



# The world is waiting — Congress can and must **END THE GLOBAL GAG RULE FOR GOOD**

The Global Gag Rule is a destructive U.S. foreign policy that jeopardizes the health and well-being of millions of people around the world. It hurts those who access health care through U.S. supported programs and undermines efforts to improve global health by:

**DISRUPTING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES** across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

**ROLLING BACK PROGRESS** made in countries that have fought to advance access to health care and human rights

**WEAKENING NATIONAL COALITIONS** by breaking up long-standing partnerships and making it harder for groups to collaborate

# THE IMPACT

*The below statistics represent the impact felt by one global health organization alone.\**

The true impact of the Global Gag Rule is amplified by the number of other organizations who also were unable to deliver care due to the policy.

If the Global Gag Rule was not in place, **1.7 MILLION** unsafe abortions could have been **PREVENTED**

The Global Gag Rule led to an estimated **20,000 ADDITIONAL** avoidable maternal deaths

Because of the Global Gag Rule **70 MILLION FEWER** condoms were distributed

## UNDER THE GLOBAL GAG RULE

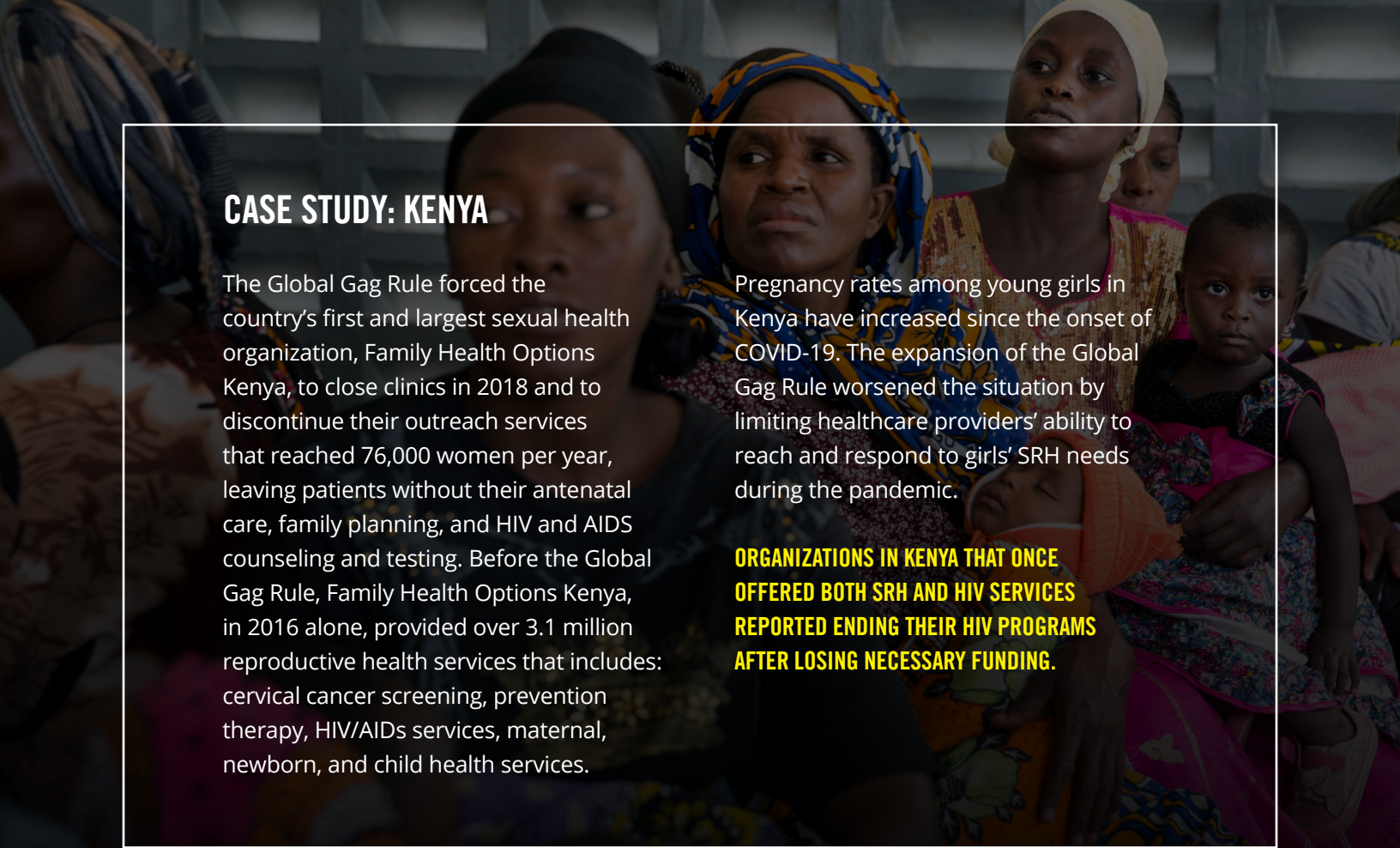
- Access to gender-based violence services for survivors was blocked
- Services for people living in rural areas were reduced
- Successful PEPFAR HIV prevention programs were shuttered

\*These numbers represent the estimated impact from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), which works in 142 countries worldwide, including the 32 countries affected by the Global Gag Rule.

## ENDING THE GLOBAL GAG RULE FOR GOOD

will advance global health, empower communities, and promote equity and rights.





## CASE STUDY: KENYA

The Global Gag Rule forced the country's first and largest sexual health organization, Family Health Options Kenya, to close clinics in 2018 and to discontinue their outreach services that reached 76,000 women per year, leaving patients without their antenatal care, family planning, and HIV and AIDS counseling and testing. Before the Global Gag Rule, Family Health Options Kenya, in 2016 alone, provided over 3.1 million reproductive health services that includes: cervical cancer screening, prevention therapy, HIV/AIDS services, maternal, newborn, and child health services.

Pregnancy rates among young girls in Kenya have increased since the onset of COVID-19. The expansion of the Global Gag Rule worsened the situation by limiting healthcare providers' ability to reach and respond to girls' SRH needs during the pandemic.

**ORGANIZATIONS IN KENYA THAT ONCE OFFERED BOTH SRH AND HIV SERVICES REPORTED ENDING THEIR HIV PROGRAMS AFTER LOSING NECESSARY FUNDING.**

**ENDING GAG FOREVER** is urgent, possible, and your constituents want it

**70% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT ENDING THE GLOBAL GAG RULE, AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY**

More than 150 organizations support ending the Global Gag Rule, representing a diversity of reproductive health & justice, human rights, public health, HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ, faith based, labor, environmental, maternal, anti-trafficking, development, academic, medical, and refugee organizations.

**WILL CONGRESS RISE TO MEET THIS MOMENT?  
END THE GLOBAL GAG RULE NOW.**

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