

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# FOR EVERY WOMAN AND GIRL

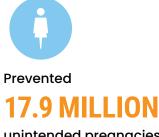
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# **YOUR IMPACT**

Thank you for being there for every woman and girl!

## **YOUR SUPPORT IN 2023:**



unintended pregnacies



Delivered

## **1 MILLION**

babies in humanitarian crises

2	

Kept 33,930

women safe from deadly childbirth or pregnancy complications



#### Averted 6.4 MILLION

new sexually transmitted infections



Protected

## 162,075

girls from female genital mutilation



Distributed more than

## **1 BILLION**

condoms



# VISION

#### We want to secure a world where:

Every pregnancy is wanted. Every childbirth is safe. Every woman and girl can reach her fullest potential.



To provide women and girls everywhere with lifesaving sexual and reproductive health care and empower them to decide what is best for their bodies, families, and futures.

# **FROM OUR LEADERSHIP**

#### **Dear Supporters**,

2023 was a challenging year for the health and safety of millions as climate change, natural disasters, and violence led to numerous humanitarian crises. In all of these heartbreaking situations, women and girls were among the most vulnerable as they lost access to critical care and the ability to maintain their dignity – but because of you, we were able to scale up and be there for them.

Thank you for being a lifeline to women and girls in 2023. Your generous support deployed critical sexual and reproductive health supplies and services, ensuring that we were able to be there and reach women and girls with lifesaving care. In 2023, your support helped us:

- Distribute contraceptives that prevented 17.9 million unintended pregnancies
- Reach 4.2 million women and girls with protection from and response to gender-based violence
- Reach 10.6 million people reached with essential sexual and reproductive health care ٠

Behind these numbers are millions of stories of women you have supported, and we saw first-hand the difference you made in Jordan. In September 2023, we traveled to the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan, where 80,000 Syrians have found a home for more than a decade while their country has been embroiled in civil war. Pregnant women attended prenatal appointments and marked their progress on a tracker. Girls played ping pong and created art; teenagers taught kindergarteners how to read. New moms at the maternity clinic were smiling as they rested with their newborns while other women received information on birth spacing and contraception.

What impressed us most was how the clinics anticipated and addressed every need so women and girls could access the care they deserved. This holistic approach to reproductive health care is paying off: After more than 13 years and 20,000 births, not a single woman has died from pregnancy or childbirth complications in Zaatari.

But your support stretches far beyond the borders of Zaatari. Thanks to you, we are reaching women and girls in every corner of the world to achieve three transformative results: zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices. To help reach these results, we launched our Her. Now! campaign which aims to raise \$100 million for sexual and reproductive healthcare by 2030. We have already made incredible progress in this campaign, and we are hopeful that this will be the decade to transform reproductive health worldwide.

In 2024, we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) - a landmark moment where global leaders agreed that we all have a right to access sexual and reproductive health care and to make decisions for our bodies and futures. In just 30 years, we have transformed the lives of millions of women and girls, and in a span of one generation, UNFPA has reduced unintended pregnancy by nearly 20%, lowered maternal death by more than 30%, and secured laws against domestic violence in more than 160 countries.

However, while we have made significant progress, we have also witnessed widening inequalities within our society and the health care system. Our work for sexual and reproductive health is not complete, and we must continue to reach the millions of women and girls who remain far behind. On this 30th anniversary, we are determined more than ever to be there for every woman and girl, no matter what.

Thank you for your commitment to women and girls, and your tireless resolve to help us realize our shared vision of a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every person can reach their fullest potential.

#### With gratitude,



Anu Surendran Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors plays a crucial role in the governance and strategic direction of USA for UNFPA. Thank you to our Board Members for their time, dedication, and leadership - they are instrumental in securing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls!

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#### Leadership Council **Members**

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# **OUR COMMUNITY**

Our supporters are the backbone of all our efforts for women and girls. They allow us to be among the first on the ground when crisis strikes and to keep critical long term projects funded around the globe. None of this work would be possible without our incredible community at our side.

