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## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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# READY FOR ANYTHING

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When I took the helm of the Guttmacher Institute in August 2019, I made it a priority to match our rigor with a renewed sense of vigor. In a time of constant and often unpredictable challenges; it was clear that we needed to be ready for anything. Today, our preparedness is paying dividends. Amid a pandemic and protests against anti-Black racism, we've built on the foundation we laid in 2019 to respond quickly, decisively and effectively. Your support last year enabled us to make a powerful case for sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, and to ensure that it was heard widely. Thank you for helping us prepare for this historic moment.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "HPalacio".

Herminia Palacio, MD, MPH  
President and CEO



# READY FOR ANYTHING: HERE'S HOW

## OUR FOUNDATIONAL WORK IN 2019 PREPARED US TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2020.

By conducting ongoing, rigorous surveillance of reproductive health and rights, Guttmacher remains poised to respond quickly when crisis hits. We draw on our wealth of data to quickly grasp the implications of a major shift in the landscape—like COVID-19—and we mobilize that evidence to influence policy discussions in real time.

### 2019 GATHERING THE FACTS ABOUT ABORTION

Guttmacher provides the most comprehensive evidence on abortion in the United States. In 2019, our research reaffirmed that many people continue to seek abortion care, despite growing barriers to access. Our data and analysis received wide media coverage, shaped the public debate and brought to light antiabortion policymakers' myriad strategies for shutting down clinics.

### 2020 DRIVING THE DEBATE ON ABORTION

When COVID-19 hit and antichoice politicians exploited the crisis to temporarily ban abortion at the state level, our work shined a spotlight on the devastating impact these laws would have.

**71,000**  
PEOPLE MAY SEEK ABORTION CARE IN THE UNITED STATES EACH MONTH OF THE PANDEMIC

**11**  
STATES TRIED TO USE COVID-19 AS AN EXCUSE TO TEMPORARILY BAN ABORTION

**243**  
MILES WAS THE AVERAGE DRIVING DISTANCE TO A CLINIC WHEN TEXAS'S BAN WAS IN EFFECT— UP FROM 12 MILES

Guttmacher's driving time analysis was critical to exposing the devastation that the bans would have caused if they had been allowed to stand. Ultimately, courts prohibited most of the orders from taking effect.

### 2019 ADDING IT UP

In 2019, we analyzed data for the most recent installment of our flagship project, Adding It Up, which documents sexual and reproductive health needs across low- and middle-income countries and the costs and impacts of investing in services to meet those needs. This influential project has inspired billions of dollars of investments globally.

### 2020 MEASURING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

When COVID-19 struck, we used Adding It Up data to quickly estimate the impact that the pandemic could have in low- and middle-income countries if it caused just a 10% decline in the provision of sexual and reproductive health care—a conservative estimate.

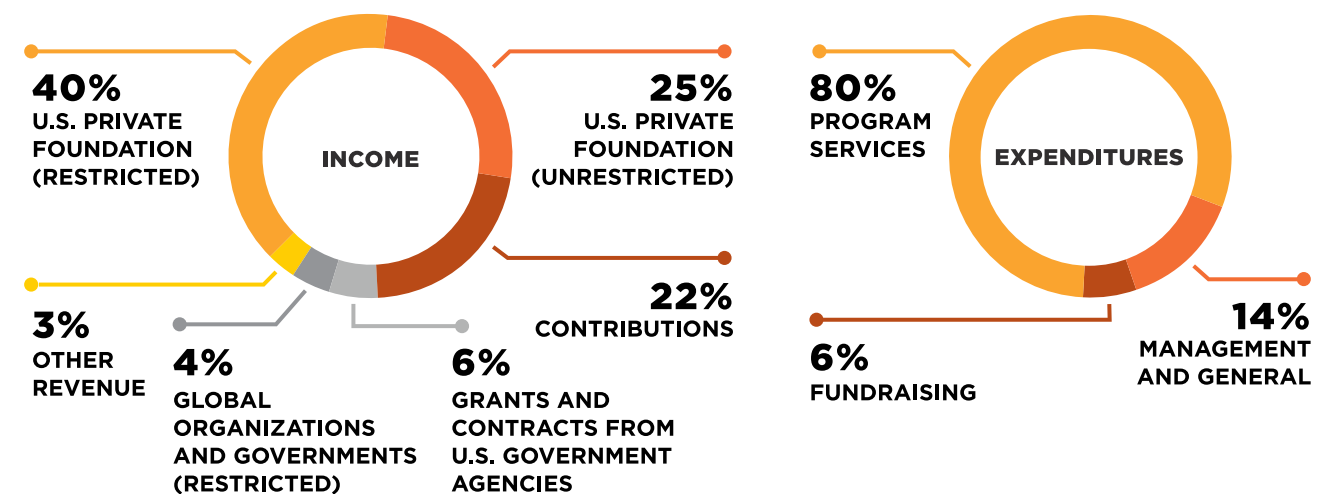
**49 MILLION**  
MORE WOMEN WOULD HAVE AN UNMET NEED FOR CONTRACEPTION

**3 MILLION**  
MORE PREGNANCIES WOULD END IN UNSAFE ABORTION

**28,000**  
MORE MATERNAL DEATHS WOULD OCCUR

This just-in-time analysis was used immediately by advocates, policymakers and key influencers to push for centering sexual and reproductive health and rights in the global COVID-19 response.

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