Advocacy



UNFPA initiated an alliance consisting of:

- the Government;
- civil society organizations;
- Ombudsman offices:
- faith-based organizations:
- international donors:
- the media.



In 2016

The UNFPA Armenia Country Office won a global competition for "UNFPA **Good Practice in Advocacy,** Policy Dialogue/Advice" in the category of newly emerging practices, for its advocacy work aimed at combating gender-biased sex selection in Armenia.



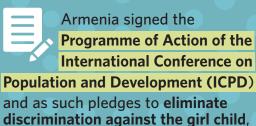
Gender-biased sex selection:



Policies/Framework/Goverment Response

In 1993





including son preference.

Sex Ratio at birth

early 2000s

early 2010s

The ratio stabilized at

114 boys per 100 girls.

2018

The sex ratio at birth was

111 boys per 100 girls,



Challenges/ **Opportunities**

Weak law enforcement and monitoring mechanism

Remaining social pressures

Traditional gender inequalities and patriarchal stereotypes

Lack of access and availability of early childcare services

State Program and Action **Plan to Prevent Sex-selective Abortions for** 2015-2017



The Government of Armenia has made significant efforts to fully address convention obligations and align national legislation.

The **2016** amendment of the Law on Reproductive **Human Rights and** Reproductive Health outlaws GBSS.

2019

and the very recent data is at **110 boys** per 100 girls.



Ratios as high as 120 boys per 100 girls

were observed according to the Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia.