA Uganda Clients*. On page 39 of the document, MFO interviewed FINCA employees and clients, who stated that HIV/AIDS rates are more prevalent among teenagers and

young adults “because these populations are sexually active, and many people **do not use safe sexual practices.**”

On page 41 of the document, they also cite the following about condom use:

Although respondents reported using condoms to protect against HIV/AIDS and STDs, **women commented that the usage of condoms is not very common. This is because women have less bargaining power when it comes to sexual protection, hence many women cannot demand the use of condoms (Mosser, 1997).** Other prevention methods mentioned by the participants included educational seminars provided by the government.

<https://finca.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/2021/08/FINCA-Ventures-Annual-Impact-Report-FINAL-low-res.pdf>

On page seven of their 2021 annual report, FINCA International provides the following information:

To assess outcomes across such diverse sectors, FINCA Ventures utilizes universal standards for measuring the impact of its investments. These include the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) IRIS+ metrics. Impact measurement, of course, comes in many forms. FINCA and its investees deploy custom survey instruments and develop custom metrics as needed for deeper or more specific evaluation and understanding.

<https://finca.org/about-finca/careers>

On their main webpage about joining FINCA’s team, they state: “FINCA actively works to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In joining FINCA, you too will be uniquely positioned to make a substantive contribution to the SDGs.”

The UN’s SDGs include decreasing the human population to eight billion people by 2030, as well as providing abortion and contraception to women as a part of their “reproductive rights.” All of this can be found on pages one and two of the SDG documents linked at

[https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/getWSDoc.php?id=971.](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/getWSDoc.php?id=971)

## **Partnerships**

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/committed-grants/2005/03/opp30259>

In 2005, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation granted FINCA \$426,150 to “demonstrate the effectiveness of using FINCA's microfinance network to increase access to HIV prevention education to Malawian women.”

<https://finca.org/about-finca/partners/private-sector>

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation continues to serve as a private sector partner of FINCA.

<https://finca.org/blogs/social-enterprise-podcast-diana-sierra-be-girl>

In 2018, FINCA’s CEO hosted Diana Sierra from the organization Be Girl to promote her organization’s education on menstruation for young girls and teens in developing countries. A closer look at Be Girl’s education curriculum shows that they also promote contraception to young girls and teens. Section 5 of the curriculum guide goes into graphic detail on how to use condoms and other contraceptive means. The guide also explicitly says not to track your cycle as a mode of family planning. A closer look at the footnotes shows Planned Parenthood and the Mayo Clinic as sources for the explicit sexual “education.” See more on pages 69-70 in their booklet at <https://www.begirl.org/education>.

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/awarded-grants/grants-database/finca-international-inc-119285/>

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/awarded-grants/grants-database/finca-international-inc-124307/>

The Ford Foundation granted FINCA International \$213,275 in 2013 for the following: “FINCA Uganda to expand its agriculture value chain financing program to include insurance and develop products for women.” Ford Foundation tagged topics the grant covered, which included “**sexual and reproductive health and rights.**” Ford Foundation granted another \$120,000 to FINCA in 2015 for the same reasons.

### Other

<https://finca.org/profile/andree-simon>

FINCA International’s current CEO, Andree Simon, worked for the pro-abortion/pro-contraception organization Women for Women International before starting with FINCA (read more at [all.org/charity-watchlist](http://all.org/charity-watchlist)).

Several of FINCA’s current staff members have worked for organizations promoting anti-life agendas such as Save the Children, UNICEF, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (see more at [all.org/charity-watchlist](http://all.org/charity-watchlist)).



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