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ABBREVIATIONS

CoP(s)	Community(ies) of Practice
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
KIT	Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen
LGBTQIA+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and more
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MTR	Mid-Term Review
PMEL	Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning
SHIRIM	Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SRH&RR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHARE-NET SECRETARIAT

2023 was an active year for Share-Net International and the hubs. We began the year with the fourth and last [SHIRIM](#) learning session in Ethiopia, where all hub secretariats met in-person. Next to the SHIRIM trajectory, the hubs had the opportunity to meet Share-Net Ethiopia and participate in a member meeting organised by the secretariat. It was a fantastic opportunity to foster cross-country learning and exchange, and to continue defining a collective understanding of our SRHR values and work from a rights-based and intersectional feminist perspective.

In July 2023, Share-Net International and the hubs co-organised the first edition of the [Knowledge Products Showcase Event](#). Over the course of two days, 12 of our Grantee Alumni presented various SRHR knowledge products they created as a result of receiving Share-Net International funding in 2022. The event was an enormous success, and we wish to organise more editions in the coming years.

Another milestone was our presence at the Women Deliver Conference, held in Kigali, Rwanda, in July 2023, focusing on the intersection between SRHR and economic empowerment, education, and climate change. This was a great moment to re-connect with Share-Net members from across the globe, strengthen our partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the IBP Network with whom we co-organised a side event. Here, we used our [co-creation methodology](#) to develop messages and questions that could be used to raise awareness on the interlinkages between SRHR and climate change, education and economic empowerment during the conference. In the exhibition booth, we further displayed a variety of knowledge products developed by Share-Net members from the hubs such as edu-films, games, and resource hubs.

Over recent years, we have worked towards the diversification of funds and sustainability. In 2023, we stepped up our efforts by setting up a fundraising task force. This group will continue working on sustainability in 2024.

We have always pushed ourselves to learn and improve. In this report we look back at that journey. The future of Share-Net International is not certain as we draft this report, yet we believe in the strength of our immense network. In 2024 we hope to convince MoFA, and other key SRHR donors, about the importance and relevance of our work and the need for continues support.

Enjoy reading,
The Share-Net team



INTRODUCTION

Share-Net International is the knowledge platform on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, funded through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). It consists of a membership network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), researchers, policymakers, implementers, advocates, students, the media, activists, and companies operating in the SRHR field, operating internationally.

Since 2021, Share-Net International has seven operational national hubs in Bangladesh, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ethiopia, Jordan and the Netherlands, as well as a centralised [Digital Platform](#).

This annual report reflects on Share-Net International and the seven hubs' activities throughout 2023, and details on the major changes which occurred throughout the year. The aim of this review is to report on Share-Net's 2023 activities, and critically analyse how and if Share-Net International's activities have had a positive impact on moving the network closer to its goals, which are shared below. In preparation for this report, all hubs and Share-Net International have collected data from their members through qualitative interviews and surveys. Quotes and members' perspectives are captured throughout this report, helping us evaluate our outcomes and impact from 2023.

SHARE-NET'S MISSION AND VISION

Due to locally different political environments, some of the Share-Net hubs have opted for the contextualisation of the vision and mission, while all adhere in principle to our common vision and mission. All activities carried out by Share-Net International are done so with the hopes of achieving the goals in mission and vision.

Mission

To build and strengthen links between evidence-based research, policy, and practice through strategic knowledge sharing, generation, translation, and promotions, further developing better policies and practices in SRHR.

Vision

All people have the freedom of choice, are able to make informed decisions, can take action on their sexual and reproductive health and have access to quality care to meet their sexual and reproductive health needs and rights.

A photograph of two women sitting side-by-side in a room with warm wood paneling. The woman on the left has dark skin and dreadlocks tied up, wearing a white cable-knit sweater and a name tag. She is resting her chin on her hand. The woman on the right has light skin and wavy brown hair, wearing a white button-down shirt and a name tag, with her arms crossed. Both are looking off-camera to the right. The background features large windows and a warm, ambient light.

CHAPTER 1

ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH

This chapter focuses on organisational growth and changes in the Share-Net International network throughout 2023, highlighting how the network has continued to expand globally (online and offline) and provides a reflection on the development of the network.

1.1. OUR GROWING NETWORK

Throughout 2023, the network continued to support SRHR practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to connect, learn, and exchange from countries all around the world. Share-Net continued to **create opportunities for our members to promote the use of knowledge** through our networking activities and created space for actors to unite and identify SRHR knowledge gaps which needed to be addressed.

Nearly 600 new members registered digitally on Share-Net International's digital platform throughout 2023, with hubs reporting a total of 471 new members (digitally- and non-digitally registered). Apart from new members specifically joining a Share-Net country hub, 161 members joined the Share-Net International network from locations outside of our hub. Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, and Rwanda were the top non-hub locations with largest volume of new members.

Some exciting new organisational members also joined our network, including youth-led *Action pour le Bien-Être des Jeunes et des Femmes*, *Association des Jeunes Unis, Volontaires et Actifs*, *World Future Active*, and *JSBM Nanje Nobaho* all joining Share-Net Burundi. Share-Net Burundi's network growth has also been strong, cultivating strong relationships with the Government of Burundi via its specialised programs. This includes the National Reproductive Health Program, the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the National AIDS Control Council, the "Zero Pregnancy" unit within the Ministry of Education, and the United Nations agencies present in Burundi, comprising of UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO and UNAIDS.



Share-Net Burundi won the HUBilicious Award during the SHIRIM 2023 in Addis Ababa.

20

partnerships
engaged in

607

newly registered
members digitally

Number of newly registered members via the Digital Platform in 2023



SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL: 142



SHARE-NET ETHIOPIA: 41



SHARE-NET BANGLADESH: 212



SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS: 37



SHARE-NET BURKINA FASO: 57



SHARE-NET COLOMBIA: 99



SHARE-NET BURUNDI: 15



SHARE-NET JORDAN: 4

1.2. NEW AND STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS

Share-Net has engaged in new and exciting partnerships with multilateral organisations, NGOs, national and international universities, national ministries, and international donors. This includes the Center for Countering Digital Hate, the IBP Network, Equality Now, Engender Health, and Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence. With most partners, meetings and workshops were organised together, and reciprocally using each others networks to disseminate knowledge products and resources to wider audiences. Share-Net International signed a [Global Health Pact](#) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health Welfare and Sports, and 20 other organisations to strengthen our forces.

Across the Share-Net network, over 20 new partnerships were engaged in throughout the year, and were part of co-organising meetings, conducting research and giving input into national and international strategies. Additionally, Share-Net International continued strengthening partnerships with the Royal Netherlands Embassies in Colombia, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh and Burundi. The Share-Net International team further had meetings in other countries including Kenya and Uganda.

1.3. REGIONAL APPROACH

Among many examples of regional working, the following examples have been selected from the hubs in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, and Burundi. Share-Net Bangladesh have embarked on a journey of regional working since 2021, with the publication of a regional report [Examining the Role and Added Value of Expanding Share-Net Bangladesh in the South Asia Region](#). Consequently, over the past few years, Bangladesh's regional presence has grown, and in 2023 they explored South-Asian regional knowledge translation, learning, and knowledge sharing activities in India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The core thematic focus of this centred **Equality and Mutual Collaboration in SRHR**. The team has participated in developing a regional knowledge product under the theme SRHR and Education, entitled *Gender Analysis of the Existing Government Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum*.

Moving to Burkina Faso, the secretariat hosted a popular and well-attended webinar sharing **regional best practices for SRHR in Burkina Faso and Senegal**, featuring speakers from Marie Stopes Senegal, and CAPSSR, moderated by the Ouagadougou partnership coordination unit. The various panellists shared examples of good practices, like communities of practice,

youth engagement interventions, and safe abortion by law. The meeting encouraged networking and sharing between sub-regional players and boosted the visibility of the Share-Net Burkina Faso Platform at regional level.

Share-Net Burundi's regional expansion **centred around networking at prominent international conferences** throughout 2023, including actively attending Women Deliver 2023. Their attendance resulted in invitations to attend the Equality Now Conference, and UNFPA's Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. Subsequently, the team was further invited to join the Sister Knowledge Platform on Security and Rule of Law, where the secretariat-built capacity on intersectionality of security and rule of law with the SRHR. via a virtual scholarship, the team also joined ICASA Zimbabwe focusing on HIV and AIDs, and joined the [Ouagadougou Partnership's](#) annual conference in Abidjan. Their virtual presence helped them learn about advocacy achievements of the partnership, particularly about access to contraception and abortion service with regional partners in East-Africa's SRHR Bill, pending to pass in countries' parliaments, including Burundi. Lastly, Share-Net Netherlands completed a desk-review of the European Union-level SRHR landscape and a European Union donor mapping, strengthening their positioning knowledge in the European context.

1.4. THEORY OF CHANGE REVISION

Following recommendations in the Mid-Term Review, Share-Net International commissioned a review of the Theory of Change in autumn 2023. This included a collective reflection on how the Theory of Change played out in the contexts of the different hubs, whether its assumptions held true, and how to adjust the Theory of Change considering the available evidence and the local realities. The assignment included interviews, a reflection session, and a workshop with Share-Net staff to develop a revised version the Theory of Change. This process will be finalised in 2024 and will inform the direction of the platform after 2024.



The Share-Net Burkina Faso 2023 Annual Members Meeting

1.5. DIGITAL SAFETY, SECURITY, AND RIGHTS

In 2023, Share-Net International began a review of the safety and security of their digital network and digital platform. This included reviewing General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - the European Union regulations on data-information privacy – auditing if all Share-Net websites were compliant and up to date with GDPR regulations, and if our members' data was stored safely and securely. This resulted in updating the Privacy Policy notices on all Share-Net websites, and ensuring all data collected by Share-Net International was stored in an appropriate, consensual, and secure manner via our secure data management system HubSpot and Share-Point storage at KIT. Recognising the need for increased digital safety in a rapidly changing and increasingly hostile digital landscape, Share-Net International started drafting digital safety and security information for SRHR practitioners in our network, and plans to fully develop this in 2024.

