



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Westerners Funding Condoms over Clean Water in Africa



Education: Obianuju Ekeocha (left) is the founder and president of Culture of Life Africa. She objects to western non-government organizations putting more funds into birth control programs than clean water, education, or health care. She greatly appreciates the efforts of many missionary groups to meet the real needs of the people. But the wealthiest and most powerful donors are more interested in population control. It is literally easier and cheaper to buy a bag of condoms than a bottle of water. Ms. Ekeocha feels that the westerners are imposing their ideas on Africa, while the African culture accepts every child as a valued member of the community. Only 4 of the 54 African countries now have legal abortion, but westerners and lobbyists funded by them are working to overturn pro-life laws. Ms. Ekeocha asks Americans to refuse to fund organizations which promote abortions in other countries.(1)

As far as aid from the U. S. government, billions of dollars have been given to African countries for agriculture, education, and health care. The health care dollars have been prevented from contributing to abortion-related services since 1973. Since 1984, however, the “Mexico City” policy has forbidden U.S. Family Planning funds from being used to fund any foreign non-government organization (NGO) which performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning. While discontinued by Democratic presidents, the Mexico City policy has been reinstated by each Republican president. President Trump has now expanded the Mexico City policy to include all U.S. global health care assistance, not just funds specifically allocated for family planning. The policy has been renamed “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance.” Opponents refer to the policy as the “Global Gag Rule.”

1. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/condoms-water-african-population-control/>
2. <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/mexico-city-policy-explainer/>



Prayer: Please, Lord, bless all efforts to improve the health care, education and clean water available to the African people. Help people from other countries to respect the African culture to value every child and stop trying to impose acceptance of contraception and abortion on people who do not want them. Please inspire programs and solutions to meet the real needs of the people, to end poverty, rather than seeking to eliminate poor people by advocating abortion. Please guide the entire global community to move toward a culture that respects the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.



Action: While the Mexico City policy applies directly only to foreign NGO's, U. S. organizations are also forbidden to provide funding to any foreign NGO sub-recipients unless those sub-recipients have first certified adherence to the policy. The International Planned Parenthood Federation is one of the major organizations promoting abortion overseas. Planned Parenthood spends millions to elect pro-abortion Congressmen, who then vote for our taxpayer funds to keep flowing to Planned Parenthood. Tell your federal representatives to defund Planned Parenthood.