

Ipas

Partners for
Reproductive
Justice

IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021

**Ipas's 2021 Impact Report shares our results during
our 2021 Fiscal Year: July 2020–June 2021.**

Ipas works to advance reproductive justice by expanding access to abortion and contraception, using a comprehensive approach that addresses health, legal and social systems. We believe every person should have the right to bodily autonomy and be able to determine their own future. Across Africa, Asia and the Americas, we work with partners to ensure that reproductive health services, including abortion and contraception, are available and accessible to all.

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Cover photo: Ilda at her home in Beira, Mozambique. Mozambique has been fraught with man-made and climate-driven disasters that have tested the resilience of vulnerable communities. Photo by Amilton Neves

Focusing on sustainability

For nearly 50 years, Ipas has worked to ensure that women and girls—and all people who can get pregnant—have access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including abortion and contraception. In this report, we are proud to share some of the key impacts of our work in 2020–2021.

As you will see, we are focusing more on creating sustainable abortion ecosystems. In such ecosystems, people have the information they need to make decisions about reproductive health, there's community and health-system support for human rights and abortion access, and laws and policies support full bodily autonomy. You'll find examples in this report of our work with partners both local and global to build these ecosystems. The goal is to broaden equity and access in abortion care—and support bodily autonomy for all.

The sustainable abortion ecosystem model also aligns with what we're calling the Ipas Road Map—a multi-year transformational journey that is reshaping Ipas to be more just and equitable. To do this, we are shifting

from a traditional “hub and spoke” organization with power centered in the United States to a “networked” organization with authority, power and leadership dispersed and shared across the countries where we work. We are well under way on this journey, and confident that it will strengthen our ability to tackle the fundamental gender, health and economic inequities that block access to abortion.

We are moving forward in other ways, too. While we remain the bold and unwavering champions for abortion rights that we've always been, we have refreshed the Ipas brand. Our updated brand reflects our commitment to global reproductive justice. As Jorge Matine, director of Ipas Mozambique, says, “The reproductive justice movement combines reproductive health, human rights and social justice—all things to which Ipas has long been committed.”

I'm inspired when I look back at all we accomplished in 2020–2021, and our continuing contributions to a growing global movement. I hope you will be, too.

In solidarity,



Anu Kumar

Ipas President and CEO



Our sustainable abortion ecosystem model



Recognizing that many factors influence an individual's ability to access abortion, we work with partners across systems, institutions and communities to design, implement and assess sustainable abortion care. In a sustainable abortion ecosystem, local stakeholders are accountable and committed to abortion rights and responsive to everyone's abortion needs. People have the information they need to make decisions about abortion and reproduction, there is community and political support for human rights and abortion access, there are strong health systems and a trained workforce, and there are laws and policies that support comprehensive abortion care, sexual and reproductive health, and bodily autonomy.

Our approach to building these ecosystems is rooted in the understanding that there are four main "drivers" integral to achieving sustainability: human rights and equity, partnerships and collaboration, local expertise, and ownership and accountability.



Youth activist
Tisungane Sitima

Building community and political support for human rights and abortion access

Ipas continued working in 2021 to safeguard access to abortion an essential health service during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In **Malawi**, for instance, Ipas launched an initiative to protect access to abortion and contraception during the pandemic—and beyond. The initiative was chaired by youth activist Tisungane Sitima, who organized meetings with young people, community chiefs, and others to discuss sexual and reproductive health issues in relation to COVID-19 and gender-based violence, which has increased during the pandemic.

With technical and operational support from Ipas, Le Centre ODAS (Organisation pour le Dialogue pour l'Avortement Sécurisé /Organization for Safe Abortion Dialogue) launched in 2021. Bringing together government, advocates, and global/regional partners to strengthen the safe abortion movement across the **Francophone region of Africa**, they ensure that policies and programming are designed in collaboration with women and youth of the region



After completing training sessions in **Pakistan**, 92% of the female and 95% of the male community intermediaries had improved knowledge.



Training of Lady Health Workers in Pakistan

Strong health systems and trained workforce

In **Pakistan**, Ipas is working with community-based Lady Health Workers—who deliver basic health information and services door-to-door—to help spread the word about free postabortion and contraceptive care now within reach of millions of people across the country.

