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## IPPF Seeks Expanded Funds for Abortion

It appears that the economic downturn is having an effect on almost all sectors of the global economy — including, to a small degree, the abortion industry.

According to the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM):

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) recently released its annual performance report for 2008-2009. Despite an economic downturn and a slight decrease in annual income, the abortion industry giant boasts of increased activity across all of its lines of work, including condom distribution, advocacy and abortion services.



IPPF's overall income for 2008 was US\$119.7 million, down from over \$120 million the previous year. While IPPF's total financial intake dipped, its abortion business boomed.

The modest decrease in IPPF revenues did not represent a reduction in the number of abortions provided; instead, the IPPF reported a massive increase.

The organization provided almost 428,000 "abortion services" to young people alone, with a staggering 1,134,549 total number of such services — almost double the number from 2007 — across the globe.

Despite an increase in abortion services, IPPF remains unsatisfied with the figure, arguing that "in comparison to other types of services provided by IPPF Member Associations, these figures remain low and indicate that much needs to be done in terms of future investment in this area if IPPF is to meet its objectives of providing women with the choice and right to safe abortion when faced with an unwanted pregnancy."

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So-called "family planning" — both through contraceptives or abortion — has proven profitable for IPPF and [Marie Stopes International](#). Such organizations have stressed that "population control" is important for the environment and the battle against "[climate change](#)." Paradoxically, while their efforts thus appear to be intended to significantly reduce the number of human beings in the world even as such efforts are billed as promoting the health of the species. Thus the IPPF is working to gain financial support from the United States and the United Nations to expand its work throughout the world. According to C-FAM:

The [IPPF] report laments the "dramatic decrease in funding for family planning" from international donors and claims that the drop "represents a decline in donor interest rather than a decline in need." IPPF intends to focus its future work on securing sustainable funding for its activities by capitalizing on statements made by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on family



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planning funding, and on the Obama administration's repeal of the Mexico City policy so that funding to "international sexual and reproductive health organizations" will be restored.

IPPF views these developments as part of a "growing international interest" which "needs to be seized upon in order to drive forward the agenda for universal access to reproductive health." IPPF will be focusing on using the "emerging momentum around maternal health to secure new support and financing" to fund abortion growth.



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