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IPPF REORGANISATION

The DFPA is a part of IPPF, a global federation of 129 sister organisations fighting for sexual and reproductive rights at global level. In 2019, we had activities in 142 countries and provided 252 million sexual and reproductive health services.

At the start of 2020, the IPPF went through the largest reform process in its history, and the structure of the organisation was simplified and modernised. Resources were transferred from the central and regional levels to the individual member associations, and the federation became more strategic and agile. Josephine Obel, former DFPA chairperson, played a central role in this process and was elected to the first global board of the reorganised IPPF.

50 YEARS OF CSE

In September 2020, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in Danish schools. To mark the occasion, we organised a hearing at the former Upper Chamber at Christiansborg Palace, the Danish parliament building. The purpose of the conference was to find out what we have learned since 1970 when CSE was made mandatory at primary and lower secondary school level and how we can strengthen CSE in the future.

At the hearing, we presented our thoughts on the future of CSE in the Danish folkeskole to the politicians gathered. One of our recommendations is to change the teacher education degree so that all new teachers will improve their competencies in relation to a norm-critical pedagogical and didactical approach to CSE.

EQUALS PLAY BETTER

In 2021, Uge Sex, our annual CSE campaign, dealt with ideals, norms and expectations associated with gender. 444,767 children and youths from across the country were signed up for CSE. We succeeded in manifesting the importance of dealing with gender and equality in schools, as well as providing guidance for parents to continue the talk with their children at home.

As part of a brand-new initiative, we managed to involve several headmasters in ensuring a focus on equality and gender at their schools based on 6 hacks developed by the DFPA, the Association of Danish Pupils, the national association of education students (Lærerstuderendes Landskreds) and the national association of social education students (Pædagogstuderendes Landsammenslutning).



ONLINE CSE

Just like the rest of the world in 2020, we had to find alternative solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This meant that shortly after lockdown in March, we developed a way of teaching that would work online. Teachers and pupils alike have welcomed this, and we have been reviewing and developing the lessons continuously in order to ensure that it resembles the usual real-life lessons as much as possible.

In future, we hope that offering online CSE will allow us to reach a broader segment of the population. Online lessons mean that we can teach more easily in those parts of the country where it is difficult for our teachers to be present physically during school hours.

NEW WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all international work, and in 2020 we have learnt new methods of working together with our partner organisations in Africa and Asia.

We have experienced success in cocreation online using virtual tools and have thus been able to continue our close dialogue.

Although these platforms cannot replace physical meetings entirely, they provide new methods for including more of our colleagues from other countries in more activities.

At the same time, this has contributed to lowering our carbon footprint.

CONSULTANT SERVICES

In spite of the pandemic, we have experienced an increase in interest in our courses and particularly in our consultant services in 2020. Both courses and consultant services such as sparring sessions and specific consultant assignments have been made possible by using virtual meeting platforms as well as real-life meetings when possible.

Thus, we have carried out courses and given talks to volunteer advisors on consent, provided professional sparring and feedback on pitches for a number of new TV programmes, met with health professionals needing up-to-date knowledge about contraception and STIs, and been part of an advisory group in relation to an LGBTI+ research project.



PRIDE

During Copenhagen Pride 2020, we campaigned against homophobic language. The campaign underlined the absurd nature of homophobia by turning it upside down turning it upside down, introducing new terms such as heterophobia and heterophobic language. 220,000 Danes were exposed to the campaign, spawning debate and dialogue.

At the same time, DFPA volunteer activists visited a number of secondary schools in a fire truck, armed with humorous memes and campaign materials for the students. The aim was to shine a light on the alienation and discrimination experienced by LGBTI+ students.

RECOVERY CENTRE

In 2020, Gender Violence Recovery Centre, our partner organisation in Kenya, established a recovery centre in the city of Kisumu where we are working to help women exposed to gender-based violence. The GVRC provides free medical help and advice to survivors of gender-based violence and establishes support groups for them. The GVRC will increase access to medical and psychosocial support for GBV survivors.

The centre has great potential, not only for improving health, but also for collecting forensic samples of good quality and improving referrals to the police.

CAMPAIGN WITH DI

In collaboration with DI, the Collaboration of Danish Industry, we developed a campaign aimed at employers and employees and launched in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia in the middle of June 2020. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought about an increase in cases of sexual harassment and violence against women as a result of e.g. domestic quarantine and financial stress. Thus the campaign materials dealt with the prevention of sexual harassment and COVID-19 in the workplace.

The campaign is expected to have reached more than 20,000 employees in the three countries.



CLIMATE POLICY

2020 was the year when we drew up a climate policy. Based on this policy, the DFPA will aim to keep its climate and environmental impact as low as possible. A number of specific efforts will help to ensure actual reductions.

To this end, the DFPA have identified four relevant, important factors of climate and environmental impact. Travel, energy consumption, purchasing and recycling will all be pivotal to reducing the climate and environmental impact of our activities.

THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In the weeks leading up to the US presidential election, the DFPA brought into attention those world leaders and countries with policies hostile to women. Focusing on abortion and LGBTI+ rights, we showed the public how leaders like Trump, Putin, Duda and the Pope contribute to limiting the rights of women and LGBTI+ people.

