

MEN'S SRHR – WEBINAR REPORT

A Share-Net Netherlands' webinar organised by the Community of Practice 'Engaging men and boys' on 23 February 2022.



Share-Net Netherlands is a knowledge platform on SRHR/HIV, its members consist of policy makers, NGO practitioners, researchers, service providers, students and other SRHR professionals. The Community of Practice '[Engaging men and boys](#)' commissioned a literature review exploring SRHR policies and services targeting men and boys. This paper argues that men and boys have their own sexual and reproductive health issues and concerns.

You can read and download the full position paper [here](#).

This webinar presented a next step to share the findings with Share-Net members and to engage with them on this important issue

Objectives

The overall objective of the webinar was to encourage Share-Net International members to more explore and address men's and boy's SRHR issues. Specific objectives were to:

- Increase SNNL and SNI members' awareness and knowledge of men's SRHR;
- Share international good practices on addressing men's SRHR needs;
- Explore if and how SNI member consider including men's SRHR issues in their work.

RE-VISITING THE PRESENTATIONS

Setting the scene: Men's SRHR issues

Dr. Paul L. Janssen is a long-standing Share-Net member, independent expert and evaluator on social inequalities in health, with a focus on SRHR (access [recording](#) and [slides](#))

Getting equal. Men, Gender Equality and SRHR

Dr. Margaret Greene is a demographer, academic and consultant social inequality in technical development work (access [recording](#) and [slides](#))

Reading recommendations:

- Getting to Equal: Men, Gender Equality, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (available [here](#))
- Greene, M., Mehta, M., Pulerwitz, J., Wulf, D., Bankole, A., and Susheela, S. (2006) Involving Men in Reproductive Health: Contributions to Development, New York: UN Millennium Project. background paper to Public Choices, Private Decisions: Sexual and Reproductive Health and the MDGs, Millennium Project. (available [here](#))

- Pascoe, L. Herstad, M. Shand, T. and van den Heever, L. (2012) Building male involvement in SRHR: A basic model for male involvement in sexual and reproductive health and rights, Cape Town: Sonke Gender Justice Network (available [here](#)).

SRHR services for men: Service needs, barriers, considerations and opportunities

Dr. Tim Shand is a social scientist consultant on health, gender equality and economic development (access [recording](#) and [slides](#))

Reading recommendations:

- Shand, T. & Marcell, A. V. (2021). Engaging Men in Sexual and Reproductive Health. In: Creanga, A. & Tsui, A. eds. Oxford Encyclopaedia of Sexual and Reproductive Health. New York: Oxford University Press (available [here](#))
- IPPF and UNFPA (2017). Global Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Package for Men and Adolescent Boys. London: IPPF and New York City: UNFPA. (available [here](#))
- Shand, T. (2021). Opportunities, challenges and countervailing narratives: Exploring men's involvement in family planning and contraception in Southern Malawi. Doctoral dissertation, University College London, London, UK (available [here](#))
- Edström, J., Hassink, A., Shahrokh, T. & Stern, E. eds. (2015), Engendering Men: A Collaborative Review of Evidence on Men and Boys in Social Change and Gender Equality, EMERGE Evidence Review. Brighton: Promundo-US, Sonke Gender Justice and the Institute of Development Studies (available [here](#))
- Promundo masculine norms and men's health report 2018 (available [here](#))
- Building Male involvement in SRHR: A basic model for Male Involvement in SRHR, Sonke Gender Justice 2012 (available [here](#))
- IPPF and UNFPA (2017). Global Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Package for Men and Adolescent Boys (available [here](#))

Addressing the health needs of men and boys: An analysis of national policies in Eastern and Southern Africa

Dr. Laura Pascoe is a social science researcher at University of Calgary (access [recording](#) and [slides](#))

Reading recommendations:

- Addressing the Health Needs of Men and Boys: An Analysis of National Policies in Eastern & Southern Africa. Commissioned by UNAIDS & WHO. Cape Town, South Africa: Sonke Gender Justice 2017 (available [here](#))

