



Weekly News Roundup – 17 March 2017

Amid troubling news about defunding domestic and international Family Planning programs, a few beams of light showed through.

The US administration proposed a budget and backed a health care plan that would slash support for Reproductive Health, contraception and other women's health issues, which the independent Congressional Budget Office said would "[result in thousands of unplanned births](#)." The international implications continue to cause concern in countries across Africa, including in Malawi where an article called the policy a [death sentence](#).

Uganda produced some good news with its DHS survey which showed that the [maternal mortality ration had declined](#).

Reaching young people with information about contraception and sexual health requires some creativity, as seen in DRC where a [song competition](#) on the topic is taking place, or in Rwanda where students are writing and [producing plays to fight teenage pregnancy](#).

The importance of addressing societal norms as a whole to be able to promote family planning was brought into sharp focus by an [incredible article from Niger](#), which has the world's fastest-growing population. Definitely worth a read.

For those involved in counseling, a new [client-centered framework](#) from the Family Planning National Training Center was released. While US-oriented, it has useful general information.

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