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Legislative Goal and Effect

Establishes U.S. policy and authorizes assistance to support universal access to sexual and reproductive health in developing countries.

How it Works

- **Promotes a comprehensive approach.** Includes voluntary family planning, reduction of unsafe abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, HIV and other STI services, prevention and treatment of reproductive cancers, engagement of men and boys, and abandonment of harmful traditional practices.
- **Adopts human-rights-based principles, addresses needs of all people.** Promotes the right to free and informed consent without fear of discrimination or violence, and access to health care for marginalized populations and youth.
- **Promotes service integration.** Supports integration of voluntary family planning with HIV, STI and maternal and newborn health services, child health, neglected tropical diseases and nutrition services.
- **Establishes linkages.** Develops and implements a strategy to improve linkages between sexual and reproductive health services and other global health care services.
- **Emphasizes reproductive rights.** Ensures individuals can freely and responsibly determine the number and spacing of children.
- **Addresses humanitarian crises.** Provides health services during humanitarian emergencies.
- **Adopts a continuum of care approach.** Addresses health needs throughout a woman's life cycle, from adolescence to adulthood.
- **Ensures efficiency and efficacy.** Promotes program research, monitoring, and evaluation.

What you can do

- Take action on the CHANGE website and mail your representative asking him/her to cosponsor H.R. 1319
- Tweet your representative or find him/her on Facebook: "Support global sexual and reproductive health. Cosponsor #hr1319"
- Use CHANGE's "Tools for Advocacy," write a letter to the editor asking your representative to cosponsor H.R. 1319
- Contact CHANGE for resources and further information at (202) 393-5930 or change@genderhealth.org