Digital Rights are an increasing area of concern for SRHR, and a new focus area for Share-Net International. This is witnessed in our network through topics like new legal restrictions affecting SRHR information in certain countries, increasing volumes of online dis- and misinformation, digital content censorship, online surveillance, and the privacy of SRHR practitioners being increasingly compromised. This particularly affects information about reproductive rights, reproductive healthcare information, abortion information, comprehensive sexuality education, sexual pleasure, sex work(ers), gender-affirming healthcare, and LGBTQIA+ topics. In acknowledgement of this, Share-Net International attended RightsCon 2023, an international conference centering human rights in a digital age, participated in two webinars about Digital Rights for SRHR hosted by Share-Net Netherlands, and Women's Link Worldwide, and started planning a [Community of Practice on Digital Rights for SRHR](#), also launching in 2024.

A worrying example of the digital suppression of SRHR information can be shared from Jordan. In August 2023 in Jordan, a highly restrictive [new cyber law](#) was rolled out, deeply affecting Share-Net Jordan's ability to publish, host, engage with, or share certain types of SRHR information on- and off-line. A legal review has commissioned to understand the full effects of the new cyber law on Share-Net Jordan's work. This prompted a review of all Share-Net country hub locations legal and digital restrictions on SRHR information, which will continue in 2024.

1.6. NEW MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

During an 18-month process spanning 2022-2023, a new strategy was developed to reinvigorate and expand the scope of membership engagement, culminating in the new [Share-Net International Membership Engagement Strategy 2024-2027](#). This was created in response to and is aligned with the [Share-Net International Theory of Change \(2018-2022\)](#), [Share-Net International Mid Term Review](#), and the updated [Five-Year Strategy \(2023-2027\)](#).

The Mid-Term Review revealed that the Share-Net member network must become more diverse and inclusive, engage more with members, hubs, and organisations in the Global South. Recommendations include that post-COVID-19, members are longing for more in-person engagement and non-digital communications next to our online work, and concerns regarding the digital divide within the Share-Net International community must be addressed.

The Membership Engagement Strategy aims to enhance active member participation and engagement, and create a more diverse and inclusive network that effectively caters to member needs. Key goals are increasing awareness of Share-Net International, converting interested SRHR advocates into members, and increasing engagement through various activities and events. A specific focus is given to marginalised and diverse groups, promoting equity within the network. The strategy is guided by a detailed monitoring framework to track engagement and adjust tactics as necessary, to offer a safe, inclusive space where all members can actively participate and contribute to the global SRHR dialogue.

1.7. CONFERENCES, NETWORKING, AND VISIBILITY IN THE GLOBAL SRHR COMMUNITY

Networking and visibility activities increased vastly in 2023, with Share-Net International and all hubs attending many international conferences throughout the year. This covered a rich range of conferences including attendance from all hubs at Women Deliver 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda, as well as Share-Net Netherlands and Share-Net Bangladesh presenting topics at the World Association of Sexual Health Conference in November 2023 in Antalya, Turkey.

Next to this, the Share-Net network attended RightsCon, SRHR in Bangladesh by the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, The Bangladesh

National Adolescence Conference, ECTMIH 2023, the Equality Now & UNFPA ESARO Conference, the Ouagadougou Partnership's Annual Conference, a Round Table organised by the National Statistics Office of Colombia, Cajicá Diversity Week, the Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations conference, The National Conference for the Protection of Families from Violence Conference, Refugees in Jordan: a vision towards the future, The Global Congress on Population, Health and Development, and the National Response to HIV: Challenges and Aspirations conference.

Share-Net also hosted a variety of conferences, including the Share-Net Bangladesh and Share-Net Burkina Faso SRHR Knowledge Fairs, Share-Net Netherlands' Linking Research, Policy, and Practice for young researchers conference, and Share-Net Jordan's regional Co-Creation Conference focusing on Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Share-Net Ethiopia hosted a local Co-Creation Conference, co-hosted the Fourth National Adolescents and Youth Health Forum, and an SRHR Knowledge Fair.



Share-Net's Exhibition Booth at the Women Deliver Conference 2023 in Rwanda.



CHAPTER 2

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

This chapter examines the impact and outcomes of Share-Net International's activities throughout 2023. Impact and outcomes are assessed along the different outcomes stated in the Theory of Change (Annex 1).

The Theory of Change assumes that through the four knowledge management pathways of knowledge generation, translation, sharing and promotion of knowledge use, combined with network development, the following outcomes can be achieved:

- A network of SRHR CoPs that is operational, enabling members and strategic partners to connect, discuss and share, translate, and co-create SRHR knowledge;
- CoPs that are empowered and sustainable;
- Policymakers, practitioners, and researchers have better access to SRHR information and knowledge;
- Researchers can address scientifically, politically and practically relevant knowledge gaps in SRHR;
- Actual and effective learning is taking place between and in countries among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners
- Knowledge is applied to evidence-informed SRHR programmes, policies, and practice

Upon achieving these outcomes, Share-Net International will reach its goal of contributing to the improvement of SRHR by promoting evidence-based knowledge that is applied to SRHR policies and practice. This chapter shares the collective activities of Share-Net International and its hubs that were conducted throughout 2023 that have contributed to further reaching the Theory of Change outcomes.

2.1. Network development outcomes

2.1.1. A network of SRHR Communities of Practice is operational, enabling members and strategic partners to connect, discuss and share, translate and co-create SRHR knowledge

A community of practice is a group of individuals with shared interests that come together - in person or virtually - to tell stories, share and discuss problems and opportunities, discuss best practices, review lessons learned, and act together to address knowledge gaps or advocacy issues. Across all

Share-Net hubs, CoPs are used as a format to bring together a diverse range of members who share an interest in a specific SRHR topic. CoPs are for both members who have years of experience and for members who are just at the beginning of their careers. They are envisioned as spaces which promote critical thinking and conversations as well as promoting action and doing.

Throughout the year, it is noted that CoPs continued to be spaces that enable members and strategic partners to connect, discuss and share, translate, and co-create SRHR knowledge. In total there were **39 active CoPs** across all hubs and Share-Net International throughout 2023.

39 active CoPs on 25 SRHR topics in 2023

- Aphrodisiacs Usage
- Cesarean Delivery
- Climate Change and SRHR
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Contraception and Abortion
- Drug use & SRHR
- Engaging Men & Boys
- Family Planning
- Gender-based Violence
- Global Financing Facility
- HIV/AIDs
- Infertility
- Intersection of SRH&RR & mental health
- Linking Research, Policy and Practice
- Menstrual Health
- Multilateral Processes
- Sexual Pleasure
- Sexual Transmitted Infections
- Sexuality, Health, Rights and Ageing
- SRH&RR in the Technology Field
- SRH&RR of People with Disabilities
- SRHR & Media
- SRHR and Education
- SRHR for LGBTIQ+ people
- SRHR for Youth & Adolescents

Interviews with members highlighted that CoPs continued to be spaces supporting connection, by creating spaces for people of diverse backgrounds to come together. One member shared, *"In the Communities there are members who come from all walks of life, who come from academic or 'formal' knowledge, but there are also those who come from the 'street school', or who have knowledge that is not considered 'formal', this mix makes the groups very dynamic."*

CoPs also continued to be spaces which encouraged and supported peer-to-peer learning among members. One member from Share-Net Burkina Faso shared, *"Thanks to the members of the CoP [on drug use and SRHR], I'm now aware of the extent of drug use and, above all, the types of drugs because we used to consume certain drinks without even knowing that they were part of the drug class. This CoP is an innovation and should have more funds to implement awareness-raising activities and facilitate care for people in need."*

Again, the value of connection and peer support cannot be emphasised enough. A member from the International Community of Practice (iCoP) on SRHR and Youth shared, *"The iCoP is a place where SRHR topics are discussed, which makes me realise and learn that the global environment on the topic differs among places and different challenges arise."* The strength of the iCoP as shared by this member demonstrates how members incorporate their SRHR (work) field challenges within the iCoP, and therefore benefit their work.

Furthermore, the CoPs facilitated by Share-Net strive to be safe spaces for members where they can talk about cultural taboos and sensitive issues. This member shared how they feel *"everyone in the group knows each other quite well and feels very comfortable to speak openly."*

Success Stories: Share-Net Ethiopia

Community of Practice on SRHR & Media

*"It has been more than three years since I first joined the SRHR & Media CoP. Since then, I have already attended various meetings and seminars focused on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and related issues. I have managed to establish links with peer journalists in Ethiopia, health professionals and experts working under the Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations. Moreover, I have attended trainings that have contributed to my efforts to **enhance my capacity in SRHR reporting and related matters**. Based on this, I have produced several news stories covering range of issues in the area. I am now equipped with basic understanding on how to cover SRHR and other health related matters in a way that can shed light on underlying problems and possible solutions for the challenges in the country.*

*The Share-Net Media CoP has also enabled me get **clear understanding on extent of challenges in the delivery of adolescent and sexual reproductive health** in the country. I have also developed my understanding on policy related issues and the ways how convince policy makers through up to date reports on the issue. Generally, thanks to the CoP, I have managed to become a journalist specialising on the aforementioned issues."*

2.1.2. National, sustainable, and empowered Communities of Practice on SRHR are established and operational

The concept of CoPs established by Share-Net International is contingent on them being spaces of change and flexibility. While the ultimate goal of CoPs is that SRHR actors can connect, learn, exchange, and identify and address knowledge gaps, the ways in which CoPs are composed and function differs across the different country hubs. This ensures that the CoPs are contextualised, fit-for-purpose, and meet the needs of the members as identified by the national secretariats.

To assess whether CoPs were indeed empowered and operational in 2023, a survey was sent to all members. The survey findings showed while CoPs are valued vehicles of connection and learning, they also require a lot of facilitation and have areas of improvement. Members mostly agreed positively in the areas of member engagement, diversity of engagement, improvement of knowledge, skill and capacity, influencing actions taken by the CoP, respectful environment, implementation of the knowledge acquired, addressing topics from their areas of work, knowledge dissemination, quality output and outcome, the contribution of the CoP in the improvement of work, and room to address challenges.