Reflections from WHO

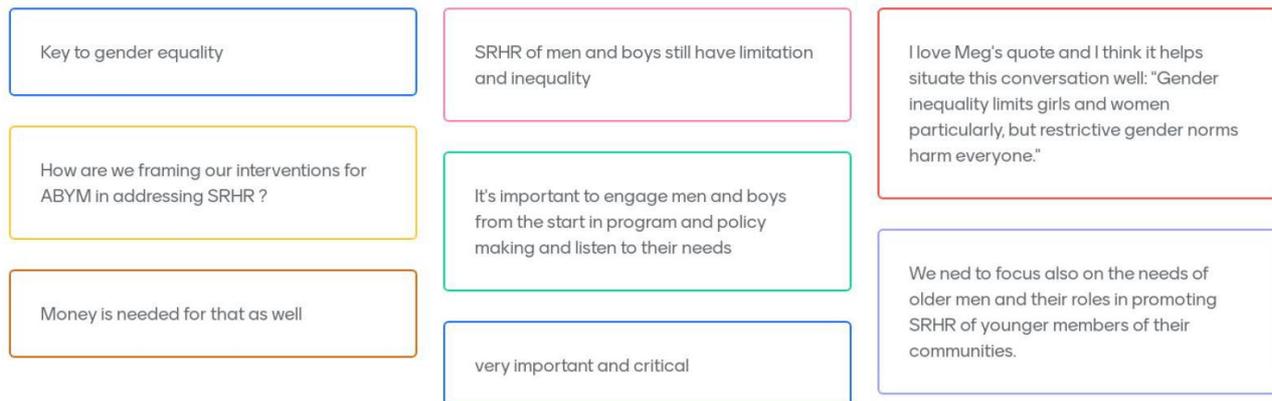
Dr. Anna Coates is a Gender Equality Advisor, Sexual and Reproductive Health Research at WHO (access [recording](#))

Reflections from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Pascal Grotenhuis is Director Social Development at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ambassador for Women's Rights & Gender Equality (access [recording](#))

PARTICIPANTS REFLECTIONS:

Breaking gender norms is essential to make SRHR of everyone as succesfull as possible	I'd like to see more medical anthropologists and sociologists engaged with public health	A must! Needs to be addressed in CSE, services etc
It is critical and their right to have SRHR education and services.	We need to promote healthier models and more widespread acceptance of caring roles for men	Instrumental
Key to gender equality	SRHR of men and boys still have limitation and inequality	I love Meg's quote and I think it helps situate this conversation well: "Gender inequality limits girls and women particularly, but restrictive gender norms harm everyone."
How are we framing our interventions for ABYM in addressing SRHR ?	It's important to engage men and boys from the start in program and policy making and listen to their needs	
Money is needed for that as well	very important and critical	We ned to focus also on the needs of older men and their roles in promoting SRHR of younger members of their communities.
The Menstrual Discrimination is missing across the course of SRHR and ofcourse of Men and Boys.	CSE ! in shaping cultural appropriate norms and values	In Nepal, it it very much neglected are. Policy and strategy maker do not understand and want be part of health sector strategy/plan.
I want men to know feminism is also for men to live free based on their will!	There is a need to focus on mental health needs for ABYM	Very important to improve men and boys health
Women need to acknowledge men's needs	so happy that - at last - we broaden the focus to also include men and boys. For too long (but rightly) focus on women, which seemed to implicate that the SRHR community is not in favor of SRHR of men.	No focus in a crisis setting.
SRHR of boys and men is shooting two birds with one stones .If men and boys are empowered on SRHR automatically women and girls are protected	We need to understand and educate men and boys on their body and	Important to improve men and boys, women and girls health indicators
make SRHR of men & boys cross cutting in Share-Nets work.	Implementers need to consider the framework for engaging men and boys: Men as Partners, Men as Clients and Men as Change Agencies	Mens SHRH is a difficult topic to introduce in countries that still have patriarchalism as structuring powers



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- Participate in our working groups or CoPs, which is exclusive for members. These groups are crucial for agenda setting, organizing 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.

For more information about our work and how to get involved. Please contact our Share-Net Netherlands Coordinator, Meike Stieglis at info@share-net.nl