In response to **Bolivia's** spike in sexual violence and unplanned pregnancy during the pandemic, Ipas has created a telemedicine solution that provides support services for sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence. “Mi Telecon” (My Teleconference) offers free online consultations with physicians trained to provide care without discrimination or stigma—with a focus on gender equity and a respect for sexual and reproductive rights.



Mi Telecon



— **Advocating for laws and policies that support comprehensive abortion care, sexual and reproductive health, and bodily autonomy**

In **Mexico** and **Argentina**, Ipas has worked with regional activists and partners for many years in advocating for safe, legal abortion. This growing movement—known as “the green wave”—achieved two historic victories in 2020–2021. In December 2020, abortion was legalized in all cases through 14 weeks of pregnancy in Argentina, with exceptions under certain conditions after that point. Several months later, the Supreme Court of Mexico issued a ruling declaring that criminalizing abortion is unconstitutional, forcing governments of Mexican states where abortion remains criminalized to modify their penal codes and legalize abortion.



The green wave coming from Argentina... is going to inspire other movements. The case of Mexico proves that societies are ready in Latin America to advance on abortion rights.”

— María Antonieta Alcalde, director of Ipas Central America and Mexico

In **Nigeria**, Jigawa State adopted legislation to implement the federal Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act, a major advance in the fight against sexual and gender-based violence. To push the bill forward, Ipas Nigeria and partners conducted months of advocacy work with leaders and members of the State Assembly and other key stakeholders. Ipas Nigeria also sponsored radio programs across the state to raise awareness on how to report cases of sexual and gender-based violence.



We’re fighting for a world where everyone can determine their own future and make their own decisions. Access to abortion and contraception is a key element of that. We can all draw inspiration and ideas from the progress made in 2021 and keep advancing this global effort.”

— Anu Kumar, president and CEO of Ipas



— Helping people get the information they need — to make reproductive health decisions



The **Ipas Development Foundation (IDF)** launched a community mobilization project to inform and empower decision-making about sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for young people in Jharkhand, India. In collaboration with the state government, this youth-focused intervention resulted in impressive outcomes, showing significant increases in abortion legality knowledge and modern contraceptive methods, along with a substantial decrease in stigma.

In **Nigeria**, where abortion is highly restricted and access to services is limited, a study by Ipas added to the growing body of evidence that people can safely manage their own abortions after going to patent medicine vendors (PMVs) for information and pills, and that PMVs can dispense the drugs in appropriate doses and be an important source of safe abortion care. This lends support to the growing abortion self-care movement, where people seeking abortion obtain pills on their own, without a prescription from a doctor, and then self-manage their abortions.

In recent years, we have accelerated our efforts to provide reliable, evidence-based information about the self-management of **abortion with pills**, which allows people to manage as much of the process as they want, with or without the involvement of a health provider. Globally, self-management of abortion is on the rise because of the increasing availability of abortion pills. Our new guide, “**How to have an abortion with pills**,” is available for free online.

Ipas also collaborated with artists, sound designers and narrators to produce the animated video “**Mina’s Story**,” the fictional story of a woman who has an abortion with pills without visiting a health center. It is available in English, Spanish and French, and shows how women are able to self-manage the process using simple instructions found on reliable websites such as the “**Abortion with pills**” page of the Ipas website.

“**Women—on their own and without a prescription from a doctor—got misoprostol, and they went home and had a safe abortion.**”
— Ipas senior researcher Kristen Shellenberg





Climate Justice is Reproductive Justice

In the countries where Ipas works, we already are seeing the devastating impact affecting the women and girls we serve—from increased flooding in Bangladesh to the recent cyclones in southern Africa. Women and girls disproportionately bear the brunt of suffering from climate-related events, yet their needs and voices are often set aside in decisions about mitigating climate change.

In 2021, we launched a new, immersive website—www.IpasClimateJustice.org—highlighting the connections between climate change and sexual reproductive health, featuring the voices and experiences of women living with the effects of climate events and stress, and calling for women-led climate justice.



