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WEEK SEX WITH CONSENT

Over half a million students received comprehensive sexuality education during Uge Sex (Week Sex, our annual CSE campaign), in 2022 themed "Uge Sex with consent". They were taught how to respect the boundaries of themselves and others and what consent is all about.

A record number of more than 22,000 teachers seized our teaching materials and took on board the theme. In collaboration with Cinemateket cinema, we showed a selection of films about consent and sexuality followed by talks and debate. In the media, we highlighted young people's inability to talk about sex and boundaries and the importance of CSE as an effective preventive measure against assault and transgressive behaviour.



BREAKING THE CHLAMYDIA CURVE

In 2021, we took a big step towards breaking the rising curve of chlamydia cases among young people. It happened when we were given the opportunity to collaborate with the organisation Danish Regions, expanding the option of chlamydia self-test kits to young people all over the country. At the end of 2021, we received the report on local chlamydia cases in 2020 from Statens Serum Institut (SSI), and based on this, we launched a report on the development of chlamydia infection at local level from 2018 to 2020.

Among other things, the report showed that the number of chlamydia cases continues to rise and that 85 per cent of all cases in 2020 were young people aged 15 to 29. In 2022, we thus continue to land the deal with Danish Regions so we can break the curve of chlamydia cases in young people.



SUPPORT FOR POLISH WOMEN

On 27 January 2021, a new law came into effect in Poland, making it illegal to get or facilitate an abortion unless the mother's life is at risk or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest. This severe tightening of abortion legislation was widely condemned across the world – also by the DFPA. Therefore, together with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, we took part in a conference in Warsaw in support of Polish women.

As part of the IPPF campaign "Defend the Defenders", we raised over DKK 45,000 for Polish abortion activists who are under massive pressure from politicians, police and authorities. 2021 thus became the year that laid the foundations for future efforts against the increasing pressure on women's sexual and reproductive rights.



ON STRIKE FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION

At the end of Uge Sex 2022, collaborating with the Union of Danish Upper Secondary School Students, we arranged a strike for obligatory CSE in Danish upper secondary schools. Among other locations, the strike took place at Christianshavns Gymnasium where students from various upper secondary schools in Copenhagen were gathered for an event featuring speeches, sexuality education and presentations made by students, organisations and activists. Around the country, ten other schools and 2,000 students on strike could follow the event via a live stream.

The strike was a huge success when Pernille Rosenkrantz-Tejl, the Danish Minister of Education, showed up unannounced, declaring that she would meet the demands made by the students for obligatory comprehensive sexuality education in upper secondary and vocational schools.



OPERATION DAY'S WORK CHOSE DFPA

Once again, Operation Day's Work chose to support the DFPA, this time focusing on our work with young sex workers in large cities in Ethiopia. Running from 2022 to 2025, the project seeks to do away with the social stigmatisation of young sex workers and to support their fight for health and rights training.

In collaboration with Operation Day's Work, we developed an awareness campaign for Danish secondary education schools, mobilising students all over the country to work for the project. This culminated with the Day's Work Day on 3 November when nearly 10,000 students gave up a whole school day in order to raise money in support of Ethiopian sex workers.



CSE IN GREENLAND

In 2021, we developed CSE teaching materials targeting young people in Greenland for the first time. The materials covered topics such as boundaries, love, body, norms, sexuality, gender, sex and contraception. Two films featuring young Greenlanders were produced as part of the teaching materials; one about boundaries and one about contraception.

In connection with the development of the materials, workshops were held in Nuuk with the participation of teaching and health professionals and young people. The teaching materials were developed in close collaboration with Paarisa, the prevention administration at the Department of Social Affairs in Greenland. Paarisa contacted us in 2020 when the collaboration began.



NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

In 2021, Danida approved a new strategic partnership with the DFPA from 2022 to 2026. We received a very positive assessment of our application, and the grant was increased by 10 per cent. The strategic partnership covers five areas in which the agenda of the DFPA plays an integral role to the life opportunities of marginalised groups.

