

POPULATION COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

The Population Council is an international nonprofit research organization.

Mission statement: The Population Council's mission is to improve the well-being and reproductive health of current and future generations around the world and to help achieve a humane, equitable, and sustainable balance between people and resources.

Areas of expertise: HIV and AIDS; poverty, gender, and youth; reproductive health

Geographic range of work: Offices in 15 countries in the developing world with programs in more than 49 countries.

Workforce: The Council staff consists of over 600 women and men from 34 countries. Roughly 60 percent are based outside the United States.

History: The Population Council was founded by John D. Rockefeller 3rd in 1952. According to Rockefeller, the reason to care about population was "to improve the quality of people's lives, to help make it possible for individuals everywhere to develop their full potential."

President: Peter J. Donaldson

2010 expenditures: US\$90.0 million

Funding sources: The Council's work is funded by governments, multilateral organizations, foundations, and individuals.

Population Council activities: Council scientists and specialists around the world conduct a range of activities rarely matched by other organizations. These include:

- Developing contraceptives and other products to improve reproductive health;
- Improving the quality and outreach of family planning and reproductive health services;
- Conducting research on reproductive health and behavior, family structure and function, gender issues, and the causes and consequences of population growth;
- Strengthening professional resources in developing countries through collaborative research, awards, fellowships, and training;
- Publishing innovative research in peer-reviewed journals, books, working papers, and regional monographs.

What distinguishes the Population Council from other organizations?

For more than 50 years the Population Council has been a leader in doing first-rate research on a broad range of population issues. The Council is unique in combining excellence in demographic studies, operations research, technical assistance, biomedical research on reproductive physiology, and the development of new contraceptives. In addition, the Population Council helps to improve the research capacity of reproductive and population scientists in developing countries through grants, fellowships, and support of research centers.