Success Stories: Share-Net Colombia Community of Practice on Abortion & Voluntary Termination of Pregnancy

This Share-Net Colombia member is part of "Campaign for the Right to Legal, Safe and Free Abortion in Colombia" and "La Creciente Feminista". However, in the CoP on Abortion and IVE, she has been **able to address another dimension of the problem** which continues to prevent women and people who wish to have an abortion from accessing quality and safe services, this is the social decriminalisation of abortion.

The main product of this CoP in 2023 was the production of two podcast episodes that address this issue of social decriminalization by changing the narratives of both women and other abortion providers and the general public, focusing on their perceptions of the procedure. This process included a meeting with the parties interested in participating, the construction of a script, the identification of key points of the conversation, the preparation of the podcast, and finally the recording. The member mentions that this process was very fruitful and the final result, the two episodes, is valuable material for the creation of other broadcast content, such as shorter audio pieces or graphic pieces that reach wider audiences.

On the other hand, she mentions and highlights that **Communities of Practice can become spaces to generate advocacy from different points of view**. The invitation received by the CoP to participate in the review and feedback of a fragment of a DANE national survey is proof of this, so it is important to maintain and expand these spaces and opportunities.

However, the survey findings emphasised that CoPs are very reliant on the facilitation of the secretariats, and rely on the secretariats for logistical support (organising calls and meetings) and for keeping the CoP on track with its goals, mediating different ambitions within the CoP, and for activity design and implementation. When asked about CoPs, one Share-Net Colombia member explained that *“It should be emphasised that the support we have had from the facilitator, who is the one who calls, who invites and is attentive, is also a factor that keeps us interested in the subject, not only depends on our own interest, but also on Share-Net's support and follow-up of the activities.”* While the CoPs are established and operating, their sustainability is dependent on the secretariats of Share-Net hubs.

2.2. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Knowledge management is the process of identifying, organising, storing and disseminating information. In collaboration with partners, this knowledge is used to influence policies and practice and advocate for more impactful SRHR programmes.

2.2.1. Policymakers, practitioners, and researchers have better access to information and knowledge on SRHR

A key goal of Share-Net International is enabling easy access to quality, up to date SRHR information. Over the past years, there has been an increasingly focused on developing accessible SRHR content, translating knowledge into various accessible formats, sending tailored and relevant email communications to members, and publishing new SRHR information online. All Share-Net websites regularly publish the latest SRHR information, research, documents, and articles relevant to their location, with the digital platform hosting a centralised [SRHR resources library](#) featuring over 650 SRHR articles. This enables the Share-Net audience and those interested in SRHR to always

Partner meet-up in Amsterdam, organised by Share-Net Netherlands in 2023.



access the latest high-quality information. In 2023, the digital platform alone received 25,000 visits and there were a total of 75,500 visits to all sites, demonstrating a healthy appetite for the network's SRHR knowledge bank.

Knowledge is further disseminated throughout the network via regular email-updates and newsletters in each country hub, as well as Share-Net International's regular email updates, hosting regular interactive thematic meetings and webinars, frequent updating of the Share-Net websites, and the facilitation of knowledge exchange for members within the CoPs.

Examples of new knowledge resources launched in 2023 include [The Pleasure Bank](#), an initiative of the Share-Net Netherlands CoP on Sexual Pleasure. The Pleasure Bank is an online gallery of accurate and realistic sexual pleasure imagery, useful for inclusive and accurate Comprehensive Sexuality Education, and was developed in response to the research report [Beyond Bananas: A guide to identifying good, pleasure-focused imagery](#). Secondly, an online repository of SRHR Knowledge Products produced by Share-Net members since 2013 was developed, resulting in an [SRHR Knowledge Product library](#) which was developed throughout 2023, featuring over 100 home-grown SRHR resources, centering the topics Share-Net members chose to research.

Other key products launched in 2023 enabling greater access to SRHR information and information sharing activities:

1. The launch of a new, faster French-language website for Share-Net Burundi, enabling those with low-bandwidth internet connections to access their site easily - share-net-burundi.org
2. The launch of Share-Net Bangladesh's Bangla-language website, making Share-Net Bangladesh's content and SRHR information available and accessible to their Bangla membership-base - share-netbangladesh.org/bn
3. The launch of E-baza, a French-language online SRHR platform in Burundi for sharing SRHR data and information. This was a consortium development between Share-Net Burundi and two of their activation grant holders APROSAP and ARPH - e-baza.bi
4. A workshop with journalists on the influence of social media knowledge translation was held by Share-Net Burkina Faso, offering a discussion space where journalists could share experiences about the challenges and taboos of reporting on sexual health topics, and share recommendations for reporting with each other.

2.2.2. Digital access to and distribution of SRHR information

The network continues to develop the communications strategy and presence, with multiple successful online campaigns held throughout 2023. Across all Share-Net International hubs, newsletters, social media platforms, and websites are critical to ensuring that both local and international actors have access to reliable and relevant SRHR information. In 2023, Share-Net International's social media channels (LinkedIn, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram) grew by 84% with 3,080 new followers, publishing over 200 posts which reached over 95,000 people online. This included nearly 500 reshares of Share-Net content, and 80,000 clicks and interactions on posts, demonstrating keen interest in communications shared.

The most successful and popular types of content shared by Share-Net International in 2023 were the [SRHR Opportunity Roundups](#) shared on LinkedIn; the announcement of Share-Net International signing the [Global Health Pact](#); and [Thinking Outside the Docs](#) a knowledge product supporting advocacy and disruptive questioning which was co-created during a side event organised by Share-Net during the Women Deliver conference in Rwanda.

The Share-Net hubs saw increased social media and online visibility success, with a combined reach of over half a million people through Share-Nets hubs channels alone, and nearly 12,000 interactions (likes, comments, reshares) with Share-Net content on social media.

HUB	IMPRESSIONS	INTERACTIONS
Bangladesh	94000	3500
Burkina Faso	23500	1000
Burundi	14000	1300
Colombia	364000	5300
Ethiopia	2500	350
Jordan	1000	150
Netherlands	7500	300
TOTAL	506,000	11,900

Further digital distribution of information was facilitated via regular newsletters and email updates, which every hub and Share-Net International disseminates. Most hubs share regular newsletters and mailouts, with the Netherlands and Colombia share more frequent monthly newsletters, which include recent and relevant SRHR resources, funding and job opportunities, SRHR news, and various calls to action.

Throughout 2023, the network's online reach continued to expand, particularly through social media presence, cumulating in a total social media following of nearly 25,000 SRHR advocates, practitioners, and interested parties. Each Share-Net hub, as well as Share-Net International, have accounts on different channels including LinkedIn, Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, Telegram, and podcast channels.

It is important to note certain platforms garner significantly more engagement and reach over others in different contexts. For example, Facebook continues to be the most receptive platform for Share-Net Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, and Jordan; for Share-Net Burundi it is X; Share-Net Colombia utilises Instagram the most; and for Share-Net Netherlands it is LinkedIn.

It is important to note each platform in different locations attract different audiences, for example, LinkedIn is generally Share-Net Netherlands and Share-Net International's most successful channel for connecting with those working more formally in SRHR (eg, policy makers, researchers), while the Share-Net Colombia and International's Instagram accounts attract a younger audience that can be engaged in informal or casual capacities, with many activists, individuals, and grassroots organisations following. Ensuring policymakers, practitioners and researchers are reached, the hubs use the most relevant platforms to reach and attract relevant audiences. While social media and other communications channels are integral for this, Share-Net Burundi also makes use of WhatsApp and [Share-Net Ethiopia make use of Telegram](#), while Share-Net Jordan regularly delivers printed newsletters to their key contacts and operate in a more-offline manner.

2.2.3. Audio-visual Materials and Podcasts

Multimedia materials, including podcasts, have been produced by Share-Net Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia, and Jordan throughout 2023, expanding the network's SRHR information mediums into different and more accessible formats. This included two [audio-visual knowledge products](#) about disability inclusion from Share-Net Burundi's CoP on Diversity and Inclusion. Alongside

this, Share-Net Colombia launched a podcast channel [*Conversaciones Resonantes*](#) featuring episodes about access to justice for gender-based violence, sexual violence, femicide, and abortion narratives in Colombia. Share-Net Ethiopia (in collaboration with Women Can Do it) launched radio talk shows and podcasts responding to gender-based violence and audio-documentaries on the life experiences of sex-workers, and Share-Net Jordan published [*podcasts*](#) on adult-adolescent SRH&RR information.



CONVERSACIONES RESONANTES

UN PÓDCAST DE SHARE-NET COLOMBIA

2.2.4. Thematic Events and Round Tables

These continue to be one of the primary methods for Share-Net International to share knowledge and buildout the networks. Usually, these are the result of CoPs work, with thematic events and round tables organised by Share-Net members which are free for all to attend.

Throughout 2023, Share-Net continued to organise activities for different societal actors, including policymakers, practitioners and researchers, to ensure that they have access to relevant and the most up-to-date knowledge. The modes in which this knowledge was disseminated included both online formats and in-person events in order to try and reach as many stakeholders as possible.

A total of **53 thematic meetings and webinars** were organised in 2023, below is a snapshot of some of the highlights.

A) Share-Net Jordan - Educating Children about Sexual and Reproductive Health

In July 2023, Share-Net Jordan organised an event to launch a parents' guide and an educational film - Educating Children about Sexual and Reproductive Health – which aimed to inform adolescents about sexual and reproductive health, and were produced as part of SHIRIM. Winners of their media competition to enhance public awareness of SRH issues through print, electronic, and visual media, were also announced. The event was attended by stakeholders and media experts who actively took part in the competition.

Prepared by Jordanian experts in the field of health, education and psychology, and based on the recommendations of several studies prepared by the Higher Population Council and Share-Net Jordan, the guide and film aimed to enhance dialogue and an open channel of communication between parents and their adolescent children. The guide and film were produced by a number of Jordanian researchers affiliated with international universities, who presented academic work calling for strengthening and supporting the role of parents in educating their children in Sexual and Reproductive Health.



Hub Spotlight: Share-Net Netherlands Linking Research, Policy and Practice

In 2023, Share-Net Netherlands organised its 12th edition of the Linking Research, Policy, and Practice Conference which provided 10 young researchers a platform to share their research with policymakers and practitioners.