This concerns sexual and gender-based violence, the sexual rights of young people, LGBT+ rights, the conditions for young women in the labour market and the means to adapt to climate change in local communities. A part of the work will be to continue significant efforts on the global political stage.



SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN UGANDA

During the covid-19 lockdown in 2021, 36,000 young Ugandans completed a course in comprehensive sexuality education covering eight topics. Two of the topics were sexuality and sexual health including pregnancy and abortion. They completed the course in spite of the longest lasting covid-19 lockdown in the world and in spite of several years of negative publicity about sexuality education in Uganda.

In relation to the course, the Department of Education in Uganda engaged a wide range of important and central players through workshops, media coverage and webinars in order to cement their support for the official sexuality education curriculum.



YOUTH CULTURE AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In 2021, the DFPA carried out two major studies into the culture and social behaviour of different youth communities, examining also sexual harassment, transgressive behaviour and bullying. One of the studies called "Social behaviour and culture in political youth communities – a study across political youth organisations in Denmark" was conducted in collaboration with the Children's Rights National Association on behalf of the Danish Youth Council.

In the autumn, we carried out a study examining culture and social behaviour at the European Film College based on the experiences of former students and employees. The studies marked the start of our work with in-depth studies of sexual violations and transgressional behaviour among young people.



AN END TO GBV IN KENYA

Our project on the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence in Kenya has borne fruit. In 2021 the project was assessed by an outside party, and the assessment showed that the project has created better access to medical and psychosocial treatment as well as legal aid.

The project has also influenced political goodwill, and this has led to the enactment of a local policy on sexual and gender-based violence and the enforcement of guidelines for how to refer people exposed to violence between health authorities, police and legal agents. The next step is to focus even more on changing negative norms regarding gender, sexuality and gender roles which still pose great challenges to securing equality and equal rights.



WORLD PRIDE IN DENMARK

Entitled "The right to do what you love", our World Pride 2021 campaign focused on the conditions for LGBT+ people both in Denmark and internationally. Through articles, quizzes and videos, the digital campaign engaged Danes to speak up against the injustice and discrimination that prevents people all over the world from living the lives that they want.

In addition, we held a conference at Georg Stage, a Danish school ship, about the wellbeing of young LGBT+ people in vocational schools in Denmark, collaborating with our volunteers from the organisation Erhvervs elever imod Fordomme (vocational school students against prejudice). The purpose was to motivate and inspire vocational school management to actively strengthen a more diverse and respectful culture among students and teachers.

