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Planned Parenthood: One Million Abortions Globally in 2016

According to its annual report, the London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) was responsible for more than one million abortions during 2016. IPPF's annual accounting for 2016 noted that its affiliates killed 612,966 pre-born babies via surgical abortion and 481,713 through chemical abortion — for a total of 1,094,679 killings. This is the first time the organization has conceded to over one million abortions in a one-year time period. Additionally, IPPF performed over 3.6 million abortion-related activities such as pre- and post-abortion counseling and consultation, and the treatment of incomplete abortions.

Founded in 1952 through the influence and funding of Margaret Sanger and her International Committee on Planned Parenthood, the IPPF today maintains 142 member associations across the globe and is active in more than 170 countries, both performing and lobbying for abortion and "sexual and reproductive rights."

In its own investigation of the abortion giant, the pro-life **<u>Population Research Institute</u>** (PRI) noted that IPPF "pours millions of dollars into its Member Associations and other like-minded organizations which operate on the country level to provide abortion and/or contraceptive services and to lobby for ever more lenient abortion laws. In 2016, IPPF awarded \$68 million in grants to its Member Associations and other organizations, according to IPPF's Financial Statements 2016."

In its latest report IPPF claims to have contributed to over 950 legislative or policy changes concerning abortion and contraception worldwide since 2005. According to PRI, those changes "have covered a wide range of issues including weakening or eliminating laws in defense of life, imposing explicit 'comprehensive sex education' curriculum in schools, attacking parental notification and minimum-age consent laws, and ensuring public funding for abortifacient methods of contraception." For example, in 2016, IPPF's Guyana affiliate lobbied that nation's courts "to reinterpret the South American country's abortion law to allow mid-level health care providers — i.e. nurses, midwives, pharmacists, and rural non-physician clinicians — to provide chemical abortions up to eight weeks gestation," reported PRI. "Prior to the court ruling, only medical practitioners such as physicians or health providers under the direct supervision of a licensed medical practitioner were permitted to perform abortion." But following the court ruling, "the number of chemical abortions provided by GRPA more than doubled and the number of abortion-related services increased by 68 percent overall." Additionally, noted PRI, the IPPF continues to raise up and train an army of young pro-abortion activists whose mission is to "change public opinion on abortion by attempting to alter communities that value life and change them into communities where inhumane abortion procedures such as chemical abortion, vacuum aspiration, and dismemberment abortion are considered culturally acceptable." In one instance, IPPF's 2016 annual report "highlights the pro-abortion advocacy it effected through its

Member Association in Pakistan, the Rahnuma-Family Planning Association of Pakistan," reported PRI.









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"Rahnuma trained youth activists to influence the debate on abortion on the local level by 'refram[ing] abortion as both a public health and human rights issue.' According to IPPF, Rahnuma's advocacy has reduced 'the level of stigma' associated with the termination of the lives of unborn children." On the positive side, one of Donald Trump's first official actions as president was to re-implement the Mexico City Policy, first initiated by the Reagan administration (before being rescinded by Bill Clinton, re-instituted by President George W. Bush, and rescinded again by Barack Obama), that bans U.S. funds from paying for abortions overseas. "Following up on that executive order," reported <u>The New</u> <u>American</u> earlier this year, "on May 15 the Trump administration announced a major expansion of the Mexico City Policy, increasing the ban from roughly \$600 million in family planning money to encompass all U.S. international health care, which amounts to nearly \$9 billion." PRI noted that under the renewed Mexico City Policy, "IPPF and other foreign pro-abortion organizations that refuse to stop performing or funding abortion are largely ineligible to receive funding from the U.S. Government via global health assistance."



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