



MEDIA ADVISORY

Family Planning Summit – For Safer, Healthier and Empowered Futures

WHAT:

The Family Planning Summit will take place on 11 July 2017, the five-year anniversary of the inaugural London Summit on Family Planning. Co-hosted by the UK Government, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in close partnership with the Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) Secretariat, the international event aims to boost progress on one of the best investments governments can make: rights-based family planning programmes.

At the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, world leaders set a goal to empower 120 million additional women and girls in the 69 lowest-income countries to use modern contraception by 2020. The [FP2020](#) platform was created to facilitate global collaboration, track progress and allow partners to share experiences of impact and innovation. Since then, 30 million additional women and girls have begun using modern contraceptives – bringing the total to a record 300 million users in the FP2020 focus countries. As a result, last year more than 82 million pregnancies, 25 million unsafe abortions and 125,000 maternal deaths were averted.¹

At the 2017 Summit, partners from around the world will reconvene to evaluate lessons learned, invest in proven solutions and take collective action to accelerate progress towards the FP2020 goal. These efforts will help further the goal of universal access to sexual and reproductive health, as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Global family planning programmes help countries break the cycle of poverty, make families healthier and empower people to shape their own lives. However, preventing unintended pregnancies remains challenging for too many people. Millions of women and girls still don't have access to contraceptives, can't afford them or don't know how they work.

By working together more closely than ever, partners hope to ensure the world's poorest countries can grow safer, healthier and more resilient. Specific areas of focus for the Summit will include: family planning for adolescents, sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian settings, strengthening contraceptive supply chains, expanding the range of contraceptives available to women and girls and establishing a new financing solution for commodities.

WHERE: London, UK

WHEN: Tuesday, 11 July 2017

WHO: Co-hosted by the UK Government, UNFPA and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in close partnership with FP2020, the event will bring together governments, the United Nations, foundations, the private sector, civil society and youth advocates from around the world. Featured speakers will be announced soon.

WEB: To learn more, please visit www.familyplanning2020.org/summit2017

While media passes for the Summit are strictly limited, the Summit will be streamed live online. For Summit news and media opportunities, email FPsummit@globalhealthstrategies.com.

¹ <http://progress.familyplanning2020.org/page/measurement/the-impact-of-modern-contraceptive-use-indicators-5-8>