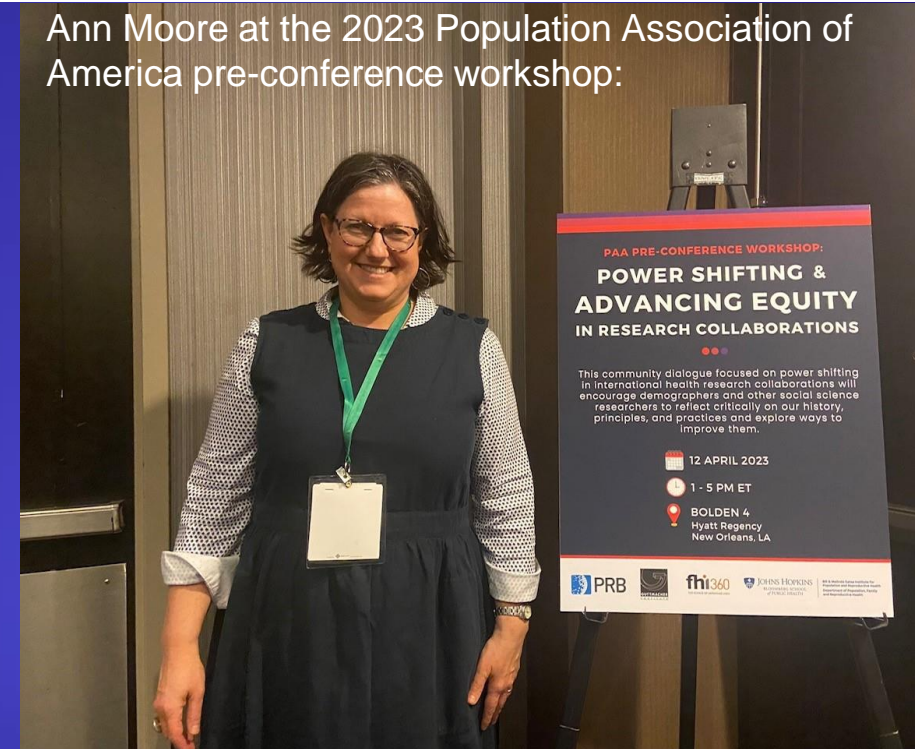




# Shifting Power and Advancing Equity in the Field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Globally

Ann Moore at the 2023 Population Association of  
America pre-conference workshop:



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# History/Purpose

The International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)  
Power-Shifting Sub-Committee





**International  
Conference  
on Family  
Planning:  
every 3 years  
since 2009**

### **Join the Global ICFP Community**

Be a part of the community of over **40,000+** family planning advocates and experts by subscribing to receive regular updates from the **official ICFP email newsletter.**

# **About the International Conference on Family Planning**

*ICFP is Much More Than a Conference*



**A recognized need in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for power to be distributed differently**

- Acknowledgment that power comes from access to donors, funding, infrastructure (both knowledge + technological), enabling environments, language, etc.
- Many organizations have been having conversations internally and with partners about trying to change their relationships:
  - Embracing anti-coloniality
- Organizations in the field that have been on the forefront of addressing this as of late include:
  - Ipas
  - Ibis Reproductive Health
  - Engender Health

## Origins of the group

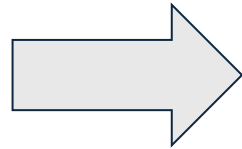
- In advance of the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in 2022, “a coalition of the willing” representing research, implementation, advocacy, and governments came together
  - to chart a way forward that prioritizes shifting power from those with more power to those with less power within sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

# Power Shifting Theory of Change

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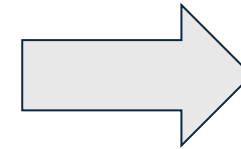
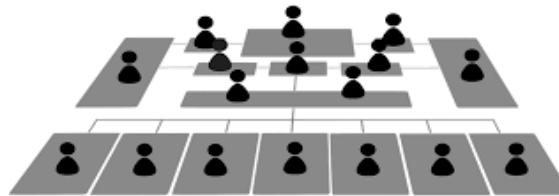
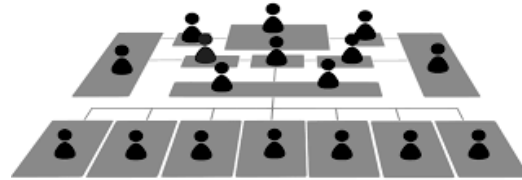
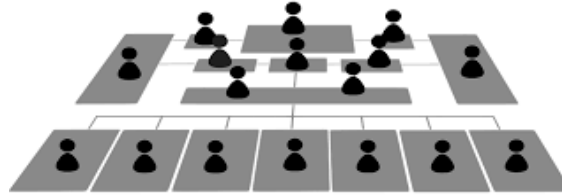