Thank you for being a part of this passionate group of supporters and for being there for every woman and girl.



"We understand from our lived experiences the urgent needs of Gazan mothers, women, and girls for personal hygiene items. Preventing infections and illnesses, resulting from lack of access to water and personal hygiene items, was and still is our main focus. True and genuine understanding of the need helped us rally our whole community around this cause and made our fundraising efforts very successful. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with UNFPA to alleviate some of the ongoing hardships Gazan women are facing."

"I have been an ardent and vocal women's rights advocate since my late teens, and I feel proud to be a part of your remarkable community. My daughters and granddaughters inspire me every day to support autonomy for women and appropriate health care practices. Thanks for all you do!" - Ruth Lambert, long-time monthly donor

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In 2023, our community had:

14,225 supporters

1.690 monthly supporters

"In my 40 year practice of Immunology and Asthma in this country, I cared for many women and girls. During this time, I saw women voice health concerns that were dismissed or ignored, making me aware of the lack of access to quality care for women in this country. As a healthcare professional, I became inspired to change this trend in my practice and I became a passionate supporter of equal access health care for women. During my career, I also volunteered in Tanzania and Guatemala, where I again observed women suffering from not being seen or heard. And perhaps most concerning in my travels, I learned access to birth control was entirely in the hands of men. I am proud to support UNFPA in providing reproductive healthcare to women and girls, so that they may receive the care they desire, on their own terms."

-Susan C. Ristow, Monthly Supporter and Legacy Society Member

- AMAANA DCRC, who hosted a fundraiser to provide women and girls in Gaza with access to UNFPA Dignity Kits. The co-founders of AMAANA DCRC are two Palestinian women who are also mothers to daughters, disability advocates, and Hurricane Katrina survivors.

#### **OUR WORK | FAMILY PLANNING**

## FAMILY PLANNING, **NO MATTER WHAT**

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Right now, 257 million women and girls who wish to avoid pregnancy are not using safe or effective contraceptives. And right now, half of all pregnancies around the world are unintended. By the end of this year, 121 million women and girls will find themselves unintentionally pregnant and 260,000 women will die from preventable pregnancy and childbirth complications.

But we can get these numbers down to zero. We're working in communities across the globe to provide women and girls with the full range of family planning options such as IUDs and contraceptive pills and the comprehensive sex education they need to make informed decisions about their health. We're working with communities to respect the decisions women and girls make for their bodies and we're strengthening supply chains so that, even during an emergency, women and girls don't lose access to the care they need.

Last year, all of these efforts resulted in:

#### 17.9M unintended pregnancies

prevented

6.4M new sexually transmitted infections averted

#### **+1B**

condoms distributed



"In many areas, there is still a strong presence of machismo, and women tend to be submissive to their partners. It's essential for women to empower themselves and make their own choices."

In northern Peru, access to sexual and reproductive health services for women became a matter of life or death following deadly Cyclone Yaku. The storm destroyed health care centers and family planning became a vital way to combat maternal mortality. UNFPA provided this lifesaving service by sending emergency reproductive health supplies to 33 care facilities in affected areas, launching mobile teams to reach women and girls cut off from services by the cyclone, and even having obstetricians go door to door to provide information about sexual and reproductive health services. In all, these efforts reached 16,400 teenage girls and women with family planning services, empowering them to take charge of their own futures and bodies.

PERU

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#### **OUR WORK | MATERNAL HEALTH**

## EVERY BIRTH SAFE, NO MATTER WHAT

In the next two minutes, a woman will needlessly die from preventable pregnancy or childbirth complications. By the end of the day, this number will climb to a staggering 800 women. Among those most at risk are women living in humanitarian crises and girls. Pregnancy and childbirth complications are the leading cause of death for teenage girls globally.