One Share-Net Netherlands member who was interviewed and attended the Share-Net Netherlands' flagship event highlighted how impactful this space was for them. They spoke positively about learning about the SRHR topics covered during the event, how it provided them with great networking opportunities, and that *"It was a great chance to hear the latest research from students and young researchers. It was a great opportunity to have discussions and a great opportunity to network and meet a lot of people that work in the broader public health field."*

In relation to new knowledge, they explained how they *"loved seeing the combination of both qualitative and quantitative research. I learned more about how they do research projects. I haven't done research myself in many years and I come back from an administrative background and so I haven't done public health research myself, so I learned a lot of kind of like how it's set up, how to report things like that."*

B) Share-Net International - Share-Net Knowledge Products Showcase

Share-Net International organised the 1st Edition of the Share-Net Knowledge Product Showcase in July 2023. Over the course of two days, Share-Net International Grant Alumnus presented the SRHR Knowledge Products they created as a result of receiving funding from Share-Net International in 2022. Dedicated funding was awarded through the Share-Net International Knowledge Activation Grant, Co-Creation Conference, or SHIRIM. Twelve knowledge products were presented, covering everything from SRHR awareness in conflict settings and menstrual health approaches for people with disabilities, to being introduced to SRHR card games, and an app for ancestral medicine in Afro-Colombia. All knowledge products presentations were followed by a short 'question and answer' with the creators where the participants could find out more and ask any burning questions. A playlist of the event is available [here](#).

C) Share-Net Colombia - Barriers of transgender men and non-binary people to access abortion

This webinar (as pictured below) addressed the barriers faced by transgender men and non-binary people in accessing reproductive health services, particularly abortion, in Colombia, Bolivia, and Chile. Expert speakers included; Yawar Castellon from Bolivia - a trans activist, psychologist, researcher and member of the Hombres Trans Diversos de Bolivia organisation, Tamini Aguirre from Chile - a non-binary person, professional midwife/matron, current Coordinator of Health work line of the Organizando Trans Diversidades Chile organisation, and Martín Junco - teacher, research, activist and Co-Funder of AlienHadas a Colombian community-based organisation. The event was moderated by Sofía Pantoja, University Teacher at Universidad de Nariño's Public Health Faculty, health professional, and Coordinator at Profamilia. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).



2.2.5. Researchers address scientifically, politically and practically relevant knowledge gaps in SRHR

To achieve Share-Net's vision that all people have freedom of choice, can make informed decisions, can act on their sexual and reproductive health, and have access to quality care to meet their sexual and reproductive health needs and rights, knowledge gaps that exist in policy, practice and research need to be addressed. Through knowledge sharing activities and connecting actors, Share-Net International aims to support members in identifying these gaps and encourage researchers to address them.

One of the ways in which Share-Net International supports researchers to address scientifically, politically and practically relevant SRHR knowledge gaps is through the Activation Grants Facility. In 2023, **a total of 13 grants** were awarded by Share-Net International: eight collaboration grants and five knowledge translation grants.

A) Activation Grants

The Activation Grants contribute to supporting knowledge management activities amongst Share-Net members, and provide funding which traditionally has been used for applied research, the documentation of practices, and the creation of knowledge products to improve policy and practice in SRHR. At Share-Net International, the secretariat strives for inclusivity, diversity, and a participatory approach by awarding grants to applicants from all seven hubs, alongside Share-Net International. The grants offer applicants the freedom to cover the topics they want and use a participatory process involving members at all stages of the grant-making process.

The 2023 Grantees' projects cover various SRHR topics, including Abortion Rights, SRHR for persons with disabilities and special needs, young people's SRHR, the SRHR for LGBTQIA+ people, and sexual and gender-based violence. In 2023, learnings from 2021 and 2022 were taken, and improved the way the grants were managed. This included adapting and updating the grant application system on the digital platform, and developing the selection process, with a special focus on the participatory peer-review step of the application process. Intending to bring greater visibility to grantees in the coming years, the first grant dissemination and promotion strategy was published via new grant dissemination guidelines and included in the contractual agreements with all new grantees moving forwards.



Official Knowledge Activation Grants 2023 image, illustrated by Afroditi 's Art

Below are a deep dive into three of the 2023 projects, and a full overview of the 2023 grantees can be found [here](#).

Share-Net Burkina Faso

GRANTEE: COLIBRI SUD

Riposte communautaire pour l'élimination des obstacles liés aux droits humains et genre qui entravent l'accès aux services de SDR des communautés LGBTQI+, du travail de sexe et d'usagers-ères de drogues

Different knowledge products were developed to address the specific SRHR needs of the LGBTQI+ community, sex workers and drug users in Burkina Faso. This included a short study to evaluate the SRHR needs of the target group. Based on the results of the study, workshops for health providers, traditional, and religious leaders were facilitated on the needs of the LGBTQI+ communities, sex workers and drug users. The results of the study were additionally translated into theatre plays which ran in collaboration with the OSKIMO Tour awareness caravan. Unfortunately, socio-political instability with a military regime coming into power stopped large-scale dissemination due to the rise of opposition to LGBTQI+ rights.

You can read the research report via [this link](#).

Share-Net International

GRANTEE: COMMUNITY FORUM, MALAWI

The In Real Life Project

Community Forum produced media materials for health awareness to inform and educate the public about important health issues and promote healthy behaviours. This included print, audio, video, and digital content, each resource serving different purposes such as providing accurate and reliable information about health topics. The knowledge products aimed to fill knowledge gaps and equip individuals with the information to make informed decisions about their health. Ultimately, producing health awareness media materials empowers individuals and communities with knowledge, promotes healthier behaviours, and contributes to improved public health outcomes. These materials serve as valuable tools for health promotion, disease prevention, and overall well-being.

You can read the final research report from the project [here](#).

Share-Net Colombia

GRANTEE: EL ESPECTADOR

Primíparas

El Espectador developed videos, podcasts, and social media content to raise awareness on sexuality education with a pleasure approach, designed for young people and teenagers. Through four video podcast chapters and complementary social media contents, they answered the questions young people usually ask themselves during the first stages of their sexual exploration. Many times, schools or families are not able to speak sincerely and clearly about such topics. The chapters covered things to know before having sexual intercourse for the first time, sex between women and the myth of penetration, desire and sexual pleasure, and the use of condoms.

You can access the knowledge products developed by this grantee [here](#).

B) Research Grants for Young Researchers

In addition to the activation grants awarded by Share-Net International, some of the hubs dedicated special funds for grants to young researchers.

Share-Net Bangladesh awarded two grants within their Young Researcher Fellowship programme, with a project [exploring SRHR education for adolescents in Qaumi and Alia Madrasahs](#), and qualitative research on [capturing the context of male influencing the SRHR education of female](#).

Share-Net Burkina Faso awarded four grants to young researchers to work on use of digital tools and family planning amongst young girls, use of contraception among adolescents living with HIV and contraceptive knowledge, and attitudes and practices among Nazi Boni University students. The final research will be available in 2024.

Finally, Share-Net Ethiopia awarded seven grants to Master Students from the Addis Ababa University with whom they have a Memorandum of Understanding. The students worked on topics such as the determinants of perinatal mortality, access to youth friendly services by secondary school students, and the quality of family planning services in Arada sub city, amongst others. The research results will be available in 2024.

2.2.6. Actual and effective learning is taking place in and between countries among policymakers, practitioners, and researchers

Across the Share-Net network, country hubs as well as the Share-Net International secretariat organise activities to promote effective learning in- and between countries, among policymakers, practitioners and researcher. In 2023, activities which promoted this effective learning included SHIRIM, the Share-Net Bangladesh Knowledge Fair, and the learning events organised for the SRHR strategic partnerships.

A) Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) Learning Trajectory

The SHIRIM III (2022-2023) was an 18-month action-learning process built on the Collaborative Approach and Systems Thinking. The learning journey from February 2022 to March 2023, was designed as an engaging and meaningful experience for the Share-Net hubs together with their members to explore, experiment, and exchange on effective strategies to translate newly acquired knowledge towards policy influencing and improving practice. The overarching topic of the SHIRIM trajectory was “Access to SRHR Information and Education”, with each hub focused on a particular issue within the theme.

In March 2023, SHIRIM Learning Session four took place in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. During this week, Share-Net hubs shared the knowledge products that they have developed, their biggest lessons learned, challenges and opportunities, and questions regarding the development of their knowledge products. The country hubs learned and shared about new models and tools for sustainability of their knowledge translation efforts, further developed their knowledge products, leveraging learnings and sharing expertise with each other to support knowledge translation strategies.



Poster presented by Share-Net Colombia at SHIRIM Learning Session 4 to share what they achieved, their lessons learned and their next steps

Below you can find the different knowledge products developed by each hub during SHIRIM.

Share-Net Bangladesh

- [Intersectionality of Climate Change and SRHR: A Desk Review from Bangladesh Evidence](#)
- Policy Brief - [Climate Change and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Education and Information for Policy Makers](#)

Share-Net Burkina Faso

- [Share-Net Burkina Faso De jeunes filles parlent de leur premières menstrues](#)
- [Share-Net Burkina Faso L'hygiène des toilettes de certains lycées et collèges de Ouagadougou](#)

Share-Net Burundi

- Compiled Report - [Religious, Civil Society Organisations and youth-led organisations](#)

Share-Net Ethiopia

- Infographics - [The tale of two girls](#)
- Policy Brief - [Ending Child Marriage In Ethiopia](#)

Share-Net Jordan

- Booklet - [Parents guide in the SRH and RR of their adolescents](#)
- Short Video - [Parents adolescents SRH and RR communication](#)

Success Stories: Share-Net Jordan

Decision maker from Ministry of Youth at SHIRIM

A Youth Programme Coordinator in the Ministry of Youth is an active member of Share-Net Jordan. They played a significant role in the launch of two SHIRIM products, with a notable presence of Share-Net Jordan partners, particularly those from the fields of media, youth, education, and health. Participation in this initiative proved highly beneficial for them in two key aspects. Firstly, they established new connections, fostering relationships that would prove valuable in their role, and the activity contributed to improving training materials used in youth camps, with a focus on Reproductive Health. The booklet created during the SHIRIM initiative served as a valuable resource in addressing adolescents' questions on SRH. They successfully incorporated the content into the training material, showcasing flexibility that was recognised as a success factor by the Ministry of Youth. Importantly, they emphasised the importance of considering both the social and legal context in these efforts.

