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# Pathfinder International



**Pathfinder International** is based in [Watertown, Massachusetts](#) and is a global non-profit organization ([NGO 501\(c\)\(3\)](#)), that focuses on reproductive health, family planning, HIV/AIDS prevention and care, women and girls empowerment, and more. Under the leadership of [Daniel E. Pellegrum](#), who became CEO in 1985, Pathfinder has grown from a small organization to the current global organization, with an annual budget exceeding [USD 100 million](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The organization operates in more than 25 developing countries throughout Africa, Asia, the Near East, and Latin America.

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## [\[edit\]](#) History

In 1957 "Pathfinder Fund" was founded originally by leading [birth control](#) advocate, [Clarence Gamble](#), heir of the [Procter & Gamble](#) soap company fortune.

In 1985 [Daniel E. Pellegrum](#) became CEO of Pathfinder International.

In 1996 Pathfinder was awarded the [United Nations Population Award](#).

In 2006 Pathfinder surpasses revenue of [USD 90 million](#) (FY).<sup>[2]</sup>

## [\[edit\]](#) Activities

Pathfinder International works together with many organizations, ranging from national ministries of health to local [NGOs](#), to deliver [reproductive health](#) and [family planning](#) information and services to women, young adults,

commercial sex workers, and rural populations. Pathfinder's programs also integrate HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment activities.

Pathfinder operates [family planning](#) and [reproductive health](#) programs in more than 25 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin American, offering highly effective clinical and non-clinical service models, training for service providers and managers, and technical assistance to strengthen grantee organizations. Pathfinder expands and improves client-centered services and systems through multiple service delivery points, from doorstep, workplace, and market place delivery to depots, health posts, clinics, and hospitals. Pathfinder expands access to services for underserved groups and those at risk—young adults, men, postpartum and postabortion women, and hard-to-reach groups. The organization creates a positive environment for the use of [family planning](#) and [reproductive health](#) services through communications and [advocacy](#) interventions. Pathfinder strengthens provider performance and competence through training, curricula formulation, and contraceptive technology updates. They also integrate [maternal and child health](#), HIV prevention, and postabortion care services into family planning programs to meet client needs. Pathfinder ensures clients' informed consent and voluntary choice and strive to provide the widest range of modern contraceptive methods possible in individual country contexts.<sup>[3]</sup>

## [\[edit\]](#) Funding

Pathfinder accepts contributions from the US government, foreign governments, individuals and foundations.

## [\[edit\]](#) Organization Information

### [\[edit\]](#) Mission statement

Official mission statement :

Pathfinder International's mission is to ensure that people everywhere have the right and opportunity to live a healthy reproductive life.

Reproductive health is essential for creating better opportunities throughout life. When people take charge of their life choices such as when and how often to have children, they gain confidence and strength. They can better pursue their education, contribute to the local economy, and engage in their communities.

Pathfinder International places reproductive health services at the center of all that we do—believing that health care is not only a fundamental human right but is critical for expanding opportunities for women, families, communities, and nations, while paving the way for transformations in environmental stewardship, decreases in population pressures, and innovations in poverty reduction.

In more than 25 countries, Pathfinder provides women, men, and adolescents with a range of quality health services—from contraception and maternal care to HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment. Pathfinder strives to strengthen access to family planning, ensure availability of safe abortion services, advocate for sound reproductive health policies, and, through all of our work, improve the rights and lives of the people we serve.<sup>[4]</sup>

### [\[edit\]](#) Board of Directors Officers

[Cynthia A. Fields](#) - Chair of the Board Chair

[James M. Schwartz](#) - Vice Chair

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- Ronda E. Stryker
- John F. Swift
- Alfred W. Tate
- Ralph S. Tate
- June L. Tatelman
- George N. Todd
- Roslyn M. Watson

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- [Pathfinder mission.](#)