UNFPA is working around the world to ensure that giving life does not become a death sentence. We deploy midwives who provide essential prenatal, safe delivery, and postpartum care. We operate mobile health clinics to reach women and girls cut off from the health system. Our teams provide emergency obstetric care to manage life-threatening complications. And, we distribute UNFPA Emergency Birth Kits and UNFPA Mama Kits to pregnant women and new mothers in crisis zones. In 2023, these efforts resulted in:

#### 10.6M

people reached with essential sexual and reproductive health services in 50 countries

#### 1M

babies safely delivered in humanitarian settings

**33,930** maternal deaths averted





After eight years of conflict in Yemen, mothers like Zahra are still going without food so their children can eat. When Zahra became pregnant with her fourth child she was acutely malnourished, underweight, and prone to illness. One morning, she collapsed with abdominal pain and bleeding. Her husband rushed her to a nearby clinic, but they were poorly equipped to handle Zahra's emergency. The nurse advised Zahra to go to UNFPA Al Ahad Hospital, which offers free reproductive health services.

With no other options, Zahra and her husband walked seven hours to reach the facility. Upon arriving, the staff rushed to treat Zahra's malnutrition and safely delivered her baby.

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#### "If we get some food, we first let our children eat."

## **OUR WORK | ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

## EVERY WOMAN AND GIRL SAFE, **NO MATTER WHAT**

Violence against women and girls takes a wide range of forms, including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, and economic abuse, along with harmful practices like child marriage and female genital mutilation.

Violence against women and girls is as pervasive as it is damaging. Every year, 4 million girls are at risk for female genital mutilation. Every day, more than 30,000 girls become child brides. And every 11 minutes, a woman or girl is killed by a loved one. Regardless of the type of harm that occurs, each experience of violence strips away a woman or girl's right to safety, dignity, autonomy, and respect.

That's why we're working to end violence against women and girls - for good. We support survivors of violence with clinical treatment for rape, legal aid, mental health counseling, and access to safe spaces. We're working with communities to raise awareness about women's rights, including by engaging men, boys, religious leaders, and community elders. We also advocate for governments to adopt policies that protect women's health and rights and advance gender equality.

Last year, all of these efforts resulted in:

#### **4.2M**

people reached with protection from and response to genderbased violence

#### **162K**

girls protected from female genital mutilation

#### 1,690

safe spaces for women and girls supported

the flour."

**SUDAN** 

Like many rural villages in Sudan, Haleema's was not well connected to basic public services, such as flour mills or water pumps. She and the other women and children of the village used to have to walk for miles to distant villages to reach flour mills - each long walk exposing them to immense danger. As the conflict in Sudan rages on, women like Haleema are at increased threat for sexual and physical violence. One neighbor of Haleema's recounted being stopped by six men who demanded payment in exchange for passage. Still other women faced dangers so great that they had to run while carrying their heavy containers of flour. It was clear: the women of Sudan needed necessities that were closer to their homes. So that's what UNFPA provided.

In 2023 UNFPA built a flour mill in Sudan near Haleema's home, so the women and children of her community would no longer need to put themselves at risk of violence to eat. Currently, the mill is serving 30,000 people.



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"We used to walk long distances to grind our grain. Women and girls faced harassment along the way - we had to run fast to avoid it, often spilling most of



GAZA

**OUR WORK | HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE** 

## **DELIVERING CARE DURING HUMANITARIAN CRISES, NO MATTER WHAT**

From violent conflicts to natural disasters, one fact underpins all crises women and girls are the most vulnerable when disaster strikes. They eat last and least. They are more likely to lose education and employment opportunities. Their risk of experiencing violence skyrockets. And on top of all of this, women and girls do not stop getting their periods or becoming pregnant during emergencies.

Women and girls continue to need access to sexual and reproductive healthcare in emergency settings – but too often, these services and essential supplies vanish. We are on the ground before, during, and after crises to ensure that the unique needs of women and girls are met, even in the most remote or conflict-stricken locations. We distribute hundreds of thousands of UNFPA Dignity Kits, Emergency Birth Kits, and Mama Kits every year, along with offering safe spaces for survivors of violence, operating mobile health clinics for women and girls who have been cut off from care by conflict or natural disasters, and providing mental health counseling to women and girls who have faced traumatic violence and loss.