SHIRIM was an opportunity for country hub teams to address policy and knowledge gaps by working with their members and learning from one another. One Share-Net Bangladesh member who was involved in SHIRIM activities shared that *"SHIRIM opened the door to a world of transformative SRHR insights, and with each learning, I found myself equipped not just with knowledge but with the power to enact change. Applying these learnings in DALIT allowed me to be a catalyst for progress, ensuring that SRHR knowledge doesn't just reside in theories but manifests as a positive force within our community."*

SHIRIM III was evaluated by a team of independent consultants who started the assignment at the end of 2023 and finished the [report and recommendations](#) in January 2024.



Success Stories: Share-Net Bangladesh

Influencing policy-makers on SRHR & Climate Change

Share-Net Bangladesh implemented several activities under the thematic topic of SRHR and climate throughout the year, as part of the SHIRIM trajectory. This resulted in the development of a [policy brief](#) titled Climate Change and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Education and Information for Policy Makers.

The SHIRIM trajectory ended successfully for Share-Net Bangladesh, with the Ministry of Health committing to establish a "Climate Change and SRHR forum" and with a commitment to include "Climate Change and SRHR" in the next Operational Health Plan of the government.

B) Share-Net Bangladesh Knowledge Fair

The 8th SRHR Knowledge Fair was organised in September 2023 by Share-Net Bangladesh. The thematic focus for the Knowledge Fair was 'SRHR and Education'. In the current information age, this is a cornerstone of the Bangladesh government's commitment to empowering its citizens with essential knowledge about SRHR. The recent National Curriculum and Textbook Board curriculum demonstrates the government's dedication to providing comprehensive education. The Knowledge Fair served as a platform to explore the importance of comprehensive SRHR education in shaping a healthier and more empowered future for Bangladesh. It emphasised the need for quality information and education to enable individuals to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health.

Around 400 experts, academicians, and experienced professionals from various development organisations, along with senior Government officials and foreign delegates joined the conference, which featured a diverse range of sessions, discussions, and presentations focusing on integrating SRHR into formal and informal education systems. It provided a platform for experts and stakeholders to share innovative approaches, research findings, and success stories in SRHR and education. The fair was broadcast live online, and a final report can be found [here](#). The Knowledge Fair was featured in a number of news outlets including [The Daily Star](#) and [Daily Bangladesh](#).

C) Linking and learning events for the SRHR Strategic Partnerships

Throughout the year Share-Net Netherlands continued to play a role as a knowledge broker for the seven SRHR Partnerships that are currently being funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Share-Net Netherlands organised two sessions on digital safety and security in partnership with IPAS and RNW Media, and a session entitled Looking to the Future: Lessons Learned from the MTRs and What they Mean Moving Forward was organised. Here, representatives from the SRHR Partnerships presented combined main findings from their MTRs, and shared advice for the development of the next policy framework. Alongside the bigger learning sessions, Share-Net Netherlands organised several informal exchange meetings for the coordinators of the seven SRHR partnerships.

There are many ways in which the Share-Net network aims to support and stimulate actual and effective learning in and between countries, among policymakers, practitioners and researchers. As a network, the incredible

impact that assembling people together is valued, and in 2023 dedicated much time and resources into co-creating meeting spaces for the Share-Net secretariats and for the network.



Success Stories: Share-Net Netherlands

Knowledge brokering for SRHR Partnerships

This Share-Net Netherlands member is involved with one of the strategic SRHR Partnerships and has been active in the knowledge brokering activities that Share-Net Netherlands organised for the partnerships, such as attending the regular coordinators meetings, the learning and exchange meetings, and a meeting organised with the MoFA to discuss the MTR findings.

Regarding the coordinator meetings, they *“think they’re very useful. I think in the past year the agenda has been challenges that we have faced ... it has been a really useful platform mostly to exchange experiences.”* They found these meetings between the partnership coordinators useful for checking in with others and getting their take on various matters. They think that being able to get together and ask how others dealt with certain issues is beneficial.

When asked if they had gained new knowledge through participating in these meetings, they explained *“I would say yes. And most of the learning was maybe again around internal processes. It was a lot of exchange on our internal setups, our governance structures. We also had that specific meeting where we exchanged on southern leadership or shifting power and in relation to our setup, our structures and our governance. We discussed a lot and that we’re trying to, I think all of us are exploring around what does it mean for the organisation. Also, of course, moving forward, if we’re going to develop proposals for our next Partnership Framework Partnership program under the new framework like what else can we do in addition to what we have done?”*

When asked if they were able to apply the learnings gained from the different meetings into their work, they confirmed *“Yes, I did [apply it to my daily work].”* They shared that they *“definitely learned from these exchanges,”* but added that they *“think what may have been missing a bit more is exchange and gaining learning on the more kind of programmatic topics. I think in terms of activities, I think it could be more if because I think what we saw in the past year was basically the meetings, the exchange meetings really only took off in the last year and it was so meaningful.”*

2.2.7. Knowledge is applied to evidence-informed SRHR programmes, policies and practices

Share-Net International's last target outcome is the core of what Share-Net International strives to achieve, applying evidence-informed information to SRHR Policy, programmes, and practices. Along with Share-Nets other outcomes, this forms the building blocks which contribute to this final long-term outcome of Share-Nets work. Aspects of this outcome include:

'Evidence-informed policies and practices are used in line with the actual and context specific SRHR needs of individuals, and take their perspectives and rights into account, established CoPs are able to agree on common values and similar goals with regard to SRHR and finally, improved SRHR knowledge of policymakers, practitioners and researchers leads to better SRHR research, policy and practice such as societally relevant research and use of evidence informed laws, policies and programmes' (Share-Net International Theory of Change).

All Share-Net activities – from CoP meetings and thematic meetings to the activation grants, SHIRIM and the Co-Creation Conference – aim to promote the use of evidence-based knowledge to influence SRHR policies, programmes and practices. From interviewing and collecting data from Share-Net International members, below is a selection of examples demonstrating how the different activities organised by Share-Net in 2023 have been applied to evidence-informed SRHR programmes, policies, and practices.

Example 1 - Share-Net Bangladesh's Member transforming the DALIT Community through SHI Community through SHIRIMRIM

A Share-Net Bangladesh member working at Communication and Networking at DALIT, underwent a profound transformation through her engagement with Share-Net Bangladesh. Their journey, shaped by the SHIRIM, reflects the catalytic impact of Share-Net Bangladesh on their learning, knowledge, perspective, and motivation in advancing SRHR in Bangladesh.

Their pivotal moment came during their active participation in the SHIRIM National Learning Sessions in 2023. These sessions served as a crucible of knowledge exchange, offering them a firsthand understanding of innovative SRHR strategies and effective knowledge translation tools. The experience empowered them to promptly apply their newfound knowledge within DALIT.

As the Coordinator of Communication and Networking, they spearheaded initiatives addressing SRHR challenges, especially focusing on marginalized and minority communities. SHIRIM's capacity-strengthening impact was evident as they became an agent of change within their organisation.

The member's journey extended beyond DALIT to active participation in the SRHR in Fragile Settings Community of Practice. Here, they **harnessed SHIRIM's insights to contribute meaningfully to collaborative efforts aimed at mitigating SRHR challenges faced by vulnerable communities.** The Share-Net Bangladesh platform facilitated their role as a change-agent within the broader SRHR landscape. Their journey with Share-Net Bangladesh and SHIRIM exemplifies a transformative shift in their approach to SRHR in Bangladesh. **The experience was not merely theoretical but translated into practical strategies, resulting in tangible improvements in DALIT's initiatives and broader community impact.** For example, DALIT' ran programs in communities to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health, taught advocacy and communication skills, held workshops with health workers nationally, and talked about sexual and reproductive health at girls' high schools in their project areas. They also **published a newsletter every three months about sexual and reproductive health.** These efforts had a big impact on the community.

This member's transformative journey with Share-Net Bangladesh and SHIRIM showcases the symbiotic relationship between knowledge acquisition and practical application. Share-Net Bangladesh became the catalyst for their evolution into a change agent, seamlessly integrating theoretical insights into actionable strategies within DALIT and the broader SRHR community. Their story is a testament to Share-Net Bangladesh's commitment to shaping impactful leaders, fostering change, and advancing SRHR in Bangladesh

Example 2 - Share-Net Burkina Faso member

*"We were victims of behavioural change, academic failure and, among other things, the deteriorating health of the young people around us who were using drugs. It was important for us to find out more about drugs so that we could be a vehicle for raising awareness among young people in the fight against drugs. We've had some great collaborations with Share-Net Burkina Faso. Through this collaboration, **we've been able to share and acquire new knowledge and practices** from other associations working within the platform. **Capacity building***

