

Share-Net International

The Knowledge Platform on
Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights



WHO ARE WE?

Established in 2001, Share-Net International (SNI) is the knowledge platform on SRHR. SNI is a membership network of non-governmental organisations, researchers, policy makers, implementers, advocates, students, the media and companies operating in the SRHR field, working closely with a wide range of partners across the globe. We foster a continued dialogue between our members, where we analyse and synthesise state of the art knowledge aiming at evidence informed policies and practices. SNI addresses both sensitive and neglected topics and our members do not shy away from discussing these in the safe spaces that we offer. Our core values include: transparency, diversity, collaboration, participatory, integrity, safety, and using rights-based approaches.

We are organised in four country hubs, in Bangladesh, Burundi, Jordan and the Netherlands. Each country hub is hosted by a local organization, SNI is hosted by KIT Royal Tropical Institute.

OUR MISSION

“To strengthen linkages between research, policy and practice through sharing, generating, translating and promoting the use of knowledge for the development of better policies and practices in SRHR”.

WHY ARE WE THERE?

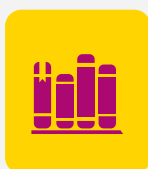
Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) are key to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Investments in SRHR go beyond direct SRHR and health related benefits and have an impact on broad social and economic benefits for women, families and societies, such as increases in women’s and children’s education, increases in earnings and reduction in poverty. Knowledge and its application in policy and practice are crucial for improving programme effectiveness, understanding and engineering lasting change and in reaching the SDGs. Share-Net International Knowledge Management strategies facilitate that the right SRHR knowledge becomes available to the right people at the right time.

Our Activities

We bring actors around the table that jointly have the capacity to change SRHR policies and practice by offering a broad range of services:

- Small grants facility
- Roundtable meetings, thematic meetings or other knowledge workshops
- Facilitation of Communities of Practice (CoPs)
- Distribution of information on SRHR
- Tailor-made services to members
- Promotion of young researchers work

We focus our work in three areas



Knowledge management

We generate, share and translate knowledge through our extensive global network. With our stakeholders, we influence policies and practice and advocate for more impactful SRHR programmes.



Match-making

We create connections between researchers, policy-makers and practitioners in SRHR. We facilitate access to people. We foster dialogue. We open up doors to local, regional and international networks and interlink NGOs, companies, social entrepreneurs, research institutes, universities, students, governments, practitioners and investors.



Showcasing young researchers

We link student researchers to our members to match needs for research in SRHR. We make it possible for young researchers to disseminate their findings and trumpet their achievements through special events and publications. We also create opportunities for them to support our members and partners to translate knowledge into practical guidelines.

WHICH IMPACTS DO WE TRY TO ACHIEVE?

There are three mechanisms that are of particular importance for SNI because of their great potential to influence changes in policy and practice.

SMALL GRANTS FACILITY

In 2014, we established a small grants facility for our members, that provides funding for applied research, documentation of practices, and development of knowledge products for improving policy and practice in SRHR. These grants provide opportunities to improve the work of our members and allows them to develop knowledge products that are otherwise difficult to get funded. There is an annual call for applications for members of the four country hubs. Many innovative knowledge products were created as a result of the 2017 round of small grants, including infographics with policy recommendations developed by young people to ensure that CSE is nationally adopted in curricula of eastern European countries; a digital product which provides adolescents with CSE; and an innovative LGBT film in Bangladesh.

SHIRIM

In 2016, SNI developed the Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM), using the Collaborative Approach as a structured action learning system. The aim is to facilitate knowledge exchange between the country hubs, with a specific focus on the best ways to translate research findings into knowledge products which can influence policy and practice. The approach allows for dialogue and learning in different country contexts regarding the best way to address an SRHR. Learning sessions include state of the art knowledge and planning for changes at country level. During Action periods, countries test the interventions and measure progress. Ideally there are 4 learning and 4 action cycles over a period of 1,5 years which result in a package of tested interventions and that work under specific circumstances. The current topic is child marriage and teenage pregnancy.

COUNTRY HUBS

It is at the level of country hubs where changes in policy and practice take place, and therefore, hubs form the basis of the impacts we can achieve. The hubs bring actors around the table in Communities of Practice (CoPs) that provide a safe space for discussing sensitive and sometimes taboo issues amongst members who then develop strategies to overcome some of these barriers. The CoPs translate findings in formats that promote the application of the latest knowledge and insights on SRHR. Jordan developed a policy brief on child marriage and one about youth friendly health services. Burundi developed a policy brief on improving maternal health service performance using social accountability. In the Netherlands a roundtable on infertility resulted in the development of a 5 -year strategy to place the topic of infertility higher on international agendas.

What are our ambitions?

We want to expand and grow our network and ensure our country hubs are able to do their valuable work efficiently and effectively long into the future. The SNI evaluation of 2017 showed that there is a great potential for expansion, and that the need is there. SNI is an accessible platform, highly appreciated by our current members and partners, especially as the services offered are demand driven and relevant. As a membership knowledge platform, we depend on our members and partners in terms of knowledge, funding and networking. In the end, we all are striving to jointly support the achievement of the SRHR agenda, knowing that millions of lives can be saved and tens of millions of unintended pregnancies can be prevented if the SRHR needs of people in developing countries are fully met.

Join us!

and become part of the knowledge platform on SRHR as either a member or a sponsor. When joining Share-Net, you will not only be contributing to our mission and vision, but you will also be able to enjoy specific member benefits:

- Have free access to all the meetings that we organise. (Non-members participate at cost-price)
- Participate in our working groups or CoPs, which is exclusive for members. These groups are crucial for agenda setting, organising meetings and executing small research projects. For more information on the Share-Net Netherlands working groups and thematic groups please visit www.share-net.nl/working-groups.
- Be elected in one of our governing bodies, the Steering Committee of the Netherlands or the Board of Share-Net International. All members are invited to our annual business meeting.
- Be eligible for our yearly call for proposals for the Share-Net International Small Grants facility.