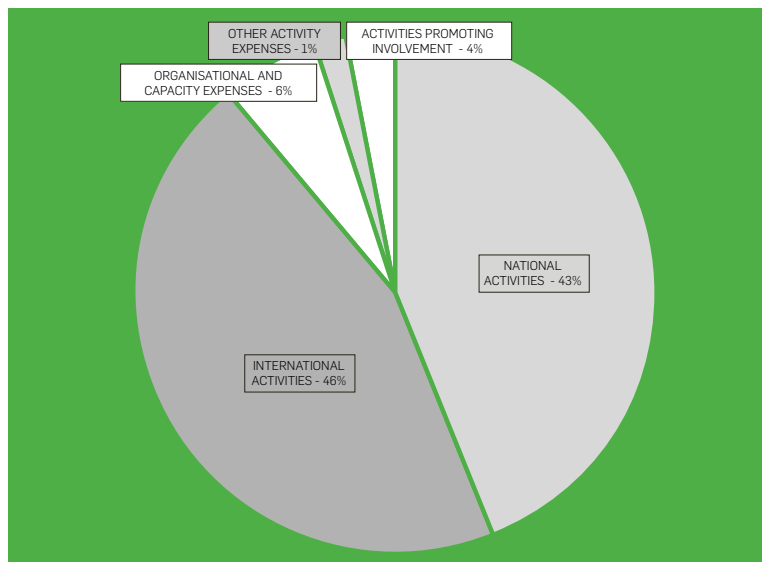
The campaign reached more than half a million Danes, who visited our website and spent more than 500 hours reading about the issues. The campaign also focused on the tightening of the Polish abortion policy and the protests that followed.

NEW YOUTH NETWORK

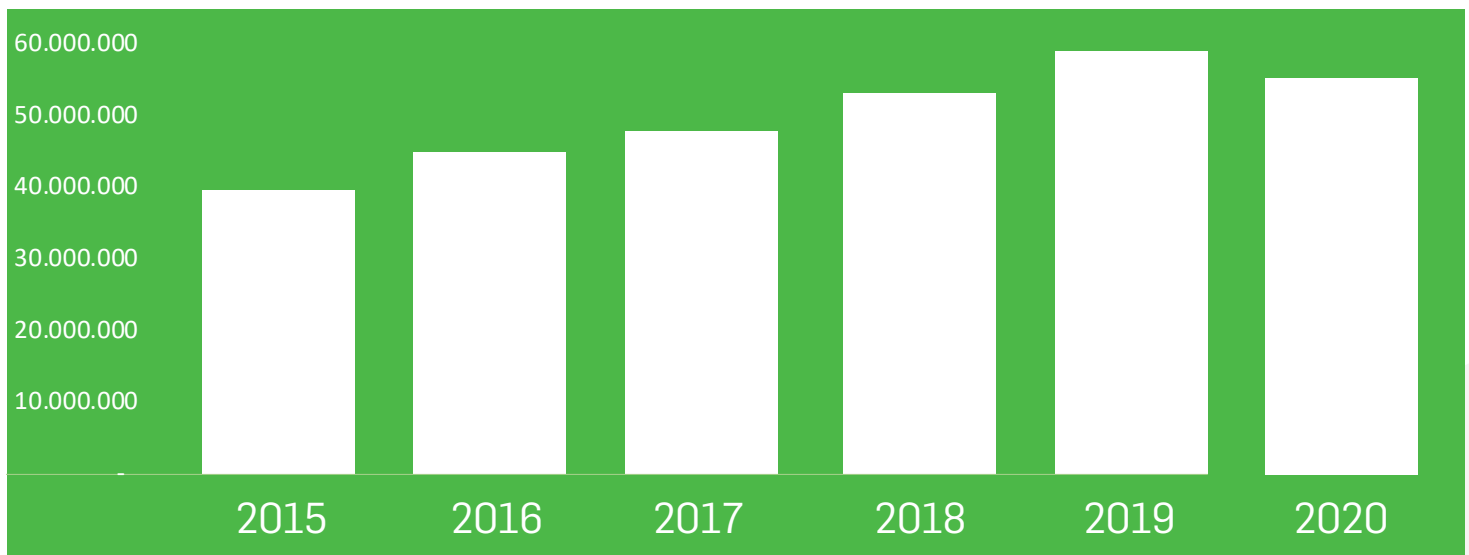
In the summer of 2020, the DFPA established a network for LGBTI+ students at vocational schools across the country. The purpose of Erhvervsuddannelseselever imod Fordomme (vocational training students against prejudice) is to organise students in order to obtain more inclusive schools and to break with the taboo attached to being LGBTI+ at a vocational school. The network also fights prejudice and discrimination at vocational schools.

In the Autumn, the students attended "Tabubryderne" (taboo breakers), the new DFPA opinion maker training course, providing them with tools for using their voices in the media.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES 2020



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DFPA IN DENMARK

The DFPA is Denmark's largest non-governmental organisation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

We fight for the right for everyone to make free and well-informed choices about gender, body and sexuality along with health, family planning and abortion.

Furthermore, we fight to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, discrimination and sexual assault.

DFPA WORLDWIDE

For more than 20 years, the DFPA has worked with local partners in Africa and South Asia and globally in relation to political processes, both within and outside the UN system.

We work together with grassroots movements and with national and international organisations.

We work across sectors and our partnerships, alliances and networks cover a wide field from governmental institutions to non-governmental organisations to the private sector.

IPPF

International Planned Parenthood Foundation is a global service provider and a leading advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights for everyone.

The DFPA is the Danish member of IPPF. With 147 member organisations in more than 170 countries, IPPF has more than 30,000 employees.



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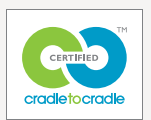
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