

Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



Above: Excerpt from UNFPA infographic on the dramatic impact of USAID freeze to SRHR – see full details attached

UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.

House of Commons

Monday 24 February

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral questions – Home Department

- What steps her Department is taking to help reduce demand for sex trafficking and sexual exploitation – Carolyn Harris MP
- What steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls – Kirsteen Sullivan MP, Tristan Osborne MP

Tuesday 25 February

Westminster Hall, sitting at 9:30am

Debate - Maternity services – Jess Brown-Fuller MP

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- What progress his Department has made on tackling HIV and AIDS globally – Paul Davies MP
- What steps his Department is taking to support women and girls' rights in Afghanistan – Rebecca Smith MP

Suggested follow up oral PQ: To ask SS for FCDO how he is accelerating action on women and girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Afghanistan as we approach International Women's Day and the Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday 26 February

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Northern Ireland Office

- What steps he is taking with the Northern Ireland Executive to help tackle violence against women and girls – Peter Swallow MP, Jess Asato MP

Thursday 27 February

Westminster Hall, sitting at 3:00pm

Debate - Women's Health – Helena Dollimore MP

Library briefing will be available [here](#)

House of Lords

Monday 24 February

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question - Re-offending rates of domestic abusers – The Lord Bishop of Gloucester

Oral question - Violence against women and girls on trains – Baroness Morgan of Cotes

APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS

APPG on Global SRHR Hearings on Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights and Conflict

26 February: 4:30-6:00pm, Committee Room 2A, HoL

3 March: 4:30-6:00pm, Committee Room 2A, HoL

5 March: 4:30-6:00pm, Committee Room 2A, HoL

26 March: 11:00am - 12:00pm Committee Room 2A House of Lords. Briefing meeting on women's health inequalities with Professor Sophie Harman, author of ['Sick of It: The Global Fight for Women's Health'](#). See attached invitation.

8-13 April: APPG on Global SRHR study tour to Kenya. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

25 February: 3:00-4:30pm. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters presents **‘The Global Impact of Trump’s Executive Orders on SRHR’**. The webinar will unpack the severe and harmful impact of these executive orders both in the U.S and globally. Registration [here](#).

26 February: 1:00pm. **‘PUSH campaign - Community Consultation’**. The PUSH Campaign is a global campaign for woman-centred care (WCC), advocating for midwives as the way to get us there! Register [here](#).

26 February: 5:30-7:30pm. Progress Educational Trust (PET) present **‘What Can the Fertility Sector Learn from the Infected Blood Scandal and Inquiry?’**. More [details](#) and registration [here](#).

26 February: 6:00pm. IPU Room. The APPG on HIV, AIDS and Sexual Health are holding a reception briefing to mark ‘HIV is not a Crime Day’. RSVP to Mark.lewis@parliament.uk.

3 March: 5:30-7:30pm. Attlee Suite, PCH. CARE International present an **International Women’s Day Reception**. RSVP to juergenson@careinternational.org.

4 March: 9:00-11:00am. IPU and Jubilee Rooms. **International Women’s Day Drop-in Event**. BGIPU and the Parliamentary Human Rights group will be hosting a drop-in session for members to meet with Human Rights organisations and Human Rights Defenders working on women’s rights. APPG on Global SRHR will be present. RSVP to edwardsrl@parliament.uk.

5 March: 7:00pm. Center for Reproductive Rights presents **‘The Global Gag Rule: Suppressing Reproductive Rights Worldwide’**. Registration [here](#)

6 March: 1:00-3:00pm. The Open University present **‘Urgent action for gender equity: working together, what can we all do?’** a seminar marking International Women's Day 2025, focused on collaborative strategies for progress. More information and registration [here](#).

10-25 March: New York. [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW). Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

5-6 May: G20 Parliamentary Conference on Women's Health: "Unleashing the G20's Full Potential: The Economic Benefits of Investing in Women's Health", Cape Town, South Africa. The European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF) will be sending a delegation of parliamentarians from G20 and G7 nations to attend. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest.

26-30 May: EPF Study Tour to Sri Lanka organised in collaboration with the [Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka \(FPAS\)](#). Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

23-25 June: London. Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) [World Congress 2025](#).

5-9 October: Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](#) - email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

3-6 November: 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogotá, Columbia This year's theme is '[Equity Through Action](#)'— email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

27-30 April 2026: [WD2026 – Women Deliver Conference - Melbourne, Australia](#)

NEWS

Minister of State for International Development, Anneliese Dodds, has replied to a letter from the UK SRHR Network (see attached) addressing their proposals for UK's continued leadership in the field of Global SRHR and making reference to her speech at the APPG on Global SRHR event in October. We look forward to joining them at a proposed meeting in the future to discuss these further.

USAID – [Scoop: UN Population Fund thought it prepared for the worst — it didn't](#) – Devex

[Funding Freeze Decimates Women's Health Care, U.N. and Others Say](#) – New York Times

[The impact of the USAid funding freeze: what we know so far](#) – Bond

[Court extends order lifting Trump administration's foreign aid freeze](#) - Devex

[HIV infections could jump over 6 times if US support is dropped and not replaced, UNAIDS chief says](#) – AP News

[The assault on USAID is a wake-up call for the rest of the world](#) – Financial Times

[Which Countries Are Most Exposed to US Aid Cuts; And What Other Providers Can Do](#) - Center For Global Development

US – [Office on Violence Against Women removes federal funding opportunities](#) – 19th News

[Missouri Bill Would Create Registry of Pregnant Women "At Risk" of Having An Abortion](#) – Abortion, Every Day

[States with abortion bans see more births but also more infant deaths, studies show](#) – ABC News

World Health Organization – [WHO Director-General's closing remarks at the 156th session of the Executive Board – 11 February 2025](#) – World Health Organization

UK – [Stella Creasy warns UK is seeing weaponisation of abortion like US and whoever disagrees must 'wake up'](#) – The Independent

[A simple solution to falling birth rates is staring Farage in the face](#) - Metro

Germany – [German campaigners demand abortion be fully legalised](#) – AFP
[Germany's archaic abortion law creates huge burden for people needing care](#) - IPPF

REPORTS AND RESEARCH

[Patient experiences of undergoing abortion with and without an ultrasound scan in Britain | BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health](#)

[Women's Health Research Priorities](#) – Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

[Policy position: Climate change and women's health](#) - Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

[Eighth Replenishment Investment Case](#) - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

[UK aid for women and girls slashed worldwide, new research reveals](#) - CARE International UK

[Scientists are just starting to understand the links between climate change and maternal mental health. India's community health workers are already finding ways to tackle it](#) – The Fuller Project