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# A HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP IN FAMILY PLANNING

First purchase of contraceptives for distribution in developing countries



**1968**

**1965**

**USAID's Family Planning Program begins**



**1970**

Community-based distribution systems developed to bring family planning door-to-door



Initial support for international surveys and reproductive health training

**1972**

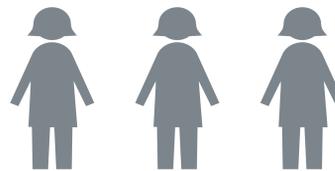


**1982**

Policy paper issued on fundamental principles of voluntarism and informed choice

**1984**

The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program introduced



Gender program launched to enhance gender equality and women's empowerment

**1990**

The Central Contraceptive Procurement Project is established to provide high-quality contraceptives



**1997-98**

Population-environment program established to ensure funds are allocated to areas where population growth threatens biodiversity



**2002**



**2012**

Adolescent reproductive health recognized in Agency-wide youth policy

**2011**

Ouagadougou partnership formed

USAID becomes core partner in FP2020