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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Reader,

In January 2021, the second Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference “Engaging in Knowledge Translation Together” took place. This conference was hosted by Share-Net Bangladesh and took place completely online on a dynamic virtual platform. During this conference, researchers, policymakers, NGOs, funding organisations, the media and practitioners from across the world engaged in dialogues and collaborated to co-create knowledge products on **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for Adolescents and Youth**. These knowledge products will be used at the national, regional and global levels to influence policy and practice.

To develop and promote these knowledge products, **small grants** were made available for which participants from the Co-Creation Conference could apply to finalise their products to improve SRHR for Adolescents and Youth!

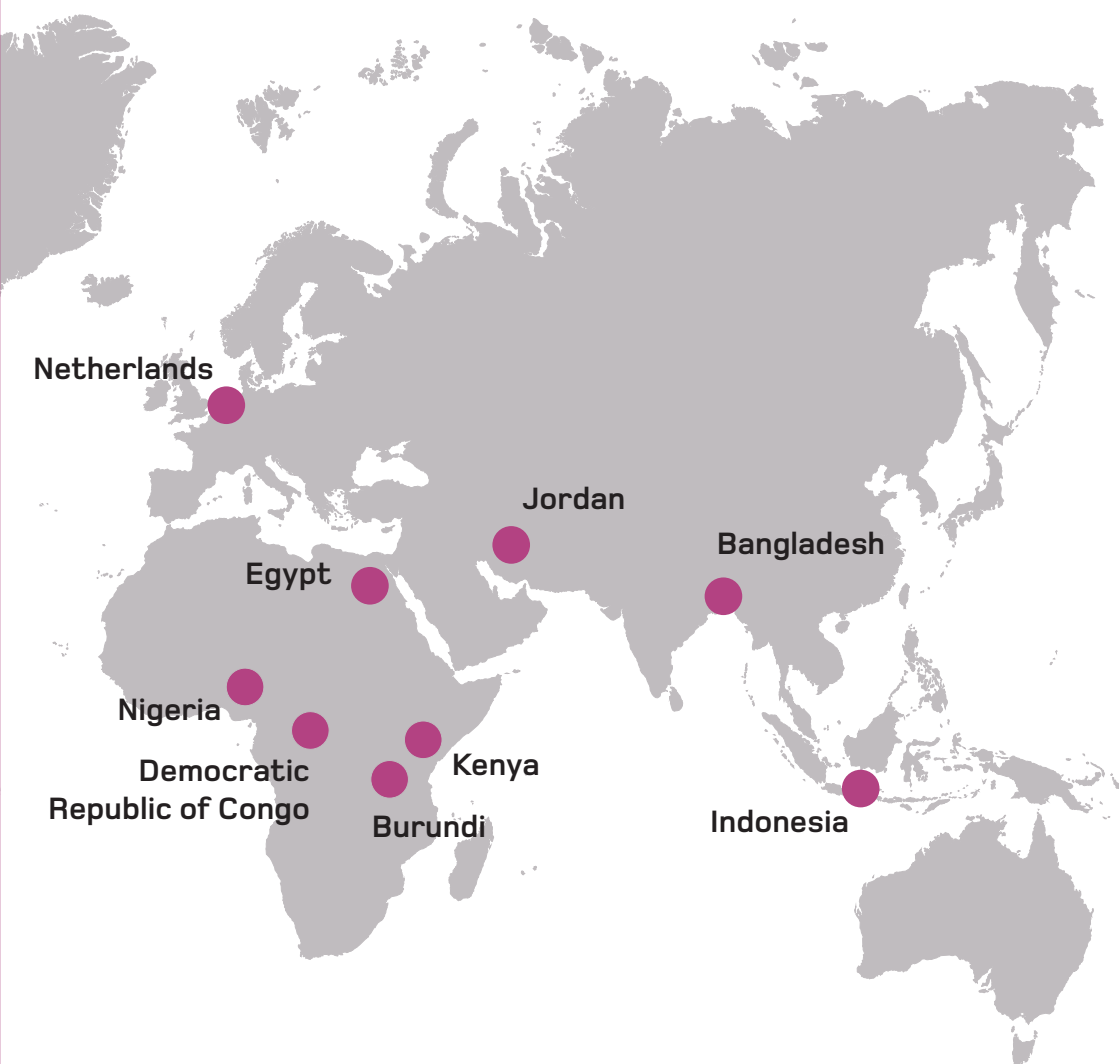
It is with pleasure that we present to you the selected grantees of these small grants and their innovative projects to improve policy and practice!

In case you want to get in touch with one of the grantees, please reach out to info@share-netinternational.org.

Enjoy the read!

