Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health

For Finland, gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and the full realization of their human rights remain a key priority. Gender equality provides definite gains for all walks of life, including health. Finland’s bilateral health sector support has mainly been focused on maternal health, child and adolescent health and sexual and reproductive health and rights in the last years. The focus is on primary health care, access to services, prevention and health promotion. The interventions are mainly in fragile states where services and commodities are scarce and working conditions are very challenging. Programmes include Health and Education Sector Development through Skills and Knowledge Transfer by Somali Diaspora Professionals in Northern Somalia; Health and Education programme in South Central Somalia; Joint Health and Nutrition Programme in Somalia; Integrated Reproductive and Maternal Health Programme in Afghanistan; and Promoting health and wellbeing amongst migrants transiting through Morocco, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Yemen.

In response to the updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, Finland is committed to carry the global responsibility by advancing active policy dialogue and strategic partnerships to build capacity to address the issues on child welfare, maternal, child and adolescent health and sexual and reproductive health and rights. We reaffirm our commitment to work in the most effective way to reduce inequality in the least developed and most fragile countries. In addition, Finland will continue to carry its responsibility as a humanitarian actor.