

Annual Report  
2015–2016



**Bixby Center**  
for Global  
Reproductive  
Health

# The UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health

leads research and training around the world to improve reproductive and sexual health. We work to ensure that people have the power to plan and care for their families through access to safe and effective birth control, abortion services, sex education, and childbirth and HIV care—regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, income, or where they live. This mission feels more important now than ever.



## Our Impact

We're proud that our work this year contributed to state, national and international care and policy advances, directly improving the lives of millions of people.

### Abortion



**We provided critical data informing the Supreme Court's decision on *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, striking down groundless restrictions on abortion and changing the legal landscape.**

- ▶ Our research found that women who received a wanted abortion were more likely to have and achieve aspirational goals compared to women denied an abortion.
- ▶ We debunked an Ohio law purporting to improve women's safety by requiring out-of-date medication abortion care, proving it actually led to worse outcomes.
- ▶ We found that a simple tool called *Lifewrap* reduced bleeding resulting from unsafe abortions—a substantial cause of maternal deaths worldwide.

### Adolescent Sexual Health



- ▶ Our research affirmed that we can further reduce accidental pregnancy among adolescents through strategies like sex education and improved access to birth control.
- ▶ We found that migration due to seasonal jobs, economic changes and housing transitions affects adolescents' access to health systems, highlighting the need for services in immigrant communities.

## Contraception



**Since we showed that providing a one-year supply of birth control is safe and reduces accidental pregnancy, six states have required insurance plans to cover this service.**

- ▶ Our research showed demand for simpler ways to access birth control, such as self-administered birth control shots, which one in five US women were interested in using.
- ▶ We proved that public funding expands young women's access to birth control, especially for methods with high up-front costs like intrauterine devices and implants.
- ▶ We found that patients who received compassionate care from their health care providers were more likely to keep using their chosen birth control method.

## Education & Training



**We are training providers in Puerto Rico to offer women the full range of birth control care—a critical way to reduce the impact of Zika virus—and helping to develop US guidelines for family planning care in the context of Zika.**

- ▶ Our training programs have prepared more than 5,800 providers to offer evidence-based abortion care, creating the next generation of US women's health care experts.
- ▶ To reduce illness and death among mothers and babies in Bihar, India, we partnered with PRONTO International and CARE India to train over 2,200 providers in basic emergency care.
- ▶ Innovating Education in Reproductive Health's course on abortion care has been viewed over 10,000 times by learners in 150 countries.

## HIV & STIs



**We provided support for a study in Zimbabwe of a new vaginal ring with the antiretroviral drug dapivirine, finding that it reduced women's risk of HIV by nearly a third.**

- ▶ We developed a scalable training for health care providers in Uganda that increased the number of HIV-positive people who started and stuck with life-saving antiretroviral therapy.
- ▶ We explored how birth control, antiretroviral therapy and HIV interact, learning that HIV-positive women using efavirenz can safely use contraceptive implants and that some forms of injectable birth control may increase women's risk of HIV.
- ▶ We reached new groups for HIV testing with the SEARCH study in Eastern Africa, dramatically increasing testing in young people and uncovering new ways to engage men.
- ▶ To prevent bacterial vaginosis (BV)—a common condition that makes women more likely to get other STIs—we began testing a treatment made with healthy natural vaginal bacteria.

## Pregnancy & Childbirth



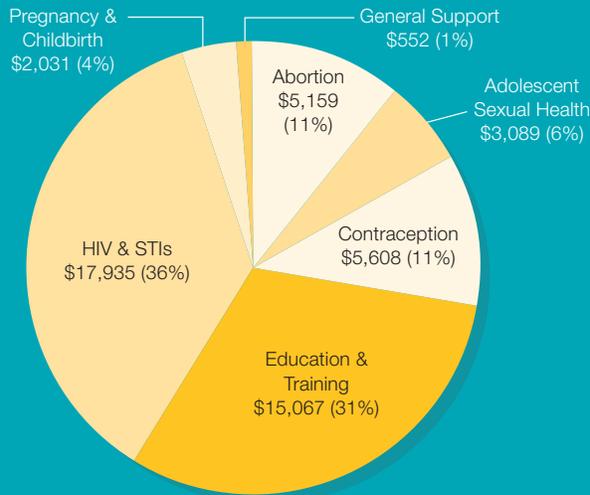
**We helped to identify evidence-based practices for prenatal, birth and postpartum care, as well as unsafe or unnecessary practices, and published them in *The Lancet*.**

- ▶ We developed new guidelines to help health care workers in low-resource settings identify when a woman is going into shock due to blood loss after giving birth.
- ▶ We began testing the best ways to help women and their families recover physically and emotionally after surgery to repair obstetric fistula.
- ▶ Our research showed that US health care providers are missing opportunities to offer pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) drugs to pregnant women facing increased risk of HIV.

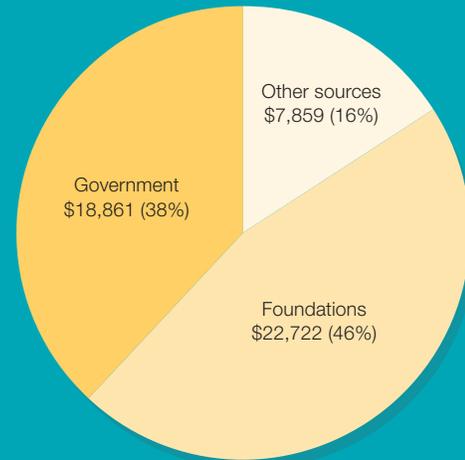
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The Bixby Center received \$49 million in support in 2015-2016.

**Bixby funds by topic (2015-2016), thousands of US \$**



**Bixby funds by donor (2015-2016), thousands of US \$**



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