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Is the West best on abortion? UK cultural imperialism still flourishing

Last week the British government made a momentous and dangerous decision committing itself to explicitly promote abortion overseas as part of international aid policies.

Largely unnoticed by most British taxpayers, the UK has given hundreds of millions of pounds to the so-called 'reproductive health' industry in the last few decades, despite the fact there is little evidence that abortion availability provides any concrete benefit to families in the developing world. Scandalously, money provided by Western taxpayers for 'family planning' organisations finds its way into coercive schemes that undermine women's health and threaten the integrity of the family.

This, however, is something new – a fully-fledged attempt to export abortion ideology all over the world. This is a form of modern imperialism, closely tied to the sinister and misguided ideology of "population stabilisation", espoused by patronising and ignorant westerners. This anti-human ideology has led to barbaric and grotesque abuses of human rights, notably in India and China, often against the most vulnerable members of society.

LIFE's Caring services, which provide practical and emotional help to thousands of women, providing a compassionate and positive alternative to abortion, receive little government funding. If we were to receive just a fraction of the money poured into 'family planning' agencies by the government, our services could be expanded still further and could reach out to many more women who feel that abortion is their only option in an uncaring and unjust society.

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