



# Partnering with governments to expand reproductive choice

“Since we started partnering with MSI Uganda, I became confident, and I now mentor others in delivering these methods.

With MSI’s support, facilities can now make their own orders for supplies and we have enough stock.”



**Annet**  
a government  
healthcare provider  
in Karago, Uganda

For over 45 years, MSI has been working to make sure that everyone is supported with their reproductive choices. To ensure the women we help today can access reproductive healthcare for decades to come, we’re focused on sustainable solutions.

Alongside delivering services ourselves, we partner with governments so they have the skills and products to deliver high-quality care through their health system too. This means there will be more equal and long-term access to reproductive healthcare for everybody.

Our expertise in serving communities who are overlooked, under-served, and marginalised means we can help government facilities increase choice, quality and reach of services.

## We help to:

- 1 shift community norms and break down stigma
- 2 build the skills of reproductive healthcare providers
- 3 put client-centred data and voices at the heart of decision-making
- 4 advocate for policies that support reproductive health and rights
- 5 stock quality products and build strong supply chains

This isn’t a one-size fits all approach. We work in a vast range of political and cultural contexts, building unique approaches that are diverse, responsive, and co-designed with governments and local communities.

The impacts of this work will be felt well into the future and we hope that the next generation of women and girls will have **high-quality reproductive healthcare at their fingertips.**

## Our impact: a snapshot

MSI partners with governments in **24 countries**

to expand access to reproductive health for the women and girls often left behind, primarily in rural and marginalised communities.

We partner across more than 6,000 government facilities in a year, reaching

**6 million clients.**

Almost 800,000 of those clients are young people.

The governments we partner with value the perspectives of MSI’s

**5,000 local service providers**

who understand this work and its challenges first-hand.

## Partnering for women and girls

By strengthening health systems, we can have a profound impact on people's health and lives.

But this can only be achieved through working together across sectors and nations.

Our partnerships with governments and local communities are at the crux of this work, and our partnerships with donors make it all possible.

By partnering with us, you can help deliver the big solutions needed so that everyone, everywhere has access to reproductive choice.

Help us reach the **257 million people** with no access to modern contraception and the **35 million women** resorting to an unsafe abortion every year.

These people need to be able to rely on their local government providers to access choice and safe services.

With time, partnership, and joint investment, we know that national governments can deliver universal and inclusive reproductive healthcare in the future. And it will transform millions of lives. You can help give a generation of girls their best chance of fulfilling their potential.

## Partnering with the government of Uganda

One of our partners is the Government of Uganda, and together we're making an impact.

In rural Uganda, the opportunities for women and young people to access long-acting, modern forms of contraception are few and far between. Many of these communities are supported by government facilities where the staff aren't always trained to provide a full range of methods or have the right products in stock to offer them. Most women receive a short-term method of contraception because this is their only option.

The Ugandan Ministry of Health wanted to expand choice for these communities, so we partnered to make it happen. We focused on ensuring we reach those who can face the most challenges in accessing services, like adolescents.

**Rachel, 18, is a client who accessed contraception at a government facility that's supported by MSI, in Karago, Uganda. She shares her experience**

"Pregnancy leads to school dropouts and family problems... I know a girl who had an early pregnancy and her family chased her! She dropped out of school and her boyfriend didn't take any responsibility.

I decided to use contraception because I have a boyfriend and I want to avoid pregnancy. I want to complete university, get a job and get married before children.

I chose the IUD – some of my friends were already using it and said it was good. Now I encourage my other friends

to use contraception too. I'd like to thank the health workers for visiting our school and educating us on contraception, and for always being there to help in case of any problems."

Through this transformational partnership with the Government of Uganda, we've supported around 850 government facilities to deliver a full range of contraceptives.

This partnership has increased access to quality healthcare and given agency to 1.5 million women and girls to choose what's right for them – giving them confidence that they'll continue to have access for as long as they want it.



### Rachel

18, accessed contraception through our partnership with the Government of Uganda

**"Contraception has helped me remain in school and prepare for a good future."**