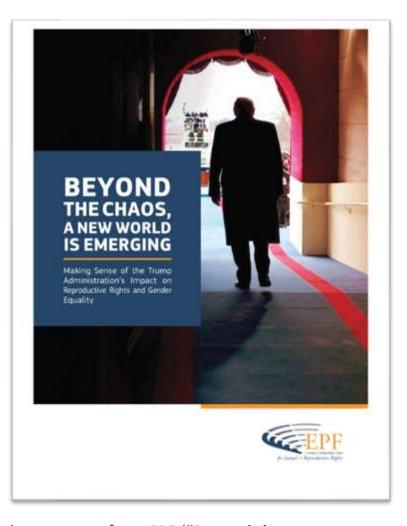


# Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

It has been an eventful week for the APPG on Global SRHR, with various members speaking in International Women's Day debates in both houses, our Chair Sarah Champion MP heading a debate on the FCDO's cut to ODA on Wednesday and meeting with SRHR stakeholders for the second evidence session for our upcoming hearing report on SRHR and Conflict. The Chairs of the APPG also sent a letter to Rachel Reeves, Chancellor of the Exchequer (attached) to express disappointment at the cuts to ODA and the International Development Committee, headed by Sarah Champion, launching an inquiry into Women, Peace and Security.



Also published this week the attached new report from EPF "Beyond the Chaos, a New World is Emerging – Making Sense of the Trump Administration's Impact on Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality'. A joint briefing meeting with the APPG on SRHR in the UK and the APPG on Global SRHR will be coming up soon, date to be confirmed.

#### **UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS**

Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary <u>calendar</u> for up-to-date information.

## **House of Commons**

## **Tuesday 11 March**

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Justice

What steps her Department is taking to help tackle violence against women and girls – Katie White MP, Adam Thompson MP, Patrick Hurley MP What steps her Department plans to take to reduce the backlog of domestic violence cases – Paula Barker MP

What steps her Department is taking to help tackle intimate image abuse – Joe Morris MP

What steps her Department is taking to help support victims of domestic abuse – Luke Murphy MP

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House, sitting at 1:30pm
International Development Committee - Humanitarian access and adherence to international humanitarian law - Oral evidence session

## Friday 14 March

Main Chamber, sitting at 9:30am
Private Members Bill - Domestic Abuse (Aggravated Offences) Bill: Second
Reading – Josh Babarinde MP

## House of Lords

## **Monday 10 March**

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question – Sexual violence against Sudanese women and girls – Baroness Brown of Silvertown

## **Wednesday 12 March**

Main Chamber, sitting at 3:00pm

Oral question - Impact of closure of Apricity Fertility on 1 January on the patients who were undertaking treatment – Lord Fuller

## **Thursday 13 March**

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Debate - United Kingdom's global position – Lord Howell of Guildford

Library briefing available <a href="here">here</a>

## APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS

**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 <u>'Sick of It: The Global Fight for Women's Health'</u>. See attached invitation.

Sophie has also written an article for the British Medical Journal this week - <u>We must fight even harder to protect women's health in the era of Trump and the global right.</u>

## INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

8 March: 3:00pm. World Vasectomy Day presents an IWD webinar 'Rights at Risk, Solutions in Action: Innovation and Resilience in Sexual and Reproductive Health'. Registration <a href="here">here</a>.

**10-25 March**: New York. <u>Commission on the Status of Women</u> (CSW). Baroness Northover, Baroness Hussein-Ece and Baroness Sugg will be joining the EPF delegation.

**12 March**: 4:00-5:00pm. Humantix and USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health present 'Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Moving Forward post-the 2024 US Election'. Register here.

25 March: 11:00-12:00pm. IPU Room. BGIPU and the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute hosting a roundtable event on "The Taliban's Afghanistan - Segregation, Separation and Abuse of Afghan Women and Girls" chaired by Baroness Kennedy. Speakers include Meetra Qutb an Afghan commentator on Human Rights. RSVP to edwardsrl@parliament.uk.

**25 March:** 5:30-6:30pm. Committee Room 1. Bond and the APPG for Global Goals are hosting a 'Joint APPG meeting to discuss working together following the news about aid cuts'. Please RSVP to dianaclaudiaciubotaru@gmail.com

**26 March:** 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents **'Is Fertility Treatment a Solution to Population Decline?'.** Register <a href="here.">here.</a>

**9 April:** 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Fertility in Flux: What Can State-Funded IVF Do for Population Growth?'. Register <a href="here.">here.</a>

**30** April: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Our Future Health, UK Biobank, Genomics England: Exploring the Impact'. Register <a href="here.">here.</a>

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.

**21 May:** 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'IVF and Miscarriage: Reducing Risks, Providing Support'. Registration <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

**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 <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> 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 <u>'Equity Through Action'</u> – email <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> to express your interest, if not already done so.

27-30 April 2026: <u>WD2026 – Women Deliver Conference - Melbourne,</u> Australia

## **NEWS**

## **UK AID**

Take action: Tell the UK Government to reverse the aid cut - MSF UK

<u>Starmer setting 'dangerous course' with cuts to UK aid budget, says senior Labour MP</u> - Politics.uk

<u>Impact Assessments of changes to Official Development Assistance - Early Day Motion</u> - UK Parliament

**UK Aid Cuts: "Strategically and Morally Wrong" - Population Matters** 

## **USAID**

<u>Trump administration ordered to pay select USAID partners by Monday</u> - Devex

Supreme Court tells Trump to pay out \$2 billion to USAID after rejecting his bid to pause spending - The Independent

Press Release - EPF Condemns US Defunding of UNFPA - EPF

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Government pledges to protect more women from violence - GOV.UK** 

**Explainer: How Does Family Planning Save Lives? - Ms. Magazine** 

Trainee midwife suspended over anti-abortion views - BBC News

How 'sinister' lack of access to surgical abortions puts lives at risk - Big Issue

<u>Extending the concept of "obstetric violence" to post-partum experiences</u> - Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters Podcast

Who broke the sperm bank? Inside the market for super-premium semen - Financial Times

## **REPORTS AND RESEARCH**

<u>Guiding maternal and perinatal health research during global pandemics</u> - World Health Organization

<u>Self-reported contraceptive method use at conception among patients</u> <u>presenting for abortion in England: a cross-sectional analysis comparing 2018</u> and 2023 - BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health

BPAS Integrated Research and Innovation Strategy 2025-2030 - BPAS

Women in parliament 1995-2025 Report - Inter-Parliamentary Union