



Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises

An IAWG guide to the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025 - Humanitarian-focused events to check out during the conference!

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November 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Reproductive Health Site Visits Across Bogota Organized by ICFP Country Co-hosts

Venue: TBD

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Youth Summit - Day 1: Voices, Evidence, Action: An Intergenerational Movement for All

This dynamic two-day event will spotlight evidence-based AYSRHR programs, celebrate the use of arts for advocacy, and ignite inter-generational conversations on emerging priorities. Topics include mental health, self-care, climate justice, rights-based approaches (CSE,

LGBTQ+ youth, youth with disabilities), and innovations in program design and implementation.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Bosque I & II & III

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Global Safe Abortion Dialogue

Building on previous global and regional dialogues, this event will be a critical opportunity for the global abortion community to come together to share insights and build a clear and unified action plan to deepen our collective efforts towards advancing abortion rights and access.

[Register here!](#)

Venue: Hilton Bogotá Conferias

November 2, 2025

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

Demographic Dividend pre-conference: Gender Demographic Dividend and Low Fertility: Rights, Equity, and Policy Responses

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This pre-conference will explore the gendered dimensions of the demographic dividend and the policy implications of low fertility in diverse global contexts. As countries face rising concerns over fertility decline and persistent gender inequalities, this event will bring together experts, advocates, and decision-makers to examine how sustained investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), women's empowerment, and inclusive economic policies can foster demographic resilience and intergenerational equity. Taking place on November 2-3, 2025.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

WHO/IBP Program Implementation Preconference

Pre-conference of the Program Implementation Committee/IBP Network:

"Community-centered solutions for access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)" The overall objective of the pre-conference is to discuss access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with an emphasis on intersectional responses and solutions that place communities at the center. The focus will be on solutions that expand access and empower people in situations of exclusion and vulnerability.

A unique space, in Spanish, by and for our colleagues in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, IBP Implementation Room

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Youth Summit Day 2 - Voices, Evidence, Action: An Intergenerational Movement for All

This dynamic two-day event will spotlight evidence-based AYSRHR programs, celebrate the use of arts for advocacy, and ignite inter-generational conversations on emerging priorities. Topics include mental health, self-care, climate justice, rights-based approaches (CSE, LGBTQ+ youth, youth with disabilities), and innovations in program design and implementation.

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Venue: Hilton Bosque I & II & III

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:

Co-hosted by IAWG!

Humanitarian & Crisis Settings (collab. with ECC) pre-conference: SRHR and intersection with humanitarian response and climate change

The HCS, ECC and IAWG have compiled a half-day pre-conference event focused on the interlinking of increased climate change and crisis on sexual and reproductive health and rights. We will commence with a panel of experts, providing background and current evidence on this topic. We will move into collaborative working groups and conclude with a path forward for ongoing collaboration between these groups in ensuring access to quality reproductive health in some of the most challenging settings.

Registration required.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

Private Sector pre-conference: Public Stewardship, Private Innovation: Reimagining Partnerships for SRH Access and Self-Care

This half-day pre-conference will convene a cross-section of global and local stakeholders to explore how the private sector is evolving within the family planning and sexual and reproductive health (FP/SRH) landscape. With shifting donor support and growing demand, we'll spotlight models, strategies, and partnerships that are helping to expand access, equity, and quality. Space is limited, so the sub-committee will follow-up with conference registrants who indicate their interest in this pre-conference to confirm attendance.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, room G

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.:

WHO/IBP Program Implementation Pre-conference cocktail

Venue: Terrace, Floor 3

November 3, 2025

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

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Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

Power Shifting pre-conference: Shifting Power, Advancing Justice: From Dialogue to Action in Global SRHR

Join the ICFP 2025 Power Shifting Pre-Conference and be part of a transformative gathering that's unpacking and co-creating solutions to systemic inequities in sexual and reproductive health and rights. This action-oriented event brings together diverse stakeholders—from community organizations and youth advocates to policymakers and donors—to center historically marginalized voices, including locally-led SRHR organizations, LGBTQI+ communities, sex workers, refugees, and people living with HIV. Through interactive dialogues, knowledge-sharing sessions, and collaborative workshops, participants will move beyond discussion to co-create tangible commitments that reshape global SRHR policies, funding, and programming.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room ÑO

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

WHO Preconference

WHO supports partners and ministries of health (MoH) to accelerate quality and rights-based family planning (FP) services within the broader frameworks of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the WHO 14th Global Programme of Work. It leads global efforts in sexual and reproductive health and rights by driving research, setting standards, and promoting ethical, rights-based approaches. This contributes specifically to the attainment of SDG targets 3.1, 3.7 and 5.6, and that right based quality family planning remains at the heart of FP programmes.