↳ **Trishna Bala Mondal** gave birth to her first child in a cyclone center in Bangladesh just after Cyclone Amphan hit her region. “During the time of disasters, it’s dangerous for girls. They are not safe in the cyclone shelter.” Photo by Fabeha Monir.

↳ **Regina Charumar**, a professor and activist in Maputo, Mozambique, sees the possibility of creating great change for the better: “A person can, in that small circle, in their small space, generate big changes.” Photo by Amliton Neves.

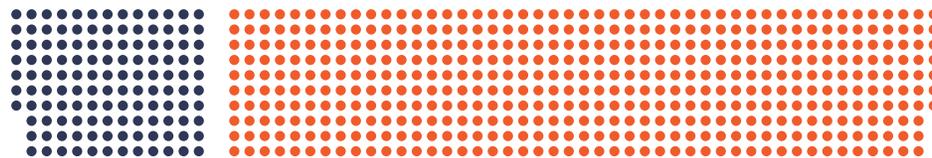
Our global impact:

7,369

health facilities supported

467

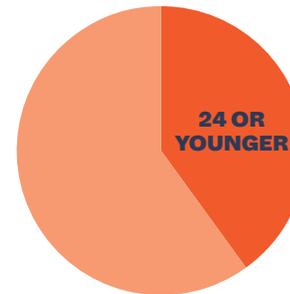
abortion self-care access points supported



127 in FY20 467 in FY21

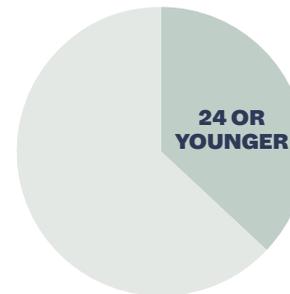
7,836

total abortion access points



467,589

women and girls received abortion at Ipas-supported facilities; more than 40 percent were for women aged 24 or younger



2.7 million

received contraceptive services at Ipas-supported facilities—37 percent to women aged 24 or younger



10,934

health worker trainees; in 605 clinical trainings, 146 clinical orientations, and 37 Training of Trainers

Comprehensive abortion care training for health professionals led by Ipas Nigeria.

Statement of financial position:

As of June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Current assets	(in thousands)
Cash and investments	\$73,131
Advances and prepaid expenses	\$1,682
Grants receivable	\$35,531
Contracts receivable	\$1,081
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$111,425
Fixed assets	\$272
Grants receivable, non-current	\$22,927
TOTAL ASSETS	\$134,624

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities	(in thousands)
	\$4,895
Net assets	
Unrestricted	\$50,431
Temporarily restricted	\$79,298
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$129,729
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$134,624

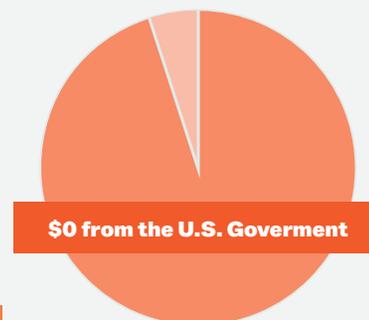
Statement of activities:

Year ended June 30, 2021

REVENUE

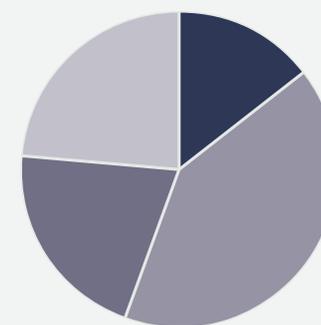
	(in thousands)
Contributions and grants	\$63,176
Contracts	\$3,227
Other revenue / expense	\$2,596
TOTAL REVENUE	\$68,999

