



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 Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), in partnership with the Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University, created the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Index: Grading U.S. Global Health Assistance (SRHR Index) to critically assess the U.S. government's work on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and hold it accountable to its commitments on SRHR by grading it annually.

Who is being graded?

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

What are they being graded on?

The above 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 SRHR Index considers policy and budget for each of these domains, as well as the availability and quality of information used to properly evaluate government actors in each domain, known as the transparency grade.

SRHR Index Overall and Domain Scores

The U.S. government receives an overall grade for each domain and a final composite grade for SRHR in U.S. global health assistance.

Why do we need an SRHR Index?

The government has not previously been measured on a composite of SRHR issues across U.S. global health assistance.

The SRHR Index helps advocacy organizations hold the government accountable for its actions and develop strategic initiatives to advance gender equality through SRHR. It gives Congress and the administration a roadmap to improve and strengthen U.S. investments in global health to achieve universal access to SRHR globally.

The SRHR Index compares what is being done with what can and should be done for SRHR in U.S. global health assistance based on international standards and human rights.

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Explore the SRHR Index at srhrindex.genderhealth.org.

	Domain	2016	2017
U.S. Government	Overall	B	C
	FP	B-	D
	MCH	B	C+
	HIV and AIDS	B+	B
White House	Overall	A-	C-
	FP	B+	F
	MCH	A+	C+
	HIV and AIDS	A+	A-
Congress	Overall	B-	C+
	FP	C-	D+
	MCH	B-	C+
	HIV and AIDS	A-	B+
U.S. Agency for International Development	Overall	B+	A-
	FP	A-	A-
	Mw	C+	B+
	HIV and AIDS	B+	A
U.S. Department of State	Overall	B-	B-
	FP	B-	C+
	MCH	C	C+
	HIV and AIDS	B+	A-
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Overall	D+	D+
	FP	NA	NA
	MCH	D+	D+
	HIV and AIDS	D+	D+
U.S. Department of Defense	Overall	D+	D+
	FP	NA	NA
	MCH	NA	NA
	HIV and AIDS	D+	D+

AIDS = Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
FP = Family planning
HIV = Human immunodeficiency virus
MCH = Maternal and child health



The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) is a U.S.-based nongovernmental organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights as a means to achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, by shaping public discourse, elevating women's voices, and influencing U.S. and global policies. We are guided by our vision of a world that respects, protects, and honors sexual and reproductive rights for all. Our work is grounded in and driven by a human rights framework at the intersection of multiple sectors including women's rights, human rights, family planning, maternal health, HIV and AIDS, and gender-based violence.