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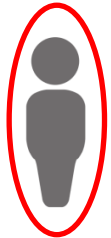


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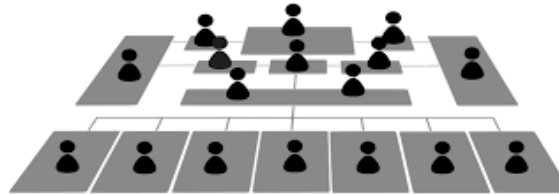
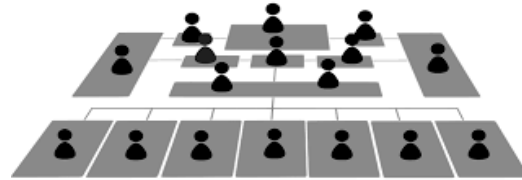
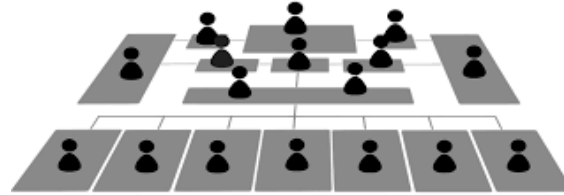


Individuals committing to shift power and change the way they work



Collective action to inspire organizational change

Organizations Change



Systems Change



Collective action to inspire systems change

**Mission of the  
sub-committee:  
not just at ICFP,  
but between  
conferences, too**

- Elevate and document persistent inequities in conducting SRHR research, program implementation, and policy advocacy
- Convene and inspire professionals committed to learning, understanding, and shifting power in SRHR
- Identify opportunities for global, regional, and country engagements to continue the conversation with new audiences
- Everything is English/French to be as inclusive as possible



“Fireside Chat” at the Population Association of America 2023 pre-conference:

# How the work takes place



## Secretariat + sub-committee

- The infrastructure and coordination have been provided by the Gates Institute Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland, USA)
- Most active sub-committee of the ICFP with approximately a dozen members who meet every 2-4 weeks since mid-2022

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN POWER SHIFTING



13 July at 8 am EDT



# Activities to date

ICFP 2022 with keynote speaker Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health.



- Hosting dialogues at relevant conferences:
  - The International Conference on Family Planning (2022)
  - The Population Association of America (2023)
  - Women Deliver (2023)
  - The Africa Population Conference (UAPS) (2024)
  - + others
- Webinars (all archived at [ICFP2022.org/Power-Shifting](https://www.icfp2022.org/Power-Shifting))
  - ICFP-sponsored events
  - Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Scientists (IAPHS) (2023)
  - + others
- A Community of Practice with the World Health Organization/Implementing Best Practice (IBP) Initiative launched in July 2023
  - ~ 782 members

# Example of an invitation to a recent webinar

## Shifting Power and Advancing Equity in Population Health Webinar Series: How does the history of population health impact our work today?

Hosted in partnership between the International Conference on Family Planning's Power Shifting Subcommittee and the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

**11:00AM - 12:30PM EDT**

The public health field has been engaging in efforts to better understand the historical power dynamics and shift power. Colonialism and its legacy are part of our shared human history. The social structures, funding models, and knowledge generation practices that define global health are rooted in a history of inequality, exploitation, and racism. For the population health community, this is also a history of coercion, population control, and eugenics. Calls to address these legacies continue to fall short, challenging the community to think and act critically to address them. These actions hold the potential to bring historically marginalized individuals to the table as contributors and spur rich conversations about "decolonizing knowledge".

We aim to create interactive virtual spaces to explore the question: what can we do to shift power and advance equity in population health now?

In the first session we will start by discussing how this work is progressing currently and how we got here. We will first reflect on the historical legacies of family planning, population health, and development broadly and how they impact the systems that we are working within today.

**Registration is free but required.**  
Visit [www.iaphs.org/tools-for-success/online-events](http://www.iaphs.org/tools-for-success/online-events) to register

### Moderator



**Goodness Ogeyi Odey**

ICFP Power Shifting Subcommittee Co-Chair

### Speakers



**Dr. Annabel Sowemimo**

Sexual and reproductive health registrar, academic, activist, and writer; Co-director and founder of the Reproductive Justice Initiative



**Vincenza Mazzeo**

PhD Candidate in History at Johns Hopkins University and 2020-2021 Fellow at the Centre for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine and Alexander Grass Humanities Institute