In 2023, these efforts resulted in:

#### **1M**

babies safely delivered in humanitarian settings

925K+ **Dignity Kits distributed** 

#### 808

mobile health clinics deployed

Sondos, a 26-year-old heavily pregnant woman, was with a group of women and girls when she suddenly heard an explosion. Seconds later, she was buried under rubble. Her young daughter, Habiba, did not survive the blast. Sondos was rushed to a UNFPA hospital and underwent surgery for her severely injured legs and hands as well as an emergency cesarean section. Her newborn daughter, who she named Habiba after the child that she lost the same day, was rushed into intensive care.

In the latter half of 2023, there were more than 235 attacks on healthcare infrastructure in Gaza. The health care system is on its knees and the 73,000 pregnant women in the region are struggling to obtain care. UNFPA has been in Gaza since before the conflict began and has delivered more than half of the births in Gaza since the conflict began on October 7, 2023.



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#### "I was transferred to the operating room for my legs because bones were shattered... After that, thank God, I gave birth to a girl. I will name her Habiba."



# DONOR DELEGATION

In September 2023, USA for UNFPA visited Jordan to see the impact of our support on the ground in one of the world's top refugee host countries. We visited women, girls, and UNFPA staff at three sites: an urban clinic in Amman, the Zaatari Refugee Camp, and the Azraq Refugee Camp. Here are some photos from the delegation as well as what our attendees had to say about the experience. USA for UNFPA delegation to Jordan stands outside the Zaatari Refugee Camp

"One thing that really struck me was the efficiency of the Amman health center in Jordan. This building served as a one stop shop for comprehensive mental and physical health services for women, men, and youth – all while also running projects to address pressing issues such as violence against women and child marriage. Because of the tremendous center, girls were given the resources, safety, and confidence to work toward becoming leaders in their communities."

Safiye Cagar

"The work of UNFPA is highly impactful in meeting these women and girls where they are and offering services that they need. Pregnancy and motherhood, gender-based violence, child marriage – these are all powerful forces that shape the lives of these women and girls, and in many ways these forces reduce their agency. The work of UNFPA gives women more agency – more control over their lives, more of a voice.

The world and our focus has moved on to other things. We have that luxury. The Syrian refugees do not.

They are stuck in exile with no home other than one that is temporary in nature. Not safe in their home country and not fully welcome in the country that is hosting them. Many of the children have never known anything else. The ground under their feet could disappear at any time.

But despite this, UNFPA has built a community safe enough for children to act like children. Girls played soccer and basketball in the courtyard, laughing as they did. I saw personalities I recognized – the kid whose hand is always up to answer a question, the outgoing kid who isn't afraid to introduce herself to complete strangers, the boisterous kid. They were eager to tell us what they are learning, what their lives are like, and what they want out of life."

#### Jacob Onufrychuk



Mustafa with her 6-hour old son recovering from birth in Zaatari Refugee Camp.



Girls in Zaatari Refugee Camp show off their crafts.



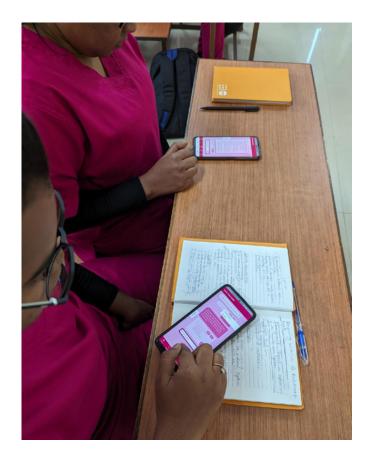
Girls enjoy recreational activities such as hula-hooping and board games at UNFPA's Adolescent Girls Empowerment Center.

# PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT

## - ORGANON Here for her health

Organon and UNFPA share a vision of a world where the health of women and girls is prioritized across their lifetime. Together, we are partnering to accelerate progress toward our goals and reduce unplanned pregnancies globally, with a particular focus on young people. The global collaboration includes programs in three key areas: innovation, access and education, and sustainability and financing.

