

## **CFPA Organisational Profile**

The **Cyprus Family Planning Association (CFPA)** is one of the oldest and most firmly-established Non-profit, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Cyprus, with a rich and ongoing contribution to society, health, education, and Human Rights since its inception in 1971. The CFPA is an Accredited, full member of IPPF European Network (IPPF EN), with active involvement in several European networks and bodies. The CFPA promotes and advocates Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of all people in Cyprus.

***CFPA's vision is a world where sexuality is expressed and enjoyed in freedom, equality, respect and love.*** Respect and protection of sexual reproductive rights as basic human rights is a prerequisite for ensuring sexual health and wellbeing of all people.

Our ***mission*** is to promote the development of a society where all people can enjoy the basic human right to make free and informed choices in their sexual, emotional and reproductive lives. The Association works to defend, protect and advocate for the sexual and reproductive rights of all women, men and young people, and exercises a leading role in sexual and reproductive health through the work of its committed, competent and skilled volunteers and staff.

Comprehensive Sexuality Education is one of our main priorities. Our position is that evidence-based, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), free of prejudice, dogma or ideologies, is necessary to equip young people with the tools - knowledge and skills- needed to make informed and free choices regarding their sexual life. Thus, we plan, implement and evaluate information and education programs for youth by youth and experts in the field, educate parents, teacher and other professionals, and publish accurate information and educational materials on issues of sexuality. We also carry out research programs to record and document the needs in Cyprus and conduct programs to promote and defend Sexual Reproductive Rights. We have published two Sexuality Education Manuals for Teachers for Primary and Secondary Education which have been adopted by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

CFPA also runs a Help Line which provides support and information to all.

CFPA is a youth-oriented organisation and its programs and services are tailored to address the needs of young people with a focus on increasing young people's awareness on SRHR issues and empowering them to make informed decisions related to their physical, mental and social well being. Adding to this, increasing active youth participation at all levels of decision-making, one of the priorities set under the Association's Strategic Planning.

The "Youth for Youth" Group which was established in 1996 by a group of active young people, is one of the governing bodies of CFPA with members 16-30 years of age. The "Youth for Youth" group's actions are guided by an 'Internal Regulations' document and five youth representatives are elected in a Coordinating Committee. The "Youth for Youth" Group members are actively involved in the decision-making processes of the organisation. Overall, young people in this group are trained to be peer educators on CSE and support the counseling services of the Association.

We have experience in European and local projects in the fields of education, including peer learning and non-formal learning, advocacy, research working with youth, women and minorities, especially concerning on topics gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights. We can offer expertise and partnership in various European and other funded projects, including but not limited to REC, Europe for Citizens, Justice, Erasmus+ projects.

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