



Accès aux Soins de Santé Primaires | ASSP

## Family Planning & Reproductive Health

Improving access, integration, and utilization of family planning and reproductive health services.

### Our Approach

DRC has an annual population growth rate of 3.4 percent, ranking among the highest in the world. High fertility rates drive this growth. Though the vast majority of women, 88 percent, and men, 95 percent, are familiar with at least one modern method of contraception, just 20 percent of married women are using any method of contraception and only eight percent are using a modern method nationally. ASSP's family planning interventions focus on promoting birth spacing and avoiding unwanted pregnancies to improve maternal health and child wellbeing. Targeted interventions focus on service delivery for women (provision of a full complement of family planning methods, training of clinical providers, and increasing accessibility at the community level) as well as promoting family planning and helping communities understand the value of family planning and its contribution to good health.

**3,738**  
PEP kits distributed  
within 72 hours of rape

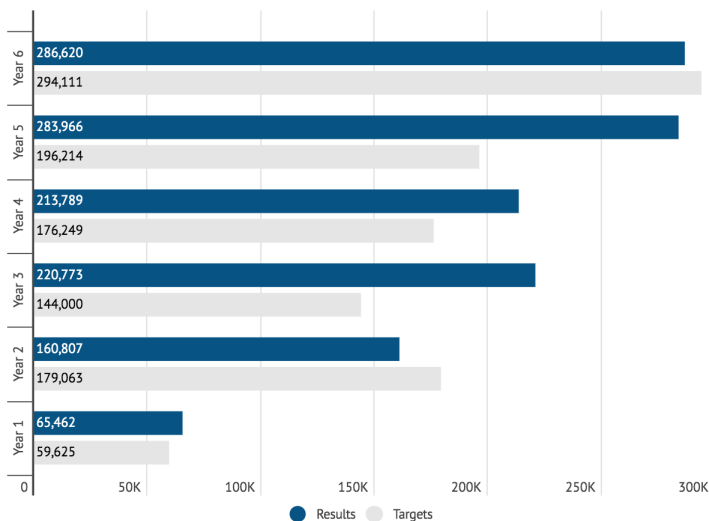
Although supply challenges hindered progress, ASSP provided 3,738 SGBV survivors with post-exposure prophylaxis kits, or PEP kits, to help protect them from contracting HIV.

**3,418**  
women with fistula benefited  
from restorative surgery

**1.68 million**  
new acceptors



**1,231,490**  
couple years of protection provided



## VAGINAL FISTULA REPAIR



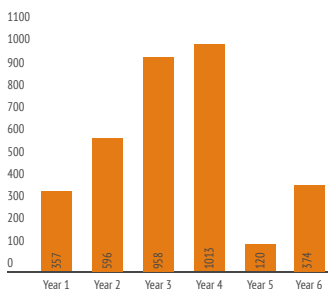
3,418

surgeries performed

93%  
success rate

Of the 3,418 surgeries performed since the start of the project, 2,848 were successful resulting in a 93 percent success rate.

### Fistula Repair Surgeries by Year



Since the beginning of the project, ASSP has been conducting fistula repair campaigns to increase community awareness about the availability of fistula care services within the supported health zones, in addition to ongoing efforts to improve access and quality of skilled care at birth.



## Reintegration

In addition to the surgery, ASSP provided individual grants of about \$70 USD to each woman undergoing fistula treatment to facilitate reintegration into their respective communities and support them in setting up income-generating activities.

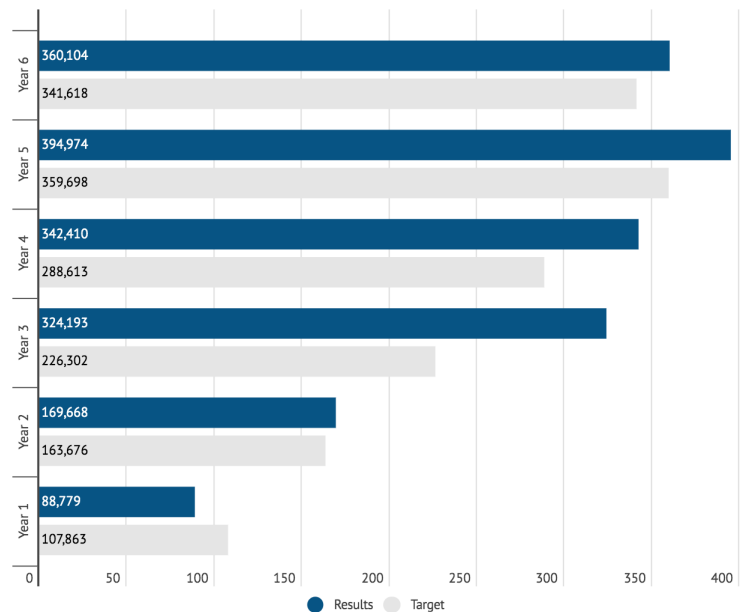


## Capacity Building

To ensure skills transfer and sustainability of the program, the mobile surgeon team specializing in fistula care and assigned to conduct fistula care campaigns also trained teams from local hospitals to conduct fistula repair and care.

## 1.68 million new acceptors of modern methods of family planning

The project has continually outperformed in its provision of family planning services, giving women choice and control over their reproductive schedules. A total of 1.68 million new acceptors have been recruited since 2014.



## 196 Health Centers offering Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC)

The BEmONC training program was implemented in 49 health zones, where providers from 196 targeted health facilities were trained. With these trainings and the distribution of basic equipment and kits required, all 245 health facilities are now offering these services.