Together, we are helping women realize that their autonomy, power and choice is crucial to addressing the 121 million unplanned pregnancies that occur worldwide each year. Doing so is not only foundational to building a healthier and more equitable world, but will help secure a more prosperous future for the next generation.



#### **OUR PARTNERSHIP HELPS FUEL PROJECTS** SUCH AS: THE SAFE DELIVERY APP

Together, we are supporting the Maternity Foundation in strengthening midwifery knowledge through the AI-powered Safe Delivery App, which has been used by more than 375,000 health care workers around the world.

#### Why family planning? Because...

#### 800

Women die from preventable pregnancy and childbirth complications. More than half of these needless deaths occur in humanitarian settings.

### **4 MILLION**

**Pregnant teenagers attempt** unsafe abortions every year. Unsafe abortion is one of the leading causes of maternal death.

### **257 MILLION**

Women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods, often due to stigma, lack of access to care, poor sexual health education, or legal restrictions.

Every woman has the right to make decisions for her body, family, and future.

# Her.

In November, the USA for UNFPA community gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to officially launch our Her. Now! campaign. We have set an goal to raise \$100 million by 2030 to accelerate global reproductive health care and achieve UNFPA's transformative results: ending the unmet need for family planning, ending preventable maternal deaths, and ending all forms of violence against women and girls.

At the core of our Her. Now! campaign is a commitment to uplift the voices, choices, and rights of women around the world. UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem, and USA for UNFPA Leadership Council member and advocate for change Luvvie Ajayi Jones both delivered powerful calls to action, underscoring the urgent need to step up for women and girls' health and rights and be there for her, now, and achieve a safer, healthier, more equal future for us all.

#### Her. Now! Honorees

#### Global Humanitarian Award: Dr. Ambereen Sleemi

Dr. Ambereen Sleemi (right) was awarded our Global Humanitarian Award for providing obstetric fistula repair surgeries around the world, including in Ukraine, Haiti, Pakistan, and more. Obstetric fistula is one of the most debilitating childbirth injuries and it primarily impacts women who lack access to care or have little agency over their lives, such as teenage mothers, women living in extreme poverty, or women living in remote areas.

#### **Implementing Partner Award:** Esraa Shabouaa on behalf of the Institute for Family Health in Jordan



Esraa (left) accepted our Implementing Partner Award for The Institute for Family Health in Jordan in recognition of the lifesaving services they provide to refugee women and their families living in urban settlements and refugee camps. The care the Institute provides is completely comprehensive and includes child care, educational sessions, maternal health services, family planning counseling, eye exams, childhood vaccinations, recreational activities, nutritional counseling, and more. Their work has contributed to the remarkable success of the Zaatari Refugee Camp, where more than 20,000 babies have been born without a single mother dying from pregnancy or childbirth complications.





Dr. Natalia Kanem **UNFPA Executive Director**  Luvvie Ajayi Jones





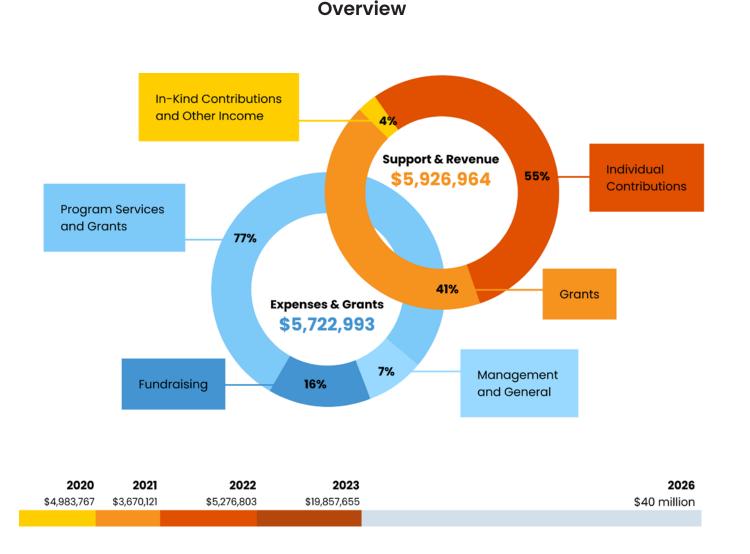
Jacob Onufrychuk UNFPA Leadership Council Member Chair of USA for UNFPA Board

