The Benefits of U.S. International Family Planning Assistance

In federal fiscal year 2019, Congress appropriated $607.5 million in U.S. assistance for family planning and reproductive health programs overseas, including $32.5 million for UNFPA. This $607.5 million makes it possible to achieve the following:

**WITH FUNDING OF $607.5 MILLION**

- 24.3 million women and couples receive contraceptive services and supplies
- 7.2 million unintended pregnancies are averted, leading to
  - 3.2 million fewer unplanned births
  - 3.1 million fewer induced abortions, including 2.0 million fewer provided in unsafe conditions
- 14.7 million maternal deaths are prevented

Additional Benefits from Greater Investment

An increase in investment would amplify these benefits. Each additional $10 million in U.S. funding for family planning and reproductive health programs overseas would result in the following:

**WITH EACH ADDITIONAL $10 MILLION**

- 400,000 more women and couples would receive contraceptive services and supplies
- 119,000 fewer unintended pregnancies would occur, and this would lead to
  - 53,000 fewer unplanned births
  - 51,000 fewer abortions, including 34,000 fewer provided in unsafe conditions
- 240 fewer maternal deaths would occur

Funding increases or reductions have proportional effects. For example, allocating an additional $192.5 million (for a total of $800 million in 2019) would result in the following:

**WITH AN ADDITIONAL $192.5 MILLION**

- 7.7 million more women and couples would receive contraceptive services and supplies
- 2.3 million fewer unintended pregnancies would occur, and this would lead to
  - 1.0 million fewer unplanned births
  - 980,000 fewer abortions, including 650,000 fewer provided in unsafe conditions
- 4,700 fewer maternal deaths would occur