

“THE UN HAS LOST ITS PURPOSE”

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBERIA’S 2022 PUBLIC HEALTH BILL

On 19 June, 2026, the Secretary of State for the United States of America, Marco Rubio, was present at the United States Congress for a hearing on the Trump Administration’s 2027 foreign affairs budget.

When questioned about the lack of funding directed towards the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) – the UN’s sexual and reproductive health agency – and the World Health Organization (WHO), Rubio stated the United States refuses to “be involved in distributing contraceptives and all these other things around the world”. He stated that the United Nations had lost its purpose through their consistent advocacy of abortion as a tool for family planning, and that a better route to take would be to redirect resources towards strengthening the health infrastructure and promote self-reliance in recipient countries.

Some members of Congress posited that taking the focus off abortions would harm women, but in reality, abortions harm women. Studies have shown that women who get abortions – regardless of how safe they are conducted – are 81% more likely to experience mental health problems. 34% are more likely to develop anxiety disorders, 37% more likely to develop depression, 110% more likely to rely on alcohol use or abuse, 115% more likely to develop suicidal behavior, and 220% more likely to take on marijuana use or abuse. As many as 60% of women having an abortion experience some level of emotional distress afterwards. In 30% of women, the distress is classified as severe (Hanna Soderberg, European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, 1998).

It is widely recognized among the medical community, and members of the public, that if the abortion procedure does not go as planned, patients may experience infection or sepsis, placenta previa, perforation of the uterus, damage to other organs, and death; but a number of people do not know that even if the procedure goes as planned, patients may suffer heavy or persistent bleeding, damage to their cervix, abdominal pain or cramping, scarring of the uterine lining, breast cancer, and future premature birth(s) or miscarriages.

This is what is being advocated for by organizations such as the UNFPA and the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU) – an agency whose funding comes through the sale of condoms, lubricants, pregnancy tests and sex toys by their private company – through their lobbying of Liberia’s 2022 Public Health Bill.

This Bill seeks to modernize Liberia’s public health framework. It consolidates scattered laws, updates penalties, strengthens emergency response, disease surveillance, immunization and health systems governance – oh and also enables young children and adolescents to undermine family authority and bypass parental consent in matters of sex, abortion and sex education.

The Bill permits that adolescents be given access to sexual and reproductive health services without parental or guardian consent, and even go as far as giving an assurance of government care in a situation where parents or guardians disagree with the actions and decisions of their child. This completely undermines the authority of the parents and direct attack on the family unit.

The Bill also makes “sexuality education” mandatory for Liberian children, thereby completely disrespecting and overriding the parents’ right to protect their children from harmful sexual information and teaching materials with explicit images published by agencies such as the UNFPA and RFSU. Such sexuality education includes teaching Liberian children about the controversial topics of both “sex” and “sexuality” without any limitations beyond the deceptive and vague “age-appropriate” qualifier, which is unspecified.

This “age-appropriate” qualifier is always inserted by advocates, funders and implementers of “comprehensive sexuality education” because they know it makes conservative parents and religious leaders think what will be taught will be appropriate, but the UN agencies and donor countries’ concept, upon interpreting and implementing “age-appropriate” sexuality education provisions, is radical beyond belief. For example, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends as “age-appropriate” teaching children ages 0-4 about masturbation and gender identities, and teaching 9-year-olds about orgasm and same-sex relationships.

These are only a few of the absurd provisions being put forward in the Bill, and due to the uproar surrounding it, the Bill is yet to be passed into Law.

The UNFPA and RFSU actively sponsor this Bill and especially push for the provisions on sexual and reproductive health rights – seeing as that is their common agenda. There is a desire to pervert and sexualize the children and youth of African nations through doctrines such as Comprehensive Sexuality Education and the deception of abortion as a tool for family planning.

Supporters of the Bill claim that these provisions are essential in fighting against unsafe abortions and teenage pregnancies in Liberia, but is promoting abortion the true solution? These efforts should be focused on rightly educating the public, especially the youth, of the dangers associated with abortion and that abstinence is the only true sure way to avoid teenage pregnancies. It is the right of parents to instill the right values and educate their children on sex. It remains a matter that children should discuss with their parents or guardians, and not other children in a classroom. If the parents are not having the necessary discussions, then efforts ought to be directed at ensuring they do rather than transferring the responsibility to people paid to advance the agenda of whoever holds their paycheck. Rubio got it right when he called the advocacy of such agendas “puppet shows”.

The Trump Administration is not the only one aware of the deceptive agenda being pushed by the UN and other agencies. On 22 June, 2026, Civil Society Organizations, faith leaders, the media and other stakeholders were gathered by the Centre for African Policy Research and Advisory (CAfPRA) in Liberia to discuss the implications of these harmful provisions in Liberia's Public Health Bill, and put forward that if such provisions are maintained in the Bill, the Bill must be opposed and voted down. The government of Liberia has been engaged to ensure this, and other governments of African Nations must remain alert and ready to fortify their respective nations against such agendas when these morally downturned organizations come knocking.