

Advocating Reproductive Choices

The Advocating Reproductive Choices (ARC) is a coalition of 115 organisations. The members have been working collectively and combining their efforts to **advance access to quality family planning services in India** since 2005. ARC has been a democratic platform for members who bring expertise in **service delivery, community outreach, capacity building and research**.

The coalition comprises of a core committee and a general body. The functions of the coalition are managed by a **secretariat, which is hosted by Population Foundation of India since 2015**. The members include organisations from the national level and primarily from the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

ARC leverages collective strengths of members and brings in technical and implementation expertise to advance access to quality family planning services in India. ARC engages with policy makers and media to ensure a progressive family planning agenda in the country.

Our key contributions in the past include the following:

- Supported the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in introducing injectable contraceptive in the public health system.
- As the Civil Society Focal Point in the India country engagement group for FP 2020, ARC provided inputs and insights on increasing access to quality of family planning services.
- Participated in the Common Review Missions and shared recommendations with the state governments and MoHFW.
- Provided feedback to state governments on availability and quality of family planning services at the field level.
- Sensitisation of media on issues related to family planning

ARC Strategy 2020 developed as per the current family planning advocacy needs and priorities in the identifies coalition objectives, principles, approaches for the way forward and priority actions to catalyse collective efforts of the members. We aim to advocate for universal right to contraception as a national priority in family planning, advance rights based progressive policies on family planning and provide thought leadership through the generation of knowledge and evidence.

List of Members

Core Committee

- Abt Associates India
- Family Planning Association of India (FPA India)
- Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI)
- Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD)
- Parivar Seva Sanstha (PSS)
- Population Foundation of India (PFI) – ARC Secretariat
- Population Health Services India (PHSI)
- Population Services International (PSI) – India

General Body

- Aasra Samajik Lok Kalyan Samiti
- Abhinaytoshi Mahila Bal Vikas Samiti
- Adarsh Seva Samiti
- Action Research and Training for Health (ARTH)
- Asian Development Research Institute
- Agrabami
- Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)
- Ankur Yuva Chetna Shivir
- Auriga Consultancy
- Bhartiya Gramin Mahila Sangh (BGMS)
- Bihar rural empowerment agency for development
- Bundelkhand Buniyadi Adhikar Manch
- Bihar Voluntary Health Action
- C3 (Centre for Catalyzing Change)
- Centre for Health and Resource Management
- Chetna Vikas
- Child In Need Institute (CINI)
- Citizens Foundation, Ranchi
- Daang Vikas Sanstha
- Daud Memorial Christian Gramin Vikas Samiti
- Devnet Ranchi
- Doctor for you
- Zakir Hussain Foundation
- Engender Health
- Equity Foundation
- Family Health International (FHI 360)
- Forum for Population Action
- Foundation for Reproductive Health Services India (formerly Marie Stopes India)
- GENVP - Bihar
- Hamrahi Roshani Mahila Samiti
- Health & Social Development Research Center
- Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT)
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- IIHMR University
- Indian Medical Association (IMA) (Lucknow)
- Intra Health
- Ipas Development Foundation
- Integrated Development Foundation
- Institute of Rural Development & Health
- Jai Bhim Shikshan Sansthan
- Janlok Kalyan Parishad
- Jatan Sansthan
- Jeevandan Foundation
- JHPEIGO
- King George Medical University (KGMU)

- Krishak Sahyog Sansthan, Raisen
- Krishi Gram Vikas Kendra
- Krishna Medical Centre
- Kumarappa Institute of Gram Swaraj
- Lohardaga Gram Swarajya Sansthan
- Life Line Service Society, Sagar
- Lucknow University
- Lupin Human Welfare & R Foundation
- Madhya Pradesh Voluntary Health Association (MPVHA)
- Mahan Seva Sansthan
- Madhya Pradesh Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS
- MAMTA
- Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan
- Manjari Sansthan
- Medical & Health Secretariat
- Meera Sansthan
- Narayan Pragati Kendra
- National Centre of Human Settlement & Environment (NCHSE) Bhopal
- National Institute of Rural Affairs Samiti, Jaipur
- Nav Bhart Jagriti Kendra
- Network for Enterprise Enhancements & Development Support, Deogarh
- Nidan
- Panah Ashram
- Pandit G B Pant Institute of Studies in Rural Development (PISRD)
- Sustainable Human Development Association (SHDA)
- Swaasthya Trust
- Swarg
- Technology Resource Communication and Service Centre (TRCSC)
- VEDIC SOCIETY
- Vigyan Foundation
- Vikalp, Badwani
- Vishwa Gram Vikas Foundation
- Voluntary Health Association Jharkhand
- Wish Foundation
- World Health Partners
- Parmarth
- PATH
- Pathfinder India
- Project Concern International
- Population Council
- Population First
- Population Research Center
- Public Health Resource Network, Jharkhand
- RAMKAS-Rawal Mahila Kalyan Samiti, Vidisha
- Save a Mother Foundation
- Save the Children
- Social Change Foundation
- Shambhunath Singh Research Foundation
- Shiv Shiksha Samiti
- Shuruaat
- State Institute of Health Family Welfare, Rajasthan
- Society for Ideal Global Needs (SIGN)
- Society to Uplift Rural Economy
- Spectra Sanstha
- Deepaytan
- Srijan Foundation
- SRKPS Samiti
- State Innovations in Family Planning Services Association (SIFPSA)
- State Resource Centre, Indore