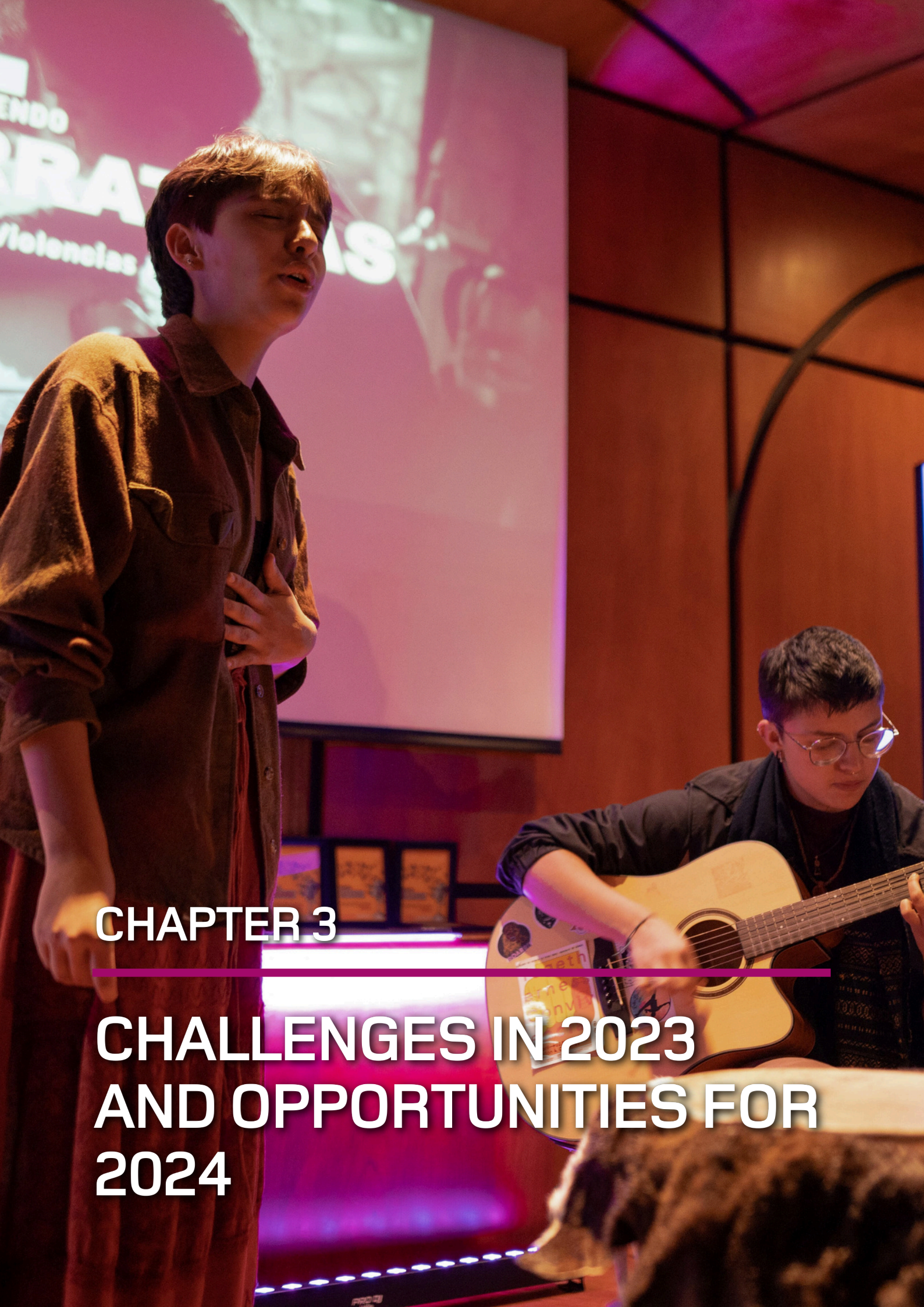
has enabled us to carry out a major digital campaign on Facebook and several tea debates with young people in several districts of Ouagadougou. Our challenge remains to raise awareness among all young girls and boys in Burkina Faso and, better still, to drive this scourge out of the country."

Example 3 - Fana Broadcasting Corporate and Share-Net Ethiopia Member

"It has been more than three years since I first joined the Share-Net Ethiopia Media CoP. Since then, I have already attended various meetings and seminars focused on SRHR and related issues. I have managed to establish links with peer journalists in Ethiopia, health professionals and experts working under the Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations. Moreover, I have attained trainings that have contributed to my efforts to enhance my capacity in SRHR reporting and related matters. Based on this, I have produced several news stories covering a range of issues in the area. I am now equipped with basic understating on how to cover SRHR and other health related matters in a way that can shed light on underling problems and possible solutions for the challenges in the country. The Media CoP has also enabled me get a clear understanding on the extent of challenges in the delivery of adolescent and sexual reproductive health in the country. I have also developed my understanding on policy related issues and the ways to convince policy makers through up-to-date reports on the issue. Generally, thanks to the Share Net Media Cop, I have managed to become a journalist specialising on the aforementioned issues."



The Fourth National Adolescent and Youth Forum organised by Share-Net Ethiopia and other partner organisations.

A photograph of two young men performing on stage. The man on the left is singing, wearing a brown jacket over a red shirt, with his eyes closed and hand on his chest. The man on the right is playing an acoustic guitar, wearing glasses and a black shirt. In the background, a large screen displays the text 'ENDO', 'RAT', 'Violencias', and 'AS'. The stage is lit with warm, orange and purple lights.

CHAPTER 3

CHALLENGES IN 2023 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024

Every year brings a unique set of challenges that we can reflect on to identify areas of opportunity and action for the coming year.

3.1. CHALLENGING MOMENTS

3.1.1. *Meaningful stakeholder engagement*

Stakeholder engagement takes different shapes in each of the hubs and therefore presents different challenges in each context. For instance, mobilising young people living in rural areas remains a challenge for the platform, and this is worsened by the security context prevailing in most regions of Burkina Faso. It is essential to remain flexible and adaptable with opportunities and interventions. In Colombia and Bangladesh, member engagement to work in Communities of Practice remains a challenge, as members involved in CoPs are often relying heavily on the secretariats support, rather than being independent. This heavy reliance increases the workload of the secretariats, undermining the sustainability of the CoPs, and impacting the level of engagement from members. Finally, for Share-Net Netherlands, getting members to register on the digital platform and cleaning up email lists was a huge challenge in 2023. This was solved by the Share-Net Netherlands secretariat organising in-person meetings with their members to ensure proper registration in the digital platform.

3.1.2. *Sustainability and diversification of funds*

Making Share-Net International a sustainable platform with diversified funds remains a challenge. However, following the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review, this has become one of the main priorities for 2023 and 2024, with extra human resources organised coordinate and intensify efforts. This began with setting up the fundraising task force in 2023, who developed a sustainability plan outlining the need to diversify funding at all levels. Donors have been mapped and short-lists of most promising donors are known at all secretariats, and most potential donors have been approached and are engaged with. Meanwhile, reactive acquisition continues as in previous years.

The discussion about membership fees remains challenging at the Share-Net country level; most secretariat don't think members are able and willing to pay a fee for Share-Net services. However, Share-Net Netherlands and Share-Net International have started designing a new membership fee structure that might inspire other hubs in the future.

3.1.3. Opposition and cultural sensitivities and its impact on safety and security

Over the past years there has been a global push back on SRHR and gender equality which is impacting members and SRHR work around the globe. The Share-Net hubs have experienced push back on topics including abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, and LGBTQIA+ rights. For instance, in Burundi, the challenge is related to physical safety and security of staff and partners working through the diversity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people and other marginalised groups, following an incident in February 2023 where some members of the CoP working on these topics were arrested by the police. This halted members from working on the roadmap, with many members fleeing to Benin and other neighbouring countries.

In addition, the Share-Net secretariats try to find a delicate balance between pushing forward the SRHR agenda and making cultural considerations that allow them to operate safely in their context. As detailed in section 1.4, the new cybercrime laws in Jordan put the Share-Net Jordan secretariat and hub members at risk of legal penalties as prescribed by the Jordanian Penal Code and Cybercrime Law, if they continue addressing sensitive sexual and SRHR issues as mandated by Share-Net International. At the moment, this means that hardly any Share-Net International communication materials can be shared in Jordan. Invites for joint meetings or the announcement of the Activation Grants are already too sensitive to be shared by Jordan's host organisation. This worrying development is a prime example of restrictions and safety issues encountered within the network.

3.1.4. Misuse of Share-Net International's name

In 2023, an incident occurred where Share-Net International's identity was used without the secretariat's knowledge by a third party. This became more serious when the secretariat received email reports from several parties detailing refunding promises by Share-Net International that were not recognised or made by the secretariat. Seemingly, Share-Net's name and brand had been used to the advantage of others. The situation was investigated however it was not possible to find out exactly what happened or how the Share-Net brand had been used by others.

The main lesson learned is that as a growing global network, there is an increased risk that Share-Nets work, name, or branding could be miss-used by others, meaning the secretariat must become more vigilant about the network

and legally register the Share-Net name and brand, enabling the organisation to maintain accountability and take action if the Share-Net name is misused.

After discussions within KIT, with MoFA, and following legal consultations, Share-Net agreed on the trademark registration, a process which began at the end of 2023. Unfortunately, registration of the name Share-Net International was initially rejected, and the secretariat are waiting for the result of a request to register Share-Net in combination with the logo. When and if Share-Net's trademark registration is completed, it will be possible to take legal steps in case of future misuses of the network. Further, as the trademark registration process starts in Europe, discussions about the registration of the trademark in the Share-Net Country Hubs begins, which is linked with local registration and future organisational set-up of the entire Share-Net network.

3.1.5. Stigmatisation and Discrimination

With an increasing number of members in the network and more activities conducted both digitally and in-person in an ever-polarising world, there is growing opposition to SRHR and the work Share-Net is doing. Subsequently, increasing challenge are experienced to guarantee safe spaces for members.

In 2023 feedback from within the network was received about a), the fear of being stigmatised or discriminated against, and b), actual incidents of stigmatisation and discrimination in some countries. Share-Net has put great effort into increasing providing safe spaces and there has been many discussions (mostly within the Share-Net International secretariat) on the topic; however, Share-Net recognises that this conversation must be extended with the involvement of the country hub secretariats, to prevent stigmatisation and discrimination within the network. Furthermore, mechanisms for dealing with incidents must be improved if Share-Net is to be an accountable and safe network.

As a result of these occurrences, discussions and groundwork for creating network-wide integrity policies, grievance procedures, and initiating confidential incident-reporting systems for Share-Net were initiated. In 2024, the secretariat will focus on implementing such systems, and roll out an incident reporting system which can be utilised by all Share-Net members and all members of the secretariat.

3.2. OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024

3.2.1. Rethinking the Share-Net International Platform

2024 will mark the last year of the current funding cycle from the MoFa, and marks Share-Net International's 10th anniversary. That gives the opportunity to Share-Net International and the hubs to reflect and evaluate everything that has been done over the past years and think about how the platform can be improved and more impactful. To foster this reflection moment and think about how the platform could look like in the future, Share-Net International has been organising a process including co-creation workshops at country level (some in-person and some online) to prepare a sustainability plan and a proposal for Share-Net beyond 2024. During these workshops, the hubs thought about the long-term vision for Share-Net, and there will be time for exchange and peer-review between countries. Those documents will also inform the future of Share-Net International.

There is a strong and dedicated ambition to sustain Share-Net International, and retain continuous support from MoFA, while simultaneously diversify the funding base, which is a shared effort between all hubs and the International Secretariat.