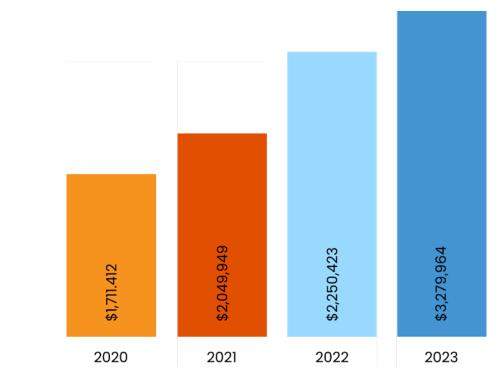
#### Her. Now **Speakers**

# **OUR FINANCIALS**

In 2023, we raised just shy of \$6 million for women and girls – and it's all thanks to supporters like you. 2023 was our highest revenue year yet, bringing us even closer to our goal to raise \$100 million by 2030 and emphasizing the incredible momentum that you have helped us build for our lifesaving work . Now 13,199 supporters (and counting!) strong, we are making incredible progress toward our transformative goals of zero unmet demands for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero incidents of violence against women.

We were also awarded a **4-star perfect score** by **Charity Navigator**, and a **Platinum Seal of Transparency** from **Candid** so each member of our community can give with confidence when they make a gift to support women and girls.





#### Statement of Activities - Without Donor Restrictions\*

Support and Revenue Grants Individual Contributions In-Kind Contributions & Other Income Total Support & Revenue

#### **Expenses & Grants**

Program Services & Grants

Management & General

Fundraising

**Total Expenses & Grants** 

#### Change in Net Assets Net assets - Beginning of year Net assets - End of year

\* These numbers are unaudited. To review our audited financials, including from past years, please visit *www.usaforunfpa.org/financials-and-annual-reports* for more information.

#### Individual Contributions

2023
\$2,420,175
\$3,279,964
\$226,824
\$5,926,964
-
\$4,423,499
\$406,283
\$893,211
\$5,722,993
\$203,971

**\$203,971** \$788,937 **\$992,908** 



#### Donate

Thank you so much for standing with women and girls in 2023. Your support is a lifeline and provides critically needed sexual and reproductive health care in more than 150 countries around the world, including those facing dire humanitarian emergencies. You can continue providing lifesaving support in 2024 by renewing your gift today. Here are just some examples of what your gift could provide:

#### \$15

Provides a woman or girl with a UNFPA Dignity Kit. \$45

Provides one new mother with a UNFPA Mama Kit. \$100

Provides one midwife with critical training. \$375

Covers the cost of an obstetric fistula repair surgery.

#### Donations by Phone or Mail

Easily make a gift over the phone by calling us at (646) 649-9100.

To donate by mail, make a check payable to "USA for UNFPA" and send it to:

USA for UNFPA 605 Third Ave, FI 4 New York, NY 10158

#### **Become A Monthly Donor**

Deliver even more lifesaving care to those most in need in 2024 by becoming a monthly donor. Your monthly gift goes to women and girls wherever and whenever sexual and reproductive health care is needed most. Monthly gifts also decrease our administrative costs, meaning more of your gift is going directly to women and girls.

Monthly donors receive exclusive impact reports, event invites, opportunities to connect with global experts and women and girls, and get to see behind the scenes of the work they make possible.

#### Legacy Giving

When you include a gift for USA for UNFPA in your legacy plans, you lead the way for the health, dignity, and care for all women and girls worldwide for generations to come.

To learn more about including USA for UNFPA in your plans and joining our Mary D. Lindsay Legacy Society, reach out to us at (646) 649-9108.

You can always donate online at usaforunfpa.org/waystogive.



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