The Share-Net International team

FOCUS COUNTRIES FOR SMALL GRANTS



MAPPING THE FIELDS OF LAW ON SRH SERVICES AND LGBTIQ+ ISSUES: THE CASE OF DRC AND BURUNDI (THE PROJECT FAEICO)



Lead organization: Savie asbl NGO LGBTQ PGEL DRC

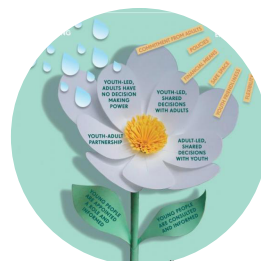
Countries: Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi

The Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of young people with diverse gender identities and sexuality orientations are being challenged in many countries by lacking laws and policies which creates barriers for them to access health care, education, safe work place, etc. Additionally, it is difficult to access justice and obtain reparations for violations of their SRHR, including any procedural barriers, and the types of assistance available to access legal and other remedies. Also, the expressions of sexuality and gender other than the heteronormative one is considered taboo and even illegal leading to their neglect in policy.

Savie Asbl NGO LGBT PGEL believes that research is one of the important building blocks for evidence-based advocacy. The FAEICO project will therefore examine how existing laws are contributing to the restrictions and negative SRHR outcomes for women, girls and LGBTQI people, including their (bodily) autonomy, during their life-cycle.

During this project, an inter-NGO approach in DRC and Burundi will be used to systematically review the laws relevant for LGBTQI inclusion and wellbeing and their consequences, using interviews with staff of organizations working with young LGBTQI people from 14 to 17 years old, policy makers, practitioners and researchers on human right treaties. Secondly, using Design Thinking, a four-stage process will be used to identify the gaps in the existing laws and treaties. The data will be used to create a roadmap for advocacy to bring about change in the political orientation towards improved SRHR for sexual minorities, girls and young women.

BLOOM: BUY-IN AND LEARNING THROUGH OUTCOMES OF MYP



Contributing organisations: International Institute for Social Sciences (ISS) (lead), National Network of Young People Living with HIV (RNJ+ Burundi), CHOICE for Youth & Sexuality, EngenderHealth, Living Equality Initiative (LIVEI Rwanda), Talent Youth Association (TaYA), KIT Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)

Countries: Global

Meaningful youth participation (MYP) in AYSRHR has gained traction, but there is still a lack of adult stakeholder MYP buy-in due to doubts about its effectiveness and/or not knowing how to implement MYP in practice. **Multimedia Campaign BLOOM (Buy-in and Learning through Outcomes of MYP)** will harvest examples of successful MYP outcomes to illustrate how adults and youth can engage in mutually beneficial partnerships to leverage each group's skills, knowledge and capacities to achieve broader impact in the field of AYSRHR. Modelled on the **CHOICE Flower of Participation**, the knowledge products will be co-produced with young people, thereby demonstrating a positive model of youth/adult collaboration. By targeting adult-led AYSRHR institutions and organizations in LMICs who may be amenable to MYP but who don't know how to actualize it, we hope to generate more buy-in from adult stakeholder, thereby helping MYP grow and BLOOM.

CHECKLIST FOR PROMOTING INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SECTOR.



Contributing organisations: Association Women Psychologists in Action (AFPA) Burundi (lead) & Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)

Countries: Burundi & Bangladesh

Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education, information and training is one of the most important components of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). In Burundi and Bangladesh, adolescents and youth with disabilities are very often excluded from SRHR and other relevant development activities. Yet these populations consider sexual and reproductive health information not only a need, but also a right. Although it is a right, they often do not have equal access to information, education, and training on sexual and reproductive health, sexuality, relationships, and health in general, which prevents them from making informed decisions about these issues. They are often discriminated against because of their disability and gender.

Based on the collaboration of the Association Women Psychologists in Action (AFPA) from Burundi who works in education, protection, mental health and women's empowerment, and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) from Bangladesh experienced in social work in the 2021 Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference, the joint project entitled "Checklist for Promoting Inclusion and Accessibility of People with Disabilities in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Sector." was developed. This project aims to provide SRHR organizations with an overview of what needs to be accomplished and integrated into their programming to ensure that it is accessible to and meaningfully includes adolescents and youth with disabilities.

To achieve this goal, this project will create an accessible multilingual checklist to promote inclusion and accessibility of disability in the sexual and reproductive health and rights sector. A promotional video will be produced, integration of the checklist into SRHR websites, an advocacy meeting and an online campaign will be organized to promote the checklist and disability inclusion and accessibility in the SRHR sector.