Contributions and grants	■
Contracts	■

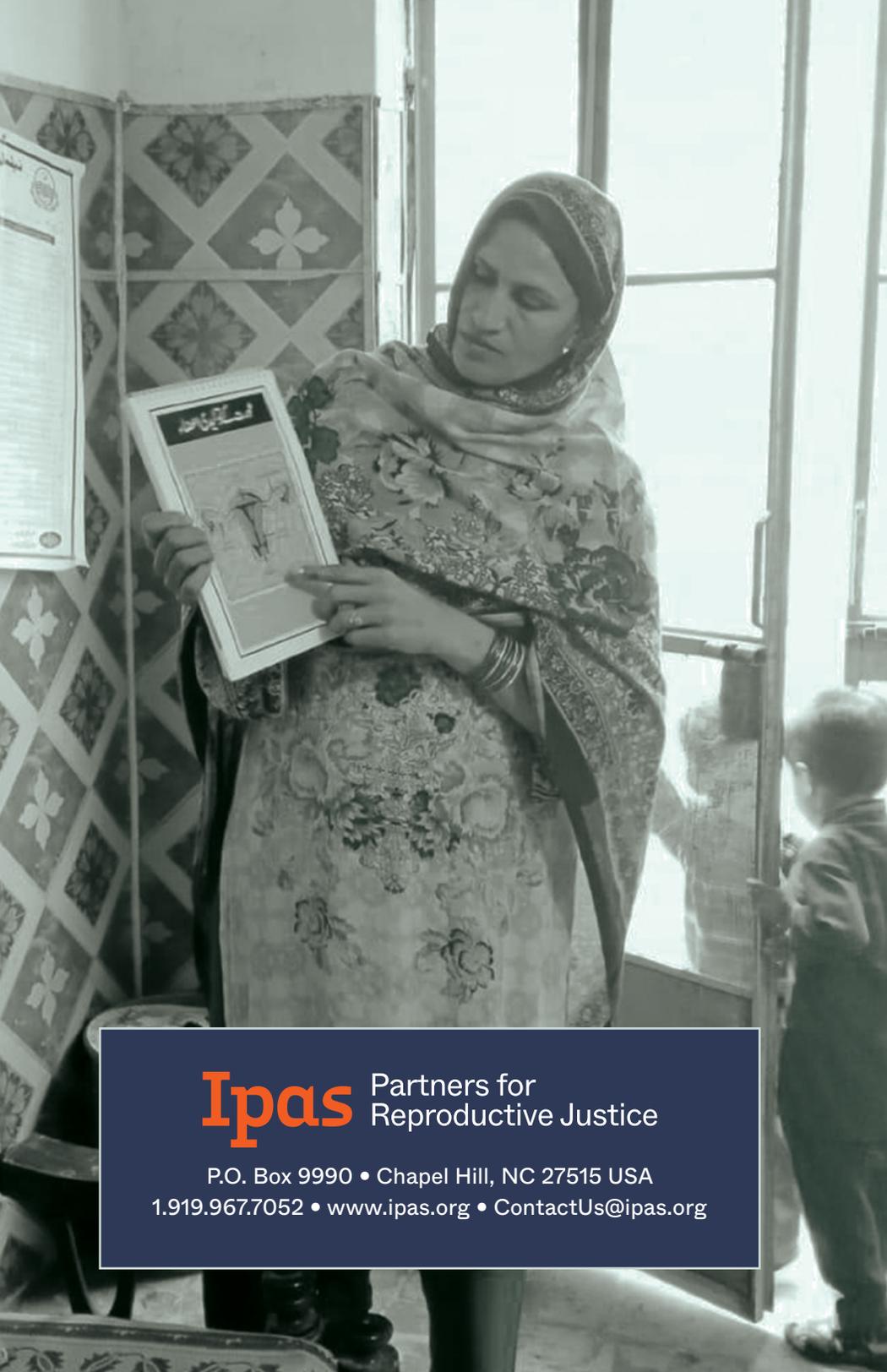


EXPENSES

Program services	(in thousands)
Latin America	\$5,914
Africa	\$16,757
Asia	\$8,517
Global	\$9,579
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$40,767
Supporting services	
Central operations	\$8,517
Fundraising	\$398
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$8,915
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$49,682



Latin America	■
Africa	■
Asia	■
Global	■



You can make a difference around the world.

Access to abortion and contraception puts people in control of their reproductive health. When you contribute to Ipas, you give women and girls everywhere the opportunity to determine their own futures.

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