



## Our Geographic Spread



## Join Us

The membership of ARC is open to the following organisations:

- ♦ Those who have a keen interest in sexual and reproductive health and rights including family planning and/or population stabilisation
- ♦ Experts in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights; empowerment & population;
- ♦ Individuals committed to advancing peoples' sexual and reproductive health rights.

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We are a national network catalysing collective action to strengthen reproductive rights, expand contraceptive choices and ensure quality of care.



## History

In 2005, likeminded individuals came together to form a network to advance women's and men's access to an expanded basket of contraceptive choices and family planning methods. Since then, the network, Advocating Reproductive Choices (ARC) has been leveraging coalition strength to advocate of advancing family planning services and sexual and reproductive health rights in a comprehensive manner.

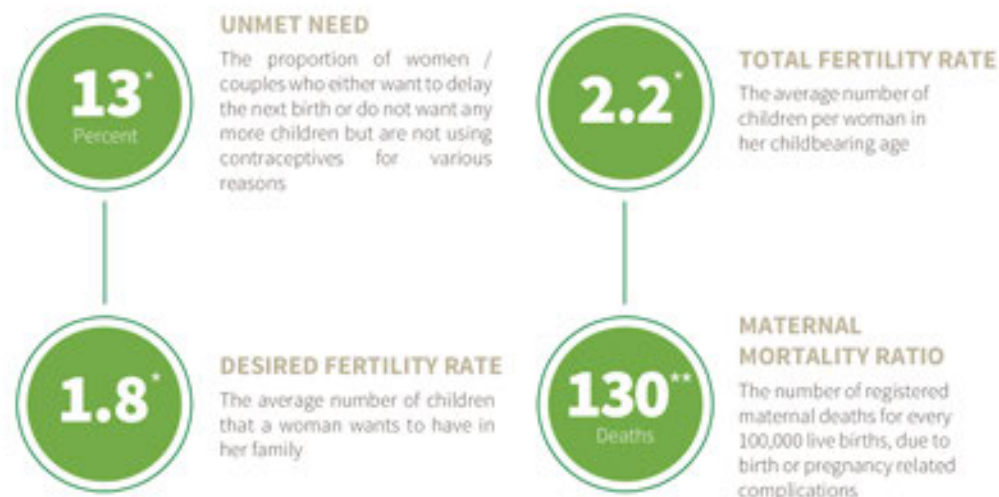
The first secretariat of the network was hosted at Parivar Seva Sanstha from 2005 to 2007. This later moved to the Family Planning Association of India, which hosted the ARC secretariat from 2008 to 2015. The Population Foundation of India has been hosting the secretariat since 2015.



## Achievements

- + Contributed to the advocacy for introducing new contraceptive methods in the public health sector.
- + Accelerated the progress of India's commitment to Family Planning as the civil society focal point for family planning 2020.
- + Amplified collective voice for advocacy with key stakeholders on rights-based population stabilisation strategies and approaches through factsheets, articles and letters.

**While India has made significant progress in reproductive health services in recent years, the current scenario calls for urgent attention focussed on contraception and family planning to ensure sustainable development and equitable growth.**



Solutions to issues like unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions and unmet need for contraception require collective actions at different levels to ensure that we have a population that is aware on sexual and reproductive rights and family planning, balanced and gender sensitive social norms, rights-based policies and an efficient delivery of family planning programmes.

ARC, a network of organisations and individuals working in sexual and reproductive health rights is committed to working with the government and other institutions, at the national and state levels, to strengthen family planning policies in India.

## Objectives of ARC

- + Advocate for the universal right to contraception as a national priority in family planning
- + Advance rights-based, progressive policies and strategies on family planning
- + Provide thought leadership through the generation of knowledge and evidence

\* National Family Health Survey IV (2015-26) | \*\* Sample Registration Survey (2014-20)

## Structure of ARC

### CORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The core committee comprises eminent public health experts who provide oversight and strategic inputs to drive the coalition's advocacy agenda. They represent the following organisations:

- + Abt Associates India
- + Family Planning Association of India
- + Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India
- + Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
- + Janani
- + Parivar Seva Sanstha
- + Population Foundation of India
- + Population Health Services India
- + Population Services International

### GENERAL BODY MEMBERS

They identify on-ground issues and gaps, build momentum and leverage collective action at the state and national levels. ARC is currently a network of 167 individuals and organisations.

### STATE CHAPTERS

ARC is functional in five states. Each chapter undertakes advocacy based on local issues and priorities. The five states are as follows:

- + Bihar
- + Jharkhand
- + Rajasthan
- + Uttar Pradesh
- + Madhya Pradesh

### SECRETARIAT

Under the overall guidance of the core committee members, the national secretariat facilitates national and state level dialogue and convenings with senior government officials, the media and civil society organisations.