

UK Parliament Opportunities 31st March – 4th April for Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

Dear Member

Please find attached briefings on USA and UK aid cuts and SRHR. Also attached is a letter to The Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Secretary of State for FCDO and Baroness Chapman, Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and Caribbean from MSI Reproductive Choices.

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 Monday 31 March

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm Oral questions – Home Office

- What steps her Department is taking with police forces to tackle violence against women and girls Jess Brown-Fuller MP
- Whether the Government plans to support the Domestic Abuse (Aggravated Offences) Bill – Josh Babarinde MP
- What steps her Department is taking to tackle violence against women and girls – Mohammed Yasin MP

Tuesday 1 April

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am Oral questions – FCDO

What assessment he has made of the value for money of Official
 Development Assistance spending on in-donor refugee costs – Noah Law
 MP

- What assessment he has made of the potential impact of planned reductions to the Official Development Assistance budget on efforts to tackle infectious diseases – David Davies MP
- What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the suspension of USAID funding on the UK's HIV and AIDS prevention programmes – Josh Fenton-Glynn

Drafted follow up oral question: As ODA to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) saves women and girls lives and is in our national interest as it builds prosperity abroad – does my HRF agreed that Women and Girls and SRHR must be prioritised in our aid budget?

The Grimond Room, PCH, sitting at 2:00pm International Development Committee - The FCDO's approach to displaced people - Oral evidence session – watch live here

Wednesday 2 April

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 – David Burton-Sampson MP, Josh Fenton-Glynn MP

House of Lords

No business of interest to APPG on Global SRHR

INVITATIONS TO APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR SUPPORTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 1 April: 5:30pm. Committee Room 2a. The APPG on the UN Global Goals in partnership with other international development-related APPGs, on **the Future of UK Aid** following announced reductions to ODA. RSVP to mcconnelli@parliament.uk

INVITATIONS TO OTHER EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 31 March: 12:15, Rm M, PCH. The APPG for Sudan and South Sudan invites you to a briefing with Lord Collins of Highbury, Minister for Africa on

the current situation in Sudan and South Sudan. This session will also include an important discussion in preparation for the Sudan Conference in April RSVP to pierre.wilby@parliament.uk

Tuesday 1 April: 5:15pm. Wilson Room, PCH. APPG on Women, Peace and Security invites you to a screening of the award-winning film 'Devi' and panel event. RSVP to: appg-wps@gaps-uk.org (see attached invite for more information)

Wednesday 2 April: 12:00, Rm T, PCH. APPG on Women's Health - launch of the Women's Health APPG Call to Action For more information, please email the Secretariat at appgwh@healthcommsconsulting.co.uk

Wednesday 2 April: 16:00. Churchill Rm. APPG on HIV, AIDS and Sexual Health. transformative impact on the fight against HIV, TB and Malaria. RSVP to Mark.Lewis@parliament.uk

NEWS

UK Development Aid

<u>Future international development spending set out in Spring Statement</u> – Gov.uk

<u>Government announces substantial and immediate changes to aid budget</u> – International Development Committee

<u>Committee Chair: Government should pause "hasty" aid cuts</u> - International Development Committee

<u>UK opts to disconnect development from gross national income</u> - Devex Raiding the aid pot to plug financial holes is a monumental act of self-harm - Politics at Home

<u>Spring Statement: 'The Chancellor must not make foreign aid cuts worse'</u> – Labour List

<u>Former UK development minister 'absolutely horrified' by foreign aid cut</u> - Devex

<u>Immediate cuts to UK aid budget announced in the Spring Statement – Bond reaction</u> - Bond

UK

NHS maternity care: What are the problems at the heart of its failures? - BBC News

<u>Virendra Sharma Honoured for 50 Years of Public Service: From Bus Conductor</u> <u>to Member of Parliament</u> – Kerala Link article on APPG on Global SRHR ex-Chair

HIV/AIDS

<u>Foreign aid cuts will lead to more HIV infections and deaths, study suggests</u> – The Independent

<u>Foreign Aid Cuts Could Trigger Up To '10m More HIV Infections' By 2030</u> – Huffington Post

<u>Funding cuts threaten 'success story' of efforts to combat HIV/Aids</u> - The Times

Gonorrhoea

<u>'Super gonorrhoea' warning as health bosses say STI 'could become</u> <u>untreatable'</u> - The Mirror

Gonorrhoea could become 'untreatable', doctors warn amid rise in antibioticresistant cases – The Independent

Sierra Leone

<u>Sierra Leone debates decriminalizing abortion as unsafe abortions lead to maternal deaths</u> – AP News

REPORTS AND RESEARCH

<u>Humanitarian Action 2025 | United Nations Population Fund Global Appeal</u> - UNFPA

<u>Levels and trends in child mortality - UNICEF DATA</u>

Never Forgotten: The situation of stillbirth around the globe - UNICEF DATA

<u>APPG on SRH Publishes Landmark Report Addressing Women's Reproductive</u> Health Inequalities – FSRH

Global and regional causes of maternal deaths 2009–20: a WHO systematic analysis - The Lancet Global Health

FUTURE EVENTS

8 April: 2:00pm. The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC)'s Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream and the African Coalition for Menstrual Health (ACMH) are co-hosting a webinar 'Menstrual Health Supplies: Africa Spotlight'. Register here.

9 April: 1:00pm. WHO presents 'Science Integrity in SRHR: Navigating Truth in a Changing World'. More information and registration here.

9 April: 5:00pm. The AHA Foundation presents 'Mapping FGM in the U.S.: Using Data to Support Survivors and Prevent Abuse'. Register here.

9 April: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Fertility in Flux: What Can State-Funded IVF Do for Population Growth?'. Register here.

30 April: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Our Future Health, UK Biobank, Genomics England: Exploring the Impact'. Register here.

5 May – International Day of the Midwife – media toolkit here.

21 May: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'IVF and Miscarriage: Reducing Risks, Providing Support'. Registration here.

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