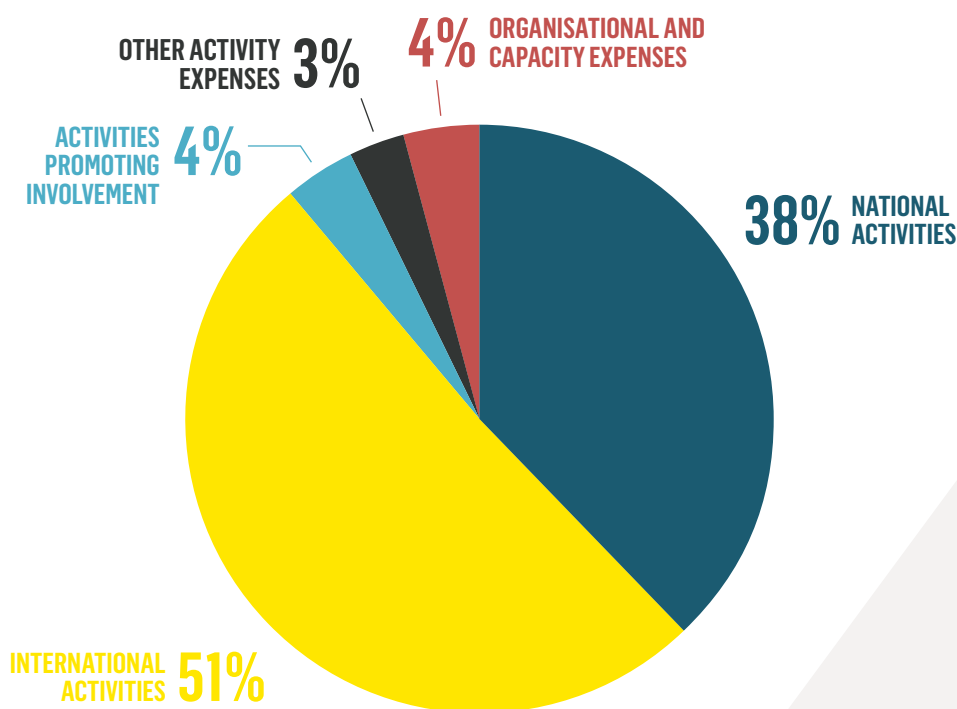


FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

In 2021, our private sector partners in Kenya launched a comprehensive awareness initiative to reduce discrimination of women in the workplace in East Africa. They highlighted how discrimination in the workplace manifests itself in the region, what the consequences are, and how to combat it politically and in businesses.

The challenge of discrimination is that it is so deeply rooted in the culture that both men and women have become blind to it. Nevertheless, they managed to get ministries, local government and business leaders to talk about the problem.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES 2021



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The financial development of the DFPA was reversed in 2021. The gross income of the organisation increased by 11 per cent to DKK 56.9 million. The yearly result was DKK 0.1 million, and following a positive development in securities, the total equity rose to DKK 5.1 million by the end of 2021.

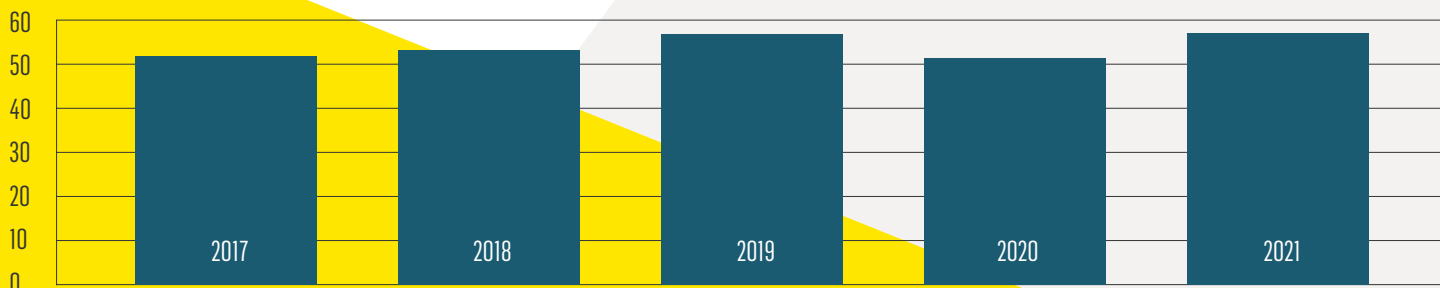
In 2021, the total expenses of the national activities constituted DKK 21.6 million, a 7 per cent decrease from 2020. Funding for our work is stabilised by income from framework grants from the Danish Health Authority and the Department of Education as well as agreements with regions and municipalities all over the country. This ensures that we can carry out teaching initiatives, the Uge Sex campaign, counselling and other prevention activities related to sexual health and rights across the country.

The international activities increased by 17 per cent to DKK 29 million following the year 2020 that was severely affected by covid-19. The main funding comes from our strategic partnership with Danida, which makes up about 70 percent of the total funding. At the end of 2021, we were happy to be granted a new strategic partnership agreement for the coming four years. All in all, we have had 14 different grants for our international programmes.

We are delighted that support from our private donors increased by nearly a third to a total of DKK 3.3 million. This support is increasingly crucial with regard to our ability to act fast and to secure more funding from other donors.

TURNOVER 2017-2021

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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.



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 133 member organisations in more than 170 countries, IPPF has more than 30,000 employees.