Meanwhile, some of the Share-Net hubs (Burundi and Bangladesh) are already exploring the possibility of becoming independent organisations to work towards sustainability and diversification of funds. This is due to the current structure not facilitating achieving sustainability and accessing different funds.

3.2.2. Knowledge Translation Fund

In 2023, the Knowledge Translation Fund was set up with the intention of shifting decision-making power and budget to the hubs. Each hub was able to apply for extra funding to implement a national or regional knowledge translation. In 2024, Share-Net Jordan, Colombia and Bangladesh are organising regional activities such as a Knowledge Fair and a Co-Creation Conference. Share-Net Burkina Faso and Share-Net Ethiopia will use the Co-Creation methodology to organise a conference at national level. This will allow hubs to contextualise one of the Share-Net International activities (Co-creation or SHIRIM) or to test a new knowledge management methodology (such as a Knowledge Fair).

3.2.3. Increased visibility and strengthen partnerships

There will be several opportunities to increase Share-Net International visibility in 2024, including opportunities to co-organise side events and sessions with partners at prominent conferences. For instance, at the World Health Assembly, Share-Net will co-organise a side event with the IBP Network and the CORE Group, which will be a follow up of the event organised together at Women Deliver. Another example is a workshop Share-Net is co-facilitating at the ANSER conference with Shake the Dust to launch the '[Fake Abortion Services map](#)', mapping "Crisis Pregnancy Centres". Share-Net is also exploring the possibility of co-organising a side event together with the Guttmacher Institute for the Summit of the Future event, part of the International Conference on Population and Development+ 30.

3.2.4. Digital Rights, Digitisation, and Communications

There are many opportunities for digital development for Share-Net in 2024 and beyond. A large improvement will be to redevelop the digital platform members area, making the members-portal easier and more intuitive to use, enhanced features like the easy publication of SRHR opportunities by members, and a rejuvenated professional 'matchmaking' area where members can showcase their professional SRHR expertise. As Share-Net embarks on developing their voice in the digital rights field, a focus will be on presenting digital SRHR issues at conferences, hosting webinars sharing digital rights, conducting research within the Share-Net network which presents a fascinating opportunity to uncover digital rights violations faced by SRHR practitioners, and publishing toolkits on digital topics for Sexual and Reproductive Health practitioners.

Developing a stronger tone of voice in Share-Net's response to major national, regional and global SRHR developments will enable the network to have greater prominence as the leading voice in SRHR knowledge, promoting and expanding the network and gaining more media attention and citations. In 2023 Share-Net made great progress in modernising and developing communications templates, enabling us to quickly produce higher quality materials with a much stronger visual identity. Share-Net continues to translate key documents to other key working languages, there is a great opportunity to increase the translation budget to expand the materials being translate, making communications more inclusive and reaching more SRHR practitioners in and outside of the network. This as an area to continuously develop and focus on, and will be continued in 2024 and beyond.



CHAPTER 4

FINANCE


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SHARE-NET 2023 Financial report		Budget	Expenditure	Difference	
1	Share-Net International secretariat	613.820	664.755	50.935	8,30%
2	Knowledge management activities	500.000	507.338	16.885	3,38%
3	Knowledge hubs	983.165	1.041.188	58.023	5,90%
	Subtotal	2.096.985	2.213.281	125.843	6,00%
4	End of project Evaluation (in final year only)	-	-	-	-
	Management fee (3% over budgetline 1 - 4)	62.910	66.398	3.489	5,55%
	Grand Total	2.159.895	2.279.680	129.332	5,99%

SHARE-NET 2023 Financial report		Budget	Expenditure	Difference	Difference in %
1	Share-Net International secretariat	613.820	664.755	50.935	8,30%
	Coordinator	v	v		
	Knowledge Management Expert	v	v		
	Coordinator Hubs	v	v		
	Sharenet Officer	v	v		
	M&E Officer	v	v		
	Communications Expert	v	v		
	Project support	v	v		
	KIT overhead	v	v		
	Travel	v	v		
	DSA	v	v		
	Conference visits	v	v		
	Networking	v	v		
	Partnership development and memberships	v	v		
	Business development	v	v		
	Website safe and secure	v	v		
	Maintenance website	v	v		
	Communications / translation/ materials SNI and hubs	v	v		
	Meetings Board, Business meetings (no travel and DSA) etc	v	v		
	Midterm review	-	-		
	Strategic Planning	v	v		
	Audit	v	v		
2	Knowledge management activities	500.000	507.338	16.885	3,38%
	SHIRIM/ Knowledge Translation	150.000	119.896	-30.104	
	Co-creation conference	-	-	-	
	Grants facilitation	250.000	259.546	9.546	
	Subcontracting (knowledge) experts	20.000	32.413	12.413	
	Seed money	20.000	11.833	-8.168	
	SRHR Partnerships Knowledge Broker	60.000	83.651	23.651	
3	Knowledge hubs	983.165	1.041.188	58.023	5,90%
	Netherlands	343.165	316.950	-26.215	
	Income from members	-50.000	-29.101	20.899	
	Bangladesh	100.000	121.433	21.433	
	Jordan	100.000	106.300	6.300	
	Burundi	100.000	96.261	-3.739	
	Ethiopia	100.000	84.381	-15.619	
	Burkina Faso	100.000	97.163	-2.837	
	Colombia	100.000	92.649	-7.351	
	Digital / Regional approach	70.000	123.996	53.996	
	Support to the hubs	20.000	31.156	11.156	
	Subtotal	2.096.985	2.213.281	116.296	5,55%
4	End of project Evaluation (in final year only)	-	-	-	0,00%
	Management fee (3% over budgetline 1 - 4)	62.910	66.398	3.489	5,55%
	Grand Total	2.159.895	2.279.680	119.785	5,55%

Analysis of Expenditures

The financial overview shows expenditure of 2023 against the approved budget. Whereas in 2022, we had a slight underspent, in 2023 we have a slight overspent of +5,55%. This overspent is visible throughout the different budget lines. The over-expenditure can be explained by additional effort in partnership development, the Digital Platform and the SRHR Partnerships.

For budget line 1, regarding the Share-Net International secretariat, the actual expenditure is +8,3% in reference to the budget. In budget line 2, the expenditures on Knowledge Management activities are presented. The actual expenditure is +3,38% in reference to the budget. Budget for the final grant payments has been carried over to 2023 and the final payments have been made upon completion in the first quarter of 2023. Budget line 3 shows the expenditure of the Knowledge hubs. The actual expenditure is +5,9% in reference to the budget. Budget line 4 contains the end of project evaluation, which is not applicable in this implementation year. The Management fee shown in budget line 5 is related to the overall expenditure.

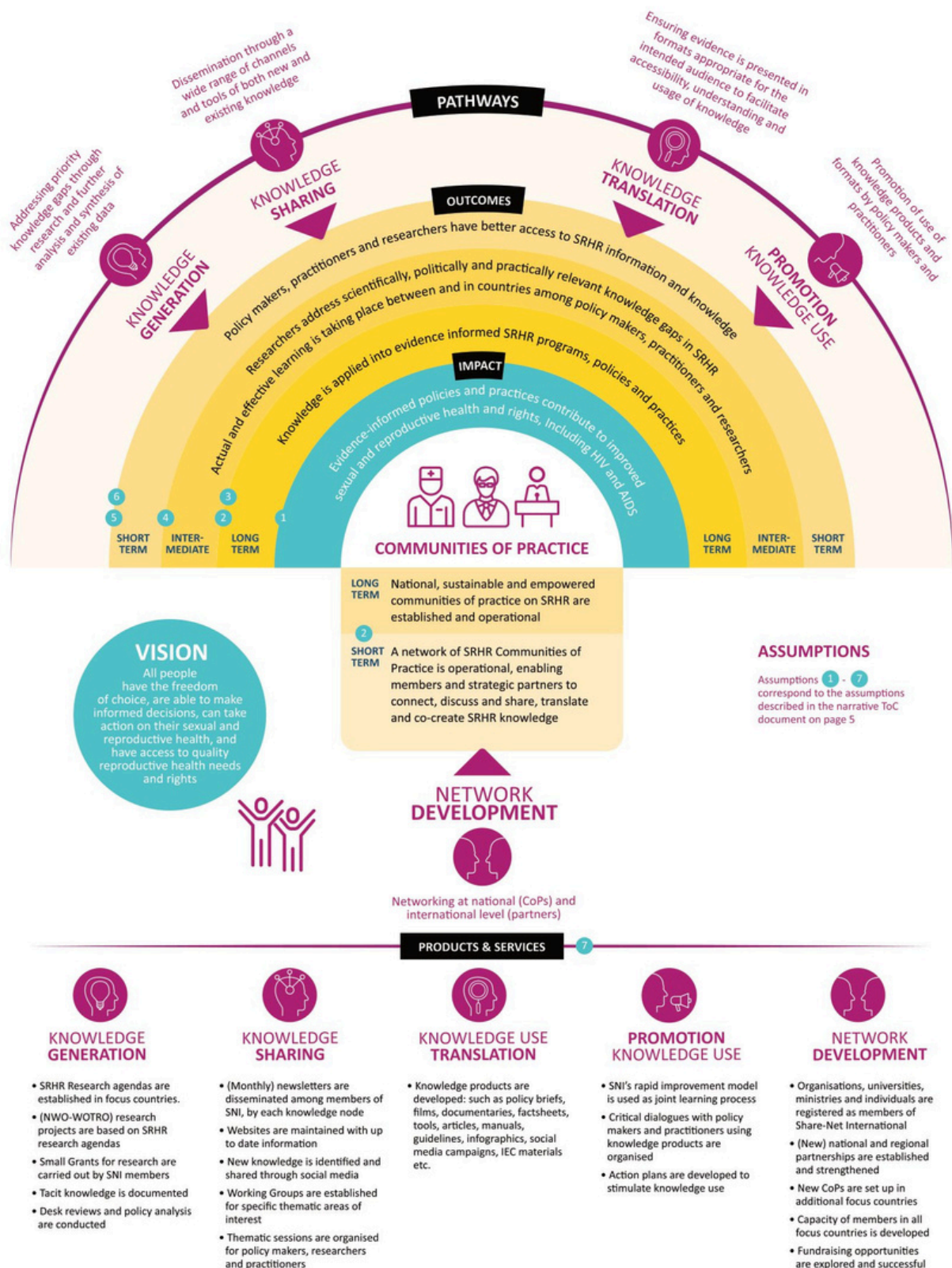


Some of Share-Net Colombia's members during the Annual Members Meeting 2023, a great opportunity to connect and reflect on the work done and their expectations for the future.



