

CENTER *for*
REPRODUCTIVE
RIGHTS

Changing the Law, Changing Lives: *A Global Strategy*



2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Who We Are

OUR MISSION

The Center for Reproductive Rights uses the power of law to advance reproductive rights as fundamental human rights around the world.

OUR VISION

We envision a world where every person participates with dignity as an equal member of society, regardless of gender; where every woman is free to decide whether or when to have children and whether to get married; where access to quality reproductive health care is guaranteed; and where every woman can make these decisions free from coercion or discrimination.

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ABOUT US

Founded in 1992, the Center for Reproductive Rights is the only global legal advocacy organization dedicated to advancing reproductive rights as fundamental human rights.

Our work has strengthened reproductive health laws and policies and expanded access to reproductive health care in more than 65 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the United States.

For 30 years, our game-changing litigation and advocacy—combined with unparalleled expertise in constitutional, international, and comparative human rights law—has transformed how reproductive rights are understood by courts, governments, and human rights bodies worldwide.

Our work is designed to benefit all people, and particularly those who experience structural inequities and are most at risk from reproductive rights violations and restrictions.

We increase our impact by securing pro bono legal services from top global law firms.

THE PROBLEM WE ADDRESS

Around the world, legal, policy, and other discriminatory barriers to reproductive autonomy and access to care have created gross inequities in the realization of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Further, reproductive rights are perpetually and increasingly under attack by opponents advancing a coordinated, transnational effort—weaponizing law, policy, and human rights. Harassment, intimidation, and attacks on reproductive rights advocates, providers, and patients continue to escalate.

We meet these challenges using our expertise in human rights, law, and policy to build, enforce, and defend legal protections for reproductive rights around the world.

2022-2026 Strategic Plan

In 2021, the Center launched a five-year Strategic Plan and set an ambitious target:

By 2030, *half the world's population* will be living under stronger legal protections for reproductive rights.



Our Strategic Plan provides a **powerful roadmap** for how we will meet this goal and advance our mission. It is laser-focused on law reform to **build, enforce, and defend** legal guarantees to reproductive autonomy and reproductive health care access around the world.



It centers our programmatic efforts and resources on issues of **abortion, maternal health care, assisted reproduction, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and adolescent SRHR.**



The Plan **unifies our program work** across geographic regions; **deepens our impact** by catalyzing others and scaling up through partnerships; and **transforms our global operating model** to better position us to accomplish our work.

How we will get there:



GOAL 1: BUILD
stronger legal guarantees to reproductive decision-making and access to services

GOAL 2: ENFORCE
existing legal guarantees to reproductive decision-making and access to services

GOAL 3: DEFEND
against backsliding on legal guarantees to reproductive decision-making and access to services

GOAL 4: CATALYZE
others to build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees

GOAL 5: SCALE UP
through partnerships to build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees

GOAL 6: SECURE
direct and in-kind support to achieve our goals

GOAL 7: EVOLVE
our structure, operations, and culture to achieve our goals

GOALS 1-3

Build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees to reproductive rights:

Drawing on our expertise and experience in human rights, comparative, and constitutional law, we will apply transnational strategies for law and policy reform and accountability that:

- > *Build* stronger legal guarantees to reproductive decision-making and access to services
- > *Enforce* existing legal guarantees
- > and *Defend* against retrogression

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE:

By 2026:

2.8 billion people

across **26** countries and **4** U.S. states will have stronger legal protections for **abortion**

2.9 billion people

across **9** countries and **3** U.S. states will have stronger legal protections for **maternal health**

2 billion people

across **18** countries and **7** U.S. states will have stronger legal protections for **assisted reproduction**

1.8 billion people

across **12** countries will have stronger legal protections for **adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights**

GOALS 4-5

Catalyze and partner to scale our impact:

We cannot achieve these ambitious goals alone. We will catalyze others—key government, civil society, and private sector actors—to build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees to reproductive rights, and we will scale our work via meaningful partnerships to amplify our reach and work towards our shared goals.

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE:

By 2026, we will:

- > **Provide thought leadership** to support efforts to build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees
- > **Build networks** to promote the need to build, enforce, and defend legal guarantees
- > **Catalyze progressive governments** to promote SRHR positions at the UN and other multi-lateral fora
- > **Scale up** our work through **deepened partnerships** with UN agencies; international, national, and local organizations; and pro bono law firms

GOALS 6-7

Resource and evolve our organization to achieve our goals:

To advance our mission and ensure a sustainable future, we must secure increased and diversified resources and strengthen our organizational structure, operations, and culture as a fully integrated global organization.

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE:

By 2026, we will:

- > **Secure direct and in-kind support** from individual and institutional funders and donated pro bono legal services
- > **Evolve our global operating model** to build and expand our work around the world
- > Create an **organizational culture** that reflects our core values: **global inclusion, integrity, excellence, and impact**
- > Embrace and promote **diversity, equity, and inclusion** at all levels of the organization
- > Become a **better learning organization** that effectively uses evaluation from our programs and operations to strengthen the quality and impact of our work

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