

To apply for an LNG IUS donation

LNG IUS donations are available to local and international service delivery organizations and governments around the world.

Interested organizations should complete the Application for New Projects available on ICA Foundation's website
<http://www.ica-foundation.org>

Donation procedures include signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation, as well as managing requirements of national import licenses and procedures.

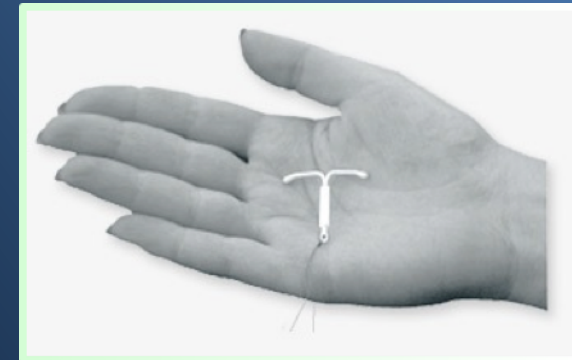
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International Contraceptive Access Foundation

Providing a long-acting reversible hormonal contraceptive method to service organizations serving poor women in the developing world



The ICA Foundation aims to serve the reproductive needs of women and families in resource-poor settings in developing countries.

The ICA Foundation

The ICA Foundation is a public-private partnership between Population Council and Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals. Established as a non-profit in 2004, the ICA Foundation provides the LNG IUS (levonorgestrel intrauterine system), a long-acting reversible hormonal contraceptive method, to public health and service delivery organizations and governments in low-income countries.

The Foundation's aim is for these organizations to incorporate the LNG IUS into their ongoing reproductive health programs and increase the availability of modern contraceptive methods available to women and families in resource-poor settings.



Since its founding, the Foundation has donated approximately 50,000 LNG IUS to programs throughout the world and maintains collaborations with international organizations, national governments, local non-profits and individual hospitals.

Along with the LNG IUS, donations include training materials and presentations, and models to demonstrate and practice insertion and removal techniques. Information Education and Communication materials about the LNG IUS are available on our website <http://www.ica-foundation.org>.

Recipient organizations are expected to maintain consistent communication with the Foundation, and submit semi-annual reports on insertion rates, removal rates, and program activities.

As the Foundation's focus is service delivery, product donations for research purposes are not considered.

The LNG IUS

- T-shaped plastic frame with cylinder shaped hormone reservoir around vertical arm of frame
- Placed in uterus similar to copper IUD. Appropriately trained provider must insert and remove the device
- Releases 20mcg levonorgestrel hormone per day
- Over 99% effective at preventing pregnancy
- Provides up to 5 years of contraceptive protection
- The mechanism of action is three-fold: thickening cervical mucus, inhibiting sperm function in the uterus, and reducing the growth of uterine lining
- Women who use LNG IUS may have shorter, lighter and less painful periods
- Can be used as an alternative to sterilization
- When removed, woman's fertility returns with no delay