ANNEX

ANNEX 1 THEORY OF CHANGE



ANNEX 2 SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL & COUNTRY HUBS RISK ANALYSIS 2023

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This risk analysis highlights the potential risks of Share-Net International and the hubs. They are classified as internal and external risks.

Detailed in the next page, these risks are categorised in the first column of the table and the second column gives a short description of the respective risk and, if applicable, provides country-specific examples. The third column presents the probability that the risk may happen, according to three levels: unlikely, moderate and high.

The fourth column illustrates the severity the risk is expected to have in case it occurs.

The severity is classified according to four levels:

- minor (limited reduction in outcomes if this occurs)
- moderate (higher impact, but still limited loss in outcomes if this occurs)
- major (outcomes are expected to be reduced if this occurs, but crucial outcomes are still likely)
- severe (very significant reduction in outcomes when this occurs)

The last column presents the actions Share-Net International takes or will take to prevent the risks from happening or mitigate the consequences the risk may have.

Risk	Description	Probability	Severity	Actions to Minimise or Mitigate Risk
Internal Risks (Organisation & Programme e.g., Human Resources, Finance, Fraud)				
Operational	Our work becomes increasingly digitised. A concrete example is the development of our Digital Platform. This comes with increased data security risks, such as cybercrime, which could, for example, lead to loss of data.	Unlikely	Major	A privacy policy and IT security measures are in place, including closed spaces on certain country hubs' websites.
	Meetings, particularly international meetings, take place nearly solely online in 2020 and 2021. Differences in access to the internet between countries may lead to some countries and members missing out and lagging behind.	Moderate	Major	Additional resources are made available to upgrade internet connection in our host organisations. Recordings and materials are made available for members that were unable to join.
	Various project members responsible for different contractors; knowledge and experience on contracts and the regulations could become fragmented.	Moderate	Major	Keep each other informed through bi-annual meetings on the contractors, how things are going and what can and cannot be done.
Delivery	Host organisations lack capacity to deliver.	Unlikely	Major	- Capacity (including financial) of the host organisation is assessed. - Host organisations receive training and are part of extensive learning trajectories. - Delivery of host organisations is monitored bi-annually. - Regular audits
Safeguarding	Share-Net International staff, but in particular staff of our host organisations as well as in-country members and beneficiaries are working on sensitive issues and therefore might be at risk for stigma, discrimination and violence.	Unlikely	Severe	- Following General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which included protection of data of our members (CVs, passports and bank details) - Safety and security training is provided to travelling Share-Net International and Share-Net Netherlands staff and should be considered for Hub staff. - We are working on offering a safeguarding service for staff and members who need counselling.
Reputational	Share-Net hubs have the freedom to choose their own members and develop content and communicate via their own channels, under the name of Share-Net. Unfortunate mistakes could potentially not only harm the Share-Net hub and host organisation's reputation, but the reputation of Share-Net International as well.	Unlikely	Major	- A Membership Charter is in place between Share-Net International and host organisations and members, including core values and guiding principles to adhere to. - Country hub websites and communication will be connected in Digital Platform, moderated and controlling quality. - Share-Net supported knowledge products are checked on quality by the Share-Net secretariats.
Fiduciary	Contractors are not aware of the obligatory rules and regulations of the grant and might not obey these rules. KIT/Share-Net International might not have the manpower to structurally keep an eye on this.	Unlikely	Major	- Audits, local audits - Code of conduct - Due diligence procedure - Keep the contracts/grants as simple as possible explaining all the rules and regulations.
Sustainability	Share-Net International's funding is ending at the end of 2024 and it is uncertain if the platforms will continue being operational after 2024.	High	Major	- Hubs are developing a sustainability plan for beyond 2025 - The fundraising task force will develop and implement the sustainability plan for Share-Net International - Share-Net International will engage in conversations with current donors to discuss the future of the platform.

External Risks (Context & In-country situation)				
Political	Bangladesh: Bangladesh being a religiously influenced country, has often had abrupt conservative movements. But it has been reported by the Global Terrorism Index 2023 (GTI 2023) that we are at a low range in terrorism scale, 43rd among 163 countries. Especially LGBTQI, key populations and people working on topics that are not in line with the thinking of these movements are at risk. Burkina Faso: Same sex relations, abortion and CSE are legally permitted but politically and socially sensitive. Open work on these may provoke backlash, but ministries will not obstruct or persecute organisations that work in these fields. Burundi: In Burundi it is forbidden and illegal to discuss certain topics such as LGBTQI+ Rights. The Government strictly monitors and persecutes organisations who work on the topic. Members of the Community of Practice were arrested in 2023. Colombia: Venezuelan migrant crisis; poor economic performance. Election and initiation of new local governments, many of them conservative, as an opposition response to the national government. Ethiopia: The Government of Ethiopia is committed to improve and maintain the reproductive health status of women, men and	Moderate, in some countries High	Major, in some countries Severe	• Work under the radar • Monitor language and adjust documents locally if sensitive issues are addressed that would place the country hub and members under risk. • Monitor the situation constantly. • Protocol in place to identify potential risks.
	young people in Ethiopia. However, issues such as sexuality, sexual health and rights are still taboo. Jordan: Although homosexuality is legal, there is censorship around discussing certain LGBTQI+ rights. In addition, the only types of abortion permitted in Jordan are natural, spontaneous (uninduced) abortion, and induced legal/ clinical abortion for medical reasons such as removal of a dead fetus from the mother's womb and saving the life of the mother if the continuation of the pregnancy could lead to complications, or congenital defects which preclude the survival of the infant after birth. Even if the law allows for the use of contraceptives, only married couples can access them in the public health system, requiring a marital document as proof. Amendments over cybercrime law includes punishment over promoting SRHR content including the promotion for pleasure tools and sexual items. The Netherlands: Formation of the new government after elections might influence priorities in development cooperation and funds for SRHR and Gender in particular.			
Conflict	Bangladesh: Rohingya refugees are fleeing to Bangladesh because of political persecution in Myanmar. Bangladesh is having its General Election next year, which might create unrest in the public sphere.	In some countries High	In some countries Severe	• Share-Net staff is offered Safety and Security training to be aware of (unforeseen) risks and how to behave in such situations.

	Burkina Faso: Conflict and insecurity affects mostly Central and Northern regions of the country. Armed violence has forced people to flee within the countries and to neighbouring countries. SRHR of women and adolescent girls are at risk in this situation. Burundi: Politically unstable; over the last 15 years there has been violence, repression and corruption. The socio-political crisis relating to the 2015 elections resulted in several hundred thousand refugees and deaths. Since the election of the current president, Evariste Ndayishimiye, the situation is gradually returning to normal, with a trend towards the normalisation of relations with the international community and neighbouring countries. At the same time, a major part of the opposition still remains in exile, which can lead to armed conflict. Between December 2023 and March 2024, Burundi has already seen two attacks by a rebel group based in the DRC, Red Tabara. This group had been active since 2017, but the attacks have become more recent recently, raising fears of an upsurge in violence between now and the 2025 elections. Colombia: Instability in conflict-affected territories because of the bad implementation of peace agreements; deterioration of the security situation in rural areas and the expansion of territorial control by various organised armed groups. Violence continues as a result of armed groups such as guerrillas and cartels related to			
	drug trafficking, in addition to the continued persecution of social and environmental leaders. Ethiopia: Although the conflict with Tigray has changed significantly, major conflict in Amhara region is looming and insurgencies have also led to increased violence targeting civilians, most evidently in Oromia, Gambella and Benishagula-Gumuz regions. Jordan: Jordan's location in a region plagued by conflict has had a significant impact on the country, with ongoing conflicts in neighbouring countries resulting in large numbers of refugees and security threats. The influx of refugees has placed a burden on Jordan's infrastructure and public services. Last years the Syrian conflict refugees international aid is narrowing slowly which places a burden on Jordan's infrastructure and public services			
Economic	Changes in global and national economy, exacerbated by for instance the COVID-19 pandemic, will lead to increased risks for the successful implementation of the programme. We might experience increased costs, delays and even cancellations of certain project phases/deliverables.	Moderate, in some countries High	Moderate	Regular financial monitoring of the situation and flexibility in adjusting budgets and plans.
Natural Disasters	All Share-Net country hubs are in areas prone to natural disasters such as drought, floods, enforced by climate change. Some of the country hubs are already seeing the impact of climate change.	Unlikely	Moderate, in some countries Major	- Have emergency plans in place for major Share-Net events. - Allow unforeseen or emergency costs in country hub budgets.

	Bangladesh: Half of Bangladesh is located in a high-risk earthquake zone. Floods are also common in certain seasons. In Dhaka where SN-BD is based, this risk is minimal. Burkina Faso: The Sahel region, in Northern Burkina Faso, is particularly vulnerable to climate-related disasters like chronic drought, floods, high winds, and heat or cold waves. Drought and flood are the main climate risks. Drought affects the largest proportion of the population with floods occurring in many urban areas during the rainy season. Burundi: For more than a year, Burundi has been facing the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika, which is gradually threatening the coastal regions, including some areas of the economic capital Bujumbura. These floods have already caused thousands of internally displaced people. Colombia: Radical weather changes have generated several problems, lately a wave of heat and drought has been reflected in multiple serious fires throughout the country and some communities are experiencing difficulties accessing water. Jordan: Jordan is becoming more vulnerable to the impacts of drought due to climate change increasing its frequency and severity, groundwater depletion, and reductions in surface water inflows. The impacts of drought on rainfed agricultural systems and springs are particularly severe.			
Public Health	Public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the accompanying measures (e.g. lockdowns and social distancing and working from home) will continuously lead to increased risks for the successful implementation of the programme deliverables. We might experience delays and even cancellations of certain project phases/deliverables.	High	Moderate	