

# THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS INDEX:

*Grading U.S. Global Health Assistance*



## What is the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Index?

The Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Index: Grading U.S. Global Health Assistance, known as the SRHR Index, critically assesses and holds the U.S. Government accountable to its work related to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in U.S. global health assistance. Originally created by the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) in partnership with the Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University, Fòs Feminista is continuing to support this valuable resource.

## Who is being graded?

The SRHR Index evaluates six key actors: the White House, U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

## What are they being graded on?

Actors are graded across three domains that represent core funding streams of U.S. global health assistance: family planning, maternal and child health, and HIV and AIDS. The selected domains should not be interpreted as “what is important” in global SRHR, but rather “what is funded” by U.S. global health assistance. The SRHR Index evaluates actions and budget data within each of these domains to calculate the grades. A transparency score is also assigned based on the quality of information as well as its availability and accessibility.

*The U.S. government receives an overall grade for each domain, as well as an overall grade for SRHR in U.S. global health assistance.*

## Why do we need an SRHR Index?

The U.S. government has not been measured against its commitments to promote numerous SRHR issues across U.S. global health assistance. On January 28, 2021, the Biden administration committed to supporting SRHR domestically and globally, which would include the implementation of U.S. global health programs that promote SRHR. Given this commitment from the U.S. government, the Index helps assess how far they have advanced in their implementation.

*The SRHR Index helps advocacy organizations hold the U.S. government accountable for its actions and develop strategic initiatives to advance gender equity*

*and promote SRHR. It also provides a roadmap for Congress and the administration to improve and strengthen U.S. investments in global health in support of universal access to SRHR globally.*

The SRHR Index compares what is being done with what can and should be done to promote SRHR in U.S. global health assistance. Successful promotion of SRHR in U.S. global health assistance would mean that U.S. government actions are based in evidence, consistent with human rights norms, gender transformative, and responsive to need.



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# SRHR INDEX OVERALL AND DOMAIN GRADES FROM 2016 TO 2022

	Domain	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>U.S. Government</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B-</b>
	HIV and AIDS	B+	B	B	B	B	B+	B+
	MCH	B	C+	C-	D+	C-	C	C+
	FP	B-	D	D	D-	D-	C-	C
<b>White House</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B</b>
	HIV and AIDS	A+	A-	B+	B	C	A-	A-
	MCH	A+	C+	D	D-	D+	B-	B+
	FP	B+	F	F	F	F	C	C+
<b>Congress</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B+</b>
	HIV and AIDS	A-	B+	A	A+	A+	A+	A
	MCH	B-	C+	B+	B	A-	B+	A
	FP	C-	D+	C	C-	C+	C	C+
<b>U.S. Department of State</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>
	HIV and AIDS	B+	A-	A-	A	A	A	A-
	MCH	C	C+	F	F	F	F	F
	FP	B-	C+	F	F	F	F	F
<b>U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C+</b>
	HIV and AIDS	B+	A	B	B	B	B	B+
	MCH	C+	B+	C-	C	C+	C	C
	FP	A-	A-	D	C	C-	D+	C
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>D+</b>
	HIV and AIDS	D+	D+	D+	D-	F	D-	C+
	MCH	D+	D+	D	F	F	F	D-
	FP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)</b>	<b>SRHR Overall</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>
	HIV and AIDS	D+	D+	C-	C-	D	D	D
	MCH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	FP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## KEY

- Red**  
Grade decreased from the prior year.
- Yellow**  
Grade stayed the same as the prior year.
- Green**  
Grade increased from the prior year.

## ACRONYMS

- AIDS:** Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
- FP:** Family planning
- HIV:** Human immunodeficiency virus.
- MCH:** Maternal and child health.

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Together with more than 170 partner organizations across the globe, we are dedicated to expanding access to rights-based sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. This includes implementing community-based strategies that make sexual and reproductive healthcare more accessible to the most marginalized women, girls, and gender-diverse people, developing comprehensive sexuality education programs, and mobilizing communities to defend their sexual and reproductive rights.

Fós Feminista carries forward the work and partnerships of the three organizations – IPPFWHR, IWHC, and CHANGE – that formed a feminist alliance in June 2021 with a vision to advance sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice through an intersectional feminist lens and a commitment to the leadership from the Global South.