INCREASING ACCESS TO YOUTH SRHR GENERALIZED DATA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY THROUGH INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS ON SRHR RESEARCH

Contributing organisations: Balanced Stewardship for Development Association (BALSDA) (lead), Aliansi Satu Visi Indonesia & Love Matters Kenya

Countries: Nigeria, Indonesia & Kenya

Young people, including those from culturally diverse backgrounds have largely remain hidden to, and underserved by, sexual and reproductive healthcare services. They are largely underrepresented in mainstream SRHR interventions. The partnership – set-up of BALSDA Nigeria, One Vision Alliance Indonesia and Love Matters Kenya – therefore aims to increase the access to youth SRHR generalized data for evidence-based advocacy, specifically focusing on populations with vulnerabilities, such as adolescents and youth with a disability and LGBTQI adolescents and youth. To achieve the ultimate goal, the partnership is developing a guideline on innovative methodologies for involving young people from diverse backgrounds in SRHR research and advocacy. The guideline will be developed based on Human-Centred Design Thinking principles (Observation, Ideation, Prototyping, Feedback, Iteration, Implementation).



IDENTIFYING THE EVIDENCE GAP ON SRHR OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUALITY.



Contributing organisations: University of Chittagong & Aliansi Satu Visi Indonesia

Countries: South and South East Asia

Limited evidence on SRHR for young people with diverse gender and sexuality has negative impacts on developing and implementing practices and policies that support LGBTQI youth. Addressing this gap is crucial to explore and analyse the underlined reasons for less research on this important issue, so that policies and programmes can reach these young people who are one of the most vulnerable and discriminated groups in the context of SRHR. This project aims to contribute towards mainstreaming LGBTQI youth for creating inclusive SRHR policy and programmes. With that broad goal, the specific objectives of this proposed project are to identify gaps in evidence on LGBTQI youth's SRHR and to explore the reasons behind the lack of research. Considering the limited scope of the small grants programme, this project sets its focus mainly in South and South East Asian context. Two knowledge products - an evidence brief and a deliberative dialogue report will be produced as the outcome of this project. The evidence brief will be developed based on a systematic review of published research on SRHR issues of LGBTQI population; and the deliberative report will be prepared based on the data derived from interviews that will be conducted with people working in different organizations and advocacy groups that work for and with young LGBTQI people. The implementation partner will be Share-Net Bangladesh.

EXPERIENCES AND PERCEPTIONS OF MID ADOLESCENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS ON COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION: A MULTIPLE COUNTRY-BASED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH STUDY



Contributing organisations: SERAC-Bangladesh (lead), Association Femmes Psychologues en Action (AFPA) Burundi, University of Jordan, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Love Matters India and UNFPA Burundi

Countries: Bangladesh, Burundi, Jordan

With the notion that youth needs attention, the CSE team of the Co-Creation Conference proposed a qualitative research addressing perceptions and experiences of young people on comprehensive sexuality education. This research aims to develop a policy brief for Bangladesh, Burundi and Jordan individually that will work as an advocacy tool for the policy-makers to ensure comprehensive sexuality education for adolescents and youth. This initiative aims to consider the country-specific contexts by exchanging and sharing knowledge among the three countries. The key areas of analysis will be the socio-demographic profiles of the countries, how young people perceive CSE, experiences of their guardians and teachers in practising CSE and required institutional changes to make CSE more accessible for young people, and their guardians and teachers. With the data resources collected through qualitative research, three separate country's policy briefs will be developed to inform policy, research, and practice in sexuality education and SRHR. The initiative contributing partners are SERAC-Bangladesh, Association Femmes Psychologues en Action-Burundi, Maternal, The University of Jordan, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam-Netherlands, Love Matters India and Teenbook, Nduwamahoro, and United Nations Population Fund/Bujumbura/Burundi.

TRAINING MODULES FOR REDEFINING NEGATIVE SOCIAL NORMS, VALUES EFFECTING POSITIVELY ON ADOLESCENTS DECISION MAKING ON SEXUAL HEALTH WELLBEING

Contributing organisations: Julia Ahmed (independent SRHR consultant) and JOHUD

Countries: Bangladesh & Jordan

This project aims to empower adolescents to improve their SRHR and Sexual Health Wellbeing. In order to achieve this goal, the project team will develop training modules for building competencies of adolescents and skills to critically question the existing norms and values that negatively affect decision-making and practices around SRHR. The specific target group of this project are adolescent girls and boys aged 15 to 18 years.

Implementation mechanism:

- Develop and implement 'Need Assessment Questionnaires' highlighting adolescents' and parents' knowledge, attitudes and practice on existing SRHR norms and the need for improvements
- Develop training modules on findings of the TNA findings
- Conduct training
- Fine-tune training modules based on the findings from trainings
- Advocacy workshop/webinar event for validation and consensus building on scaling up the training modules





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