



UNICEF USA AND ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Building a More Equitable World for Women and Girls

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International has more than 29,000 members in 63 countries working together to improve the lives of women and girls. Celebrating 50 years of partnership, Zonta International and UNICEF USA have been in close partnership since 1972, helping UNICEF advance the status of women and children worldwide through education, health and protection services.

Together, UNICEF USA and Zonta International are building a more equitable and just world, one in which girls are able to exercise their rights to survival, safety and well-being. In the 2022–2024 biennium, we are poised to make an even bigger impact together.

In 2022, Zonta International began supporting **Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar**, a program that will enable children, particularly girls, to learn in a safe and inclusive environment and empower them to take actions to change and to build climate-resilient communities. Students, teachers and primary schools will be trained on water conservation, environmental education and menstrual health hygiene.

Zonta International is also the first private sector supporter of the **UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage**. Zonta International's commitment to this program will enable UNICEF and UNFPA to implement activities in 12 countries with the ultimate goal of ensuring that girls fully enjoy their childhood free from the risk of child marriage.

Zontian's will continue their support towards the **Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection project in Peru**. The project will contribute to guaranteeing the rights of indigenous and rural adolescents, especially girls, and respond to needs such as preventing pregnancy, addressing mental health concerns and providing a protective environment from violence.

Together, Zonta International and UNICEF USA are positively impacting tens of thousands of women and girls, building brighter, safer and healthier futures.

HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

UNICEF USA and Zonta International's long history of partnership has produced a global impact supporting a wide range of UNICEF programs, including providing safe drinking water to 350,000 people in Sri Lanka, reducing the incidence of female genital mutilation and cutting by 40 percent in Burkina Faso, and vaccinating more than 800,000 women against maternal and neonatal tetanus in Afghanistan and Nepal.

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