# Types of Organizations Participating

51% from high income countries; 33% from low-income countries, 16% missing data

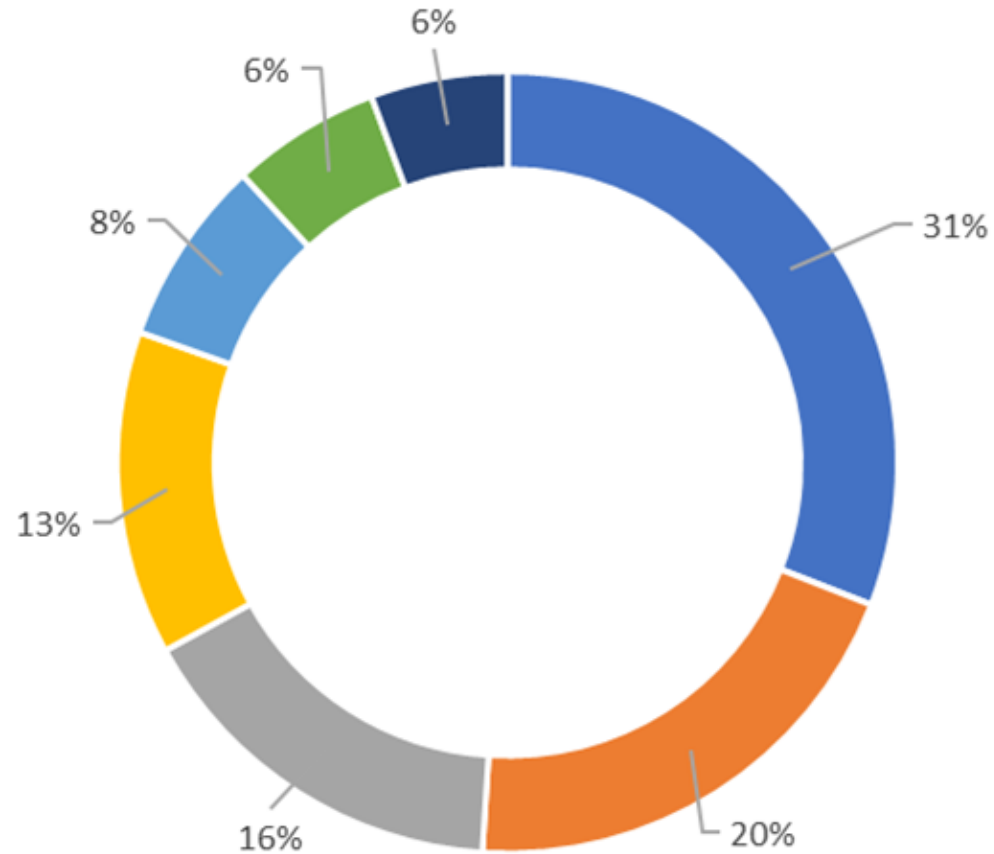


**“What are  
the key  
questions  
the  
community  
is grappling  
with?”  
(n=1,247)**

- Emerging practices in shifting power
- Creating equitable partnerships
- How to implement power shifts
- What long term structural changes will dismantle existing systems
- To do this, we need to:
  - Learn and unlearn individual behaviors and biases
  - Improve partnership models
  - Challenge current partner dynamics

“What is your long term hope for power shifting and equity in global health?”

% of Responses by Theme



■ Localization ■ Blanks ■ Partnership ■ Flexible Funding ■ Accountability ■ Advocate ■ Research



# Ongoing work

- Sharing resources:
  - From the ICFP Power-Shifting website:

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Count 2	Advocacy/Accountability	
1	Five years from now, who will be setting the global health agenda?	Text
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">ACCOMPAGNER LES JEUNES FILLES, FEMMES ET GARÇONS SUR LA NÉCESSITÉ DE L'AVORTEMENT SÉCURISÉ.</a>	Text
TOPICAL AREAS		
Count 1	Advocacy/Accountability Equity/Justice Program Implementation Other	
3	Partnerships and Power: Understanding the Dynamics Between International and National Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Org...	Text
TOPICAL AREAS		
Count 2	Donors/Funders	
4	SHIFTING POWER TO SHIFT SYSTEMS: INSIGHTS AND TOOLS FOR FUNDERS	Text
5	PODCAST: Examining Dependency in Global Health Financing with Sam Oti	Audio
TOPICAL AREAS		
Count 3	Donors/Funders Equity/Justice	
6	Introducing our new Global Reproductive Equity strategy	Text

- [The Time Initiative](#) from Humentum (requires creating a log-in)



Additional activities/ resources with which we are engaging

## Ways for you to be engaged in the work

- Engage with the resources of the sub-committee (recordings of previous events, accessing materials):
- Post your events on the power-shifting website:



Post your power shifting  
community events and  
resources here:

[ICFP2022.org/Power-Shifting/#submit](https://ICFP2022.org/Power-Shifting/#submit)



# Participate in the conversation

- Join the community of practice:
  - <https://groups.ibpnetwork.org/g/ShiftingPowerSRHR>
- Attend the 2025 ICFP conference in Bogotá, Colombia: November 3-6<sup>th</sup>
  - <https://theicfp.org/conference-colombia>





# Thank you for your attention

We welcome you to the conversation

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