



# ERITREA

UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMME (2017-2021)

## COUNTRY PROFILE



**A YOUTHFUL POPULATION**  
**3.5 million people**  
**64% under the age of 25**

The population will **double** in 29 years



**LOW-INCOME STATUS**  
**Human Development Index: 0.391**  
 Ranked 186 out of 188 countries  
**58% of population lives on less than**  
**US\$ 1.25 a day**



**MATERNAL HEALTH**  
**Maternal mortality ratio:**  
 1990: **1,700 deaths per 100,000 live births**  
 2013: **380 deaths per 100,000 live births**

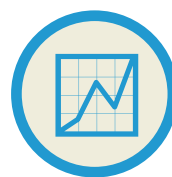
Deliveries with skilled birth attendance: 55% (2014)



**CHALLENGES IN FAMILY PLANNING**  
**Unmet need for family planning is high at 27%**  
**8.4% contraceptive prevalence rate**



**CHALLENGES IN GENDER EQUALITY**  
**Female genital mutilation: 1 in 3 girls under 15 years**  
**13% of women aged 20-24 years first married before age 15**  
 Women make up 22% of parliamentarians (2012)



**DATA AVAILABILITY**  
**Reliable data is hard to find**

- There is no functioning Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) system
- No census conducted to date

## GOVERNMENT NATIONAL PRIORITIES



- Food and nutritional security achieved
- Developed fisheries sector
- Developed infrastructure, engineering sector and urban areas
- Energy production, electrification and equitable and efficient distribution
- Effective communication services and transportation
- Development targets met for sustainable land, water and environment use
- Improved health status, general wellbeing, longevity and economic productivity of all Eritreans
- Access to relevant, high quality basic, secondary and tertiary education

Source: National Indicative Development Plan (NIDP) 2014–2018

## PAST ERITREA-UNFPA COOPERATION

CONTRIBUTED TO	PARTNERS	DONORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic emergency obstetric care services in 68% of 258 health facilities with maternal health services</li> <li>• Comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care services in 7 hospitals</li> <li>• Obstetric fistula repair for more than 1,240 women</li> <li>• 100% availability of family planning methods in all health facilities</li> <li>• At least 270,000 students reached with HIV and sexuality education</li> <li>• 21 communities made public declarations to abandon FGM and to establish 2,657 committees to combat FGM</li> <li>• Civil registration and vital statistics strategy developed; 4th Demographic and Health Survey conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Health</li> <li>• National Statistics Office</li> <li>• National Union of Eritrean Women</li> <li>• National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Development Fund (AfDF)</li> <li>• EU Institutions</li> <li>• Global Fund</li> <li>• IFAD</li> <li>• United Kingdom</li> </ul>

## PROPOSED COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2017-2021



### HIGH QUALITY, INTEGRATED SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

- Strengthened capacity of 1,500 nurses/midwives in basic/comprehensive emergency care services
- Additional 35 maternity waiting homes available in hard-to-reach areas
- 200 health professionals trained in post-abortion care
- Additional 1 million contraceptive pills and 100,000 injectable contraceptives for women
- 10,000 girls and women taught to negotiate condom use
- 2,500 community health workers trained to promote family planning
- 2,500 community-based distributors trained in tracking/reporting village-level contraceptive use
- Logistics management information system to forecast/monitor reproductive health commodity stocks



### EMPOWERED ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

- 18 youth-friendly corners in health facilities and 6 youth-friendly centres
- 100 teachers trained in comprehensive sexuality education



### EMPOWERED WOMEN

- 2,564 anti-FGM committees established to address all harmful traditional practices

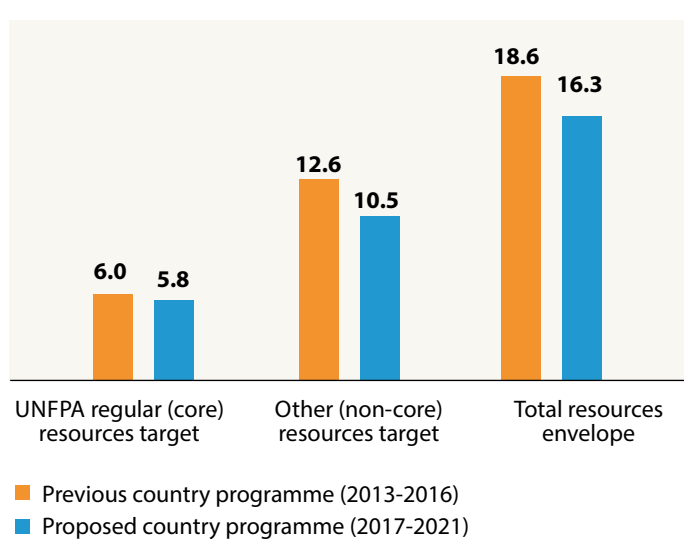


### BETTER DATA

- Chief technical adviser in data for development at National Statistics Office
- 2,564 village-level civil registration and vital statistics workers available
- Financial and technical assistance for 5th DHS

## FUNDING

### UNFPA FUNDING TRENDS (US\$ MILLION)



### UNFPA funding indicatively 18% of total UN development funding

UNFPA funding an estimated 3.9% of total Net ODA per annum (Net ODA in 2014: US\$ 83.3 million – source OECD).