In this pre-conference session, in the morning WHO will launch the updated Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC), Selected Practice Recommendations (SPR) Guidelines, new guidance on scaling up postpregnancy FP, Social behavioral change and task sharing in FP. You will hear the experiences from the Bottleneck Analysis (BNA) conducted in over 20 countries with partners to support scaling up of evidence-based FP interventions, under The WHO FP Accelerator Plus Project. The afternoon session will focus on research updates on Scaling Up of Self-Administered Injectable Contraception (DMPA-SC), Impact of family planning on women's health and socio-economic empowerment and the Global study on male contraception.

Venue: Hilton Bosque II & III

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

TCI Urban Family Planning Conference: Lead from the Future

In the face of a global reproductive health funding crisis, innovative, future-ready solutions that elevate local leadership and unlock domestic resources are more urgent than ever. As donor investments decline and demand for services rises, bridging the gap between local governments and global funders is essential to building resilient, country-led systems that last. This pre-conference convenes mayors, government leaders, donors, global health experts, and private sector partners to explore how locally led financing and data-driven governance can safeguard and scale reproductive health and integrated primary healthcare.

Participants will reflect on The Challenge Initiative's (TCI) eight-year journey, highlighting how a coaching-driven, government-owned model has empowered more than 200 cities across Africa and Asia to lead, fund, and sustain their own health programs. Through panels, real-world case studies, and an interactive walk-through, we'll explore what's working, where challenges remain, and how cross-sector collaboration can close the RH investment gap. From mayors bridging budget shortfalls to private sector innovations advancing equity, this session charts a bold path forward towards resilient, country-led systems, where ownership is the foundation, not the afterthought.

Lunch will follow.

1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.:

Clarity, Capital, Continuity: Collective Action for Resilience in Reproductive Health Supplies

In the reproductive health landscape, data is critical to identify gaps, problem-solve around solutions, and provide clarity to make decisions and shed light on impacts and progress. Capital (financing) is the driver of the enabling environment for RH. And continuity is needed to connect the supplier base to other global stakeholders. Join RHSC and members in this interactive session as we explore how collective action across data, financing, and manufacturer engagement supports resilience in RH supplies - charting a path forward together.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room D

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Family Planning in a Context of Limited Resources and Security Challenges

La République Démocratique du Congo organise une session thématique sur la planification familiale (PF) dans un contexte de ressources limitées et de défis sécuritaires. L'événement mettra en avant les progrès réalisés vers les engagements nationaux, tout en présentant les stratégies de mobilisation de ressources additionnelles et les modèles d'offre de services de PF adaptés aux situations d'urgence et à la CSU. À travers un dialogue interactif réunissant le gouvernement, les partenaires techniques et financiers, les chercheurs et les organisations de mise en œuvre, la RDC cherchera à renforcer le plaidoyer, à encourager de nouveaux engagements financiers et à promouvoir un appui accru à la PF en faveur des familles congolaises.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room L

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.:

ICFP 2025 Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of ICFP 2025 will set the stage for this historic gathering in Bogotá, Colombia-the first time the conference is hosted in Latin America. Anchored in the theme "*Equity through Action: Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All*", the ceremony will bring together global leaders, policymakers, advocates, and youth voices to highlight shared commitments to advancing SRHR. With remarks from distinguished dignitaries and an inspiring program that reflects the region's leadership and diversity, the Opening Ceremony will signal the start of four transformative days of dialogue, innovation, and collective action.

It will be a call to action-welcoming all participants to come together in solidarity, confront opposition, and work to accelerate progress. The ceremony will also spotlight global commitments and achievements in family planning and SRHR, setting a powerful tone for the conversations and collaborations to follow.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Plenary Hall

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Co-hosted by CanWaCH and IAWG!

CanWaCH and IAWG Member Networking

Taking place immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, this joint reception hosted by CanWaCH and IAWG will bring together members, partners and colleagues from both networks to reconnect with familiar faces, meet new peers, and strengthen relationships across the global health, humanitarian and development sectors.

Together, we will share insights on key sessions and emerging themes from the conference, exchange ideas on the future of family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and celebrate Canadian leadership and contributions to global health and gender equality. The evening will also highlight upcoming IAWG side events and the growing collaboration between CanWaCH and IAWG as we continue to advance SRHR in all contexts.

