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Planned Parenthood has been receiving its funding since 1970 mandated by family planning services and population research signed by President Nixon (LaRosa, Alexander & Bader 2016).  The funding aimed at giving every American citizen the right to access productive health despite their economic status. The organization obtains its funding from the federal government through Medicare, Title X program and other medical services. Planned Parenthood provides education on reproductive health and other health-related services, education programs on sex education, and promotes research into sex education. Federal resources are a solitary source provider of the modified, integrated resolutions a team requires to complete its mission effectively. Use of national resources to fund Planned Parenthood is essential as seen below;

One of the services provided by Planned Parenthood is cancer screen and treatment services. Cancer has been ranked among the top diseases that cause death accounting to about 20% of annual deaths. The condition is also expensive to treat and thereby becomes a burden to families living below the income levels. In 2013, the federation conducted half a million breast examinations and Pap tests for cancer, and it taught people on how to carry out self-examinations for breast and cervical cancer to ensure early detection. In 2016, the organization conducted 617, 677 breast and pap smear tests. About 12% of the tests performed were detected with early stages of cancer and abnormalities. Cancer screening is vital as it promotes early disease diagnosis making it easy to prevent further disease progression into advanced stages (Silver & Kapadia, 2017). This helps in reducing health care costs which will be spent in screening and purchasing drugs.

The organization participates in the prevention and treatment of Sexually transmitted diseases and AIDs. AIDs, for example, is an epidemic that needs urgent intervention. Planned Parenthood through a partnership with the Black AIDS Institute has expanded access to HIV prevention. The prevention measures implements include Pre-exposure Prophylaxis. The organization also participated in over 70 research programs in the year 2016 (Planned Parenthood, 2017). Early treatment for STDs is beneficial in preventing infertility and the onset of chronic diseases such as cancer. This approach minimizes the number of deaths as a result of STDs (Workowski & Berman, 2010)

It is a support Centre for poor people. For example, the organization helped in supporting a community in Florida that was faced with Zika virus threat in 2016. Through education and provision of Zika prevention kits, the federation was able to reach out to about 20,000 people. The organization also participates in the housing for people living with AIDs through its social programs. The program has also managed to reach out to the marginalized communities. For example, in 2016, the organization managed to reach about 105 million people in 12 countries. The federation offered education to women and youth on reproductive rights. For example, it helped the launch of a campaign Niñas No Madres that campaigns against forced pregnancy. Through these programs, it is evident the federation impact the community positively (Planned Parenthood, 2017).

Planned Parenthood offers sex education and birth control. Education, in turn, reduces the number of teenage births. The organization provides training about the use of contraceptives such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices, and condoms which will lead to a reduced number of underweight births and dependency ratio. Fewer resources in terms of money are spent on health care issues to cater to hospital bills as Planned Parenthood offer free services. Family planning helps in regulating the population that in turn promotes a sustainable society.

Conclusion

Services offered by the Planned Parenthood have impacted the communities. Withdrawal of federal resources funding can really paralyze its operations and will worsen the living standards making people of low social, economic status vulnerable to life. It should be funded to continue providing services of reproductive health for free making care both affordable and accessible to all. As it is said, A healthy nation is a productive nation.

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