

safe abortion action fund

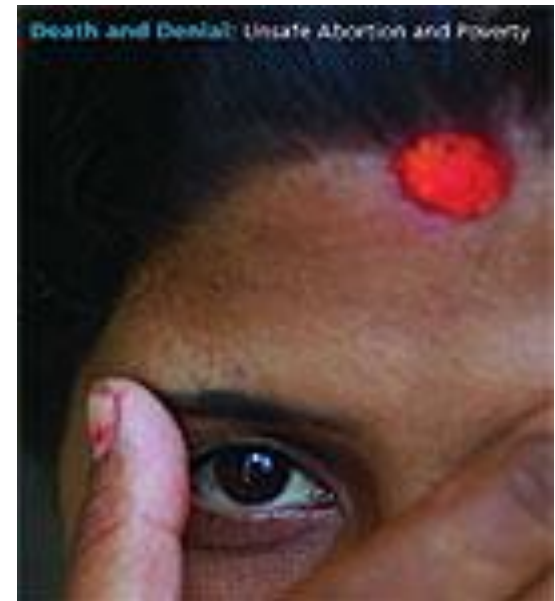
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Why SAAF was created

Launched in 2006 in response to the urgent need for funding to improve women's access to safe abortion

- A public health vision on abortion:
Gareth Thomas, MP -asks IPPF to prepare a report on abortion: *Death and Denial*, launched in January 2006.
- A support to this vision:
DFID commits £3 million to establish a fund to increase access to safe abortion services, and is joined by other donors (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland), who pledge altogether \$13.3 million



What is SAAF

- A global grant making mechanism dedicated and specific to abortion
- An efficient means of providing small grant support to local NGOs
- SAAF plays a complementary role within the health architecture
- A mechanism that demonstrates huge demand and readiness of groups

SAAF Key Principles of Operation

- Supports non-governmental organisations (NGOs), research/other institutions, national/regional coalitions/networks, alliances
- Supports projects which address the issue of promoting safe abortion and/or preventing unsafe abortion, through the entire spectrum of activities from service delivery to advocacy for policy change initiatives
- It is project-driven and gives preference to specific, in-country initiatives.
- The fund is progressively providing more support to its grantees through M&E visits and technical assistance.

Governance and management

- The SAAF Secretariat is hosted by IPPF and provides the administration and oversees the financial management.
- An independent multi-agency Board governs and oversees the work of SAAF
 - Composed of representatives of larger NGOs working in the field of abortion, donors and individuals with relevant experience.
 - Provides strategic direction and oversight of the fund
- The Technical Review Panel (TRP)
 - An independent team of experts appointed by the Board to guarantee the integrity and consistency of an open and transparent proposal review process.

SAAF activities

- Primarily a grant mechanism:
 - 2007: 50 projects with grants up to US\$210,000 over a maximum period of two years
 - 2011: 35 projects with grants up to US\$160,000 over a maximum period of three years
- But more and more support to grantees and networking:
 - TA remotely and in the field
 - Grantees regional meetings
 - Participation at conferences
 - Website

The SAAF grants

▪ Activities supported (non exhaustive)

Advocacy and Awareness Raising	Research	Service delivery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advocacy- Information dissemination- Dissemination of best practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research and documentation- Abortion and vulnerable groups- Qualitative needs assessments- Operations research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access to safe abortion and abortion-related services- New abortion technologies- Quality of care- Capacity building

▪ Level of funding

Currently a maximum of US\$160,000 in total for an implementation over a maximum of three years.

Some figures from the first round

- More than 330,000 women received a safe abortion or a treatment for an incomplete abortion
- 5,500 service providers have been trained in MVA and/or medical abortion
- 7,500 people have received advocacy training
- 44 new abortion related services have been established
- More than 360,000 people have been reached with information messages about safe abortion.

A Few Case Studies

- Advocacy in **Uruguay**: *Mujer y Salud in Uruguay* (MYSU) led the campaign for the legalisation of abortion in Uruguay, central in bringing abortion into the election campaign in 2010
- Creating support for providers in **Darfur**: PPFAl and their Sudanese partner Safe International supported the creation of a network of providers offering abortion and post-abortion care in Darfur
- ISSP in **Burkina Faso** conducted, in collaboration with the Guttmacher Institute and INED, an extensive national study on the incidence of unsafe abortion (Published in Sept. 2011)

Learning and networking

- SAAF grantees regional meetings

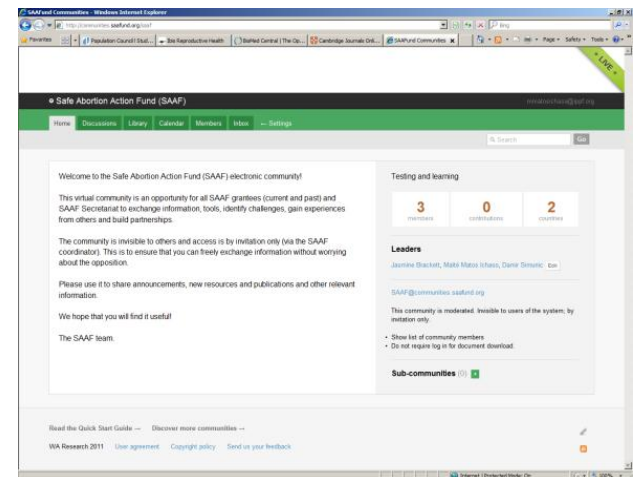
An opportunity to learn more about all the achievements, the national contexts and also to create a momentum for collaboration and support

- SAAF website and protected forum

To advertise the fund and provide the grantees with a password protected virtual community

- SAAF presence at conferences

- Women Deliver 2010, 2013
- ICMA conference, Lisbon 2010



<http://www.saafund.org>

Keep an eye on the website
for the next round of funding.

To be advertised end of 2012-
early 2013



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