



## Weekly News Roundup – 14 April 2017

Please have a look at the CIRHT-St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College [Case Study](#), a good read about the essential work that CIRHT partners have begun.

Trump's [anti-abortion surge](#) continues, this week allowing individual states to deny Federal funding to Planned Parenthood for provision of non-abortion health services. The legislation will be fought in the courts across the country. The continued worry about the ramifications for the [world's poorest](#) of the defunding of UNFPA continues, in the pages of [NEJM](#), across [Africa](#), and in [Ethiopia](#), [Kenya](#), [Nigeria](#), and [Uganda](#).

These moves do ignore the facts, as shown in a study from [India](#), where better access to contraceptives is helping reduce maternal mortality, and a study from [Guttmacher](#) which shows that barriers to abortion care have serious and cumulative negative effects.

Two studies out of South Africa about the costs of abortion services to [patients](#) and [providers](#), and the barriers those costs can create despite the country's liberal abortion law.

As countries struggle with evidence-based policies concerning gender equality, an interesting study shows how [big data](#) sources can be harnessed to fill the gender data gaps and inform those policies.

Countries in the Sahel are showing a readiness to take FP seriously, with anti-stigma and information initiatives in [Burkina Faso](#) and [Senegal](#), which is showing some improvement in the rate of [teen pregnancies](#).

And an uplifting story about a Ugandan midwife, [who has delivered more than 7,400 babies](#).

Let's all look forward to the [Fifth International Conference on Family Planning](#). See you in Rwanda in 2018!

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