Venue: Hyatt Place Bogotá

November 4, 2025

10:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.:

**Ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights are met in times of crisis:
Delivering life-saving SRH services from preparedness through response**

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room J

**Continuing to imagine SRHR beyond aid: Centering equity and decolonization
in SRH sector responses**

This panel is an opportunity to bring the sexual and reproductive health community together to be in conversation with one another on envisioning the future of the field. One of the triggers for this conversation is the current geopolitical environment in which global powers are embracing isolationism and in so doing, withdrawing/cutting foreign aid (ODA). Concurrently, there is increasing acknowledgement that colonialism has been institutionalized in funding relationships, through the generation of knowledge with the 'foreign gaze', and publishing opportunities. This inequity has caused harm. Furthermore, as we envision what the future is that we want to create, one of the challenges is how mis- and disinformation (MDI) is shaping the landscape and preventing us from agreeing on facts. This panel will grapple with why the public sentiment is not in favor of protecting donor funding for SRH and what is required to build a narrative infrastructure that supports health equity. Each presenter on the panel will be speaking to a revisioning of the field, proposing alternatives to aid dependency in SRH service delivery.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room Z

Advancing SRH equity for vulnerable and mobile populations

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room A

Empowering Communities to Adapt: SRHR and Climate Change in Practice

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room O

4:20 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.:

Bridging the Gap: Advancing safe and comprehensive abortion care in humanitarian settings

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room N

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Co-hosted by IAWG!

Unprotected: Stories of family planning in emergencies

An estimated 72 million women and girls of reproductive age currently require humanitarian assistance, including access to contraception. Although countries experiencing humanitarian crises represent just 13% of the global population, they account for 58% of maternal deaths, 39% of newborn deaths, 41% of stillbirths, and 25% of the global unmet need for family planning.

To elevate these critical issues, the International Rescue Committee, the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), and the ICFP Humanitarian Sub-committee will host a dedicated side event on the evening of Tuesday, 4 November. This session will spotlight neglected emergencies, share lessons learned from the humanitarian responses, and engage participants in vital conversations about how to ensure access to SRHR services for the world's most vulnerable populations. This event is particularly timely in an era marked by escalating financial, political, and social instability where the traditional approaches to SRH are no longer viable.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Centre, Room G

November 5, 2025

10:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.:

Safeguarding dignity: Innovations and gaps in SRHR and GBV response in emergencies

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room F

11:55 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.:

Beyond survival: Meeting the SRH needs of people on the move in Latin America

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room M

2:45 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.:

Resistance and resilience: Safeguarding SRHR in crisis and conflict

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room F

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Co-hosted by IAWG!

From challenges to solutions: Exploring innovation in safe abortion care in humanitarian settings

Join us for an informal event to facilitate networking and new connections and galvanise positive solutions, policy actions and innovative approaches that advance the implementation and funding of safe abortion care in humanitarian settings. The event will use a marketplace approach to socialise new outputs and ideas put forward by event partners and to showcase new research and practical initiatives relevant to humanitarian settings. The event will have a

particular emphasis on platforming voices from countries affected by the crisis, on practical and actionable recommendations.

Venue: Hilton Bogotá Corferias, Laguna Room

From Data to Dignity: Scaling SRHR and FP Innovations for Refugee Communities in Africa

Presented by the Baobab Research Programme Consortium (Baobab RPC), this dynamic ICFP 2025 session at Room K, Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, spotlights African-led research transforming SRHR in refugee settings in the East and Horn of Africa, specifically, across Uganda and Ethiopia. Discover Baobab RPC's journey, from pioneering large-scale surveys to designing interventions now adopted by national ministries. Learn how data on unintended pregnancy and abortion is driving policy change and explore innovative models like integrating family planning referrals into food distribution platforms. The session also highlights community-led research, capacity building, and cross-border adaptation of Baobab's approaches. Do not miss the debut of the Baobab Photo Exhibit, a powerful visual showcase of the people, partnerships, and progress behind the mission.

Event page: <https://popcouncil.org/event/icfp-2025-baobab/>

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room K

November 6, 2025

10:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.:

Youth access to family planning services in crisis settings in the countries of the Ouagadougou Partnership

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room A

Caught in the crossfire: The impact of crisis on contraceptive access and reproductive autonomy

Sub-sessions happening at the same time.

Venue: Ágora Bogotá Convention Center, Room I