

Climate Change: Time to “Think Family Planning”

What’s COP?

The Conference of Parties, or COP, is the decision-making body of the United Nations which deals with climate change. At each annual gathering of COP, delegates discuss topics including climate change adaptation strategies.

Key messages

- 1 Family planning is a human-rights based adaptation strategy;
- 2 Family planning projects are eligible for climate change adaptation funding;
- 3 Family planning is a cost-effective climate adaptation strategy;
- 4 Family planning must be stated as a climate adaptation strategy in national plans; and
- 5 Population growth, in part resulting from the unmet need for family planning, makes climate adaptation and resilience building more challenging.

Why does COP matter to sexual and reproductive health and rights advocates?

Adaptation strategies help communities cope when living with climate change. Family planning is a recognised adaptation strategy. We want to ensure that at COP22 in Marrakech, which opens on 7 November 2016, climate change decision-makers Think Family Planning.

Actions

- 1 Download the advocacy toolkit to learn more about advocating for family planning as a climate adaptation strategy; and
- 2 Download the communications toolkit to help share our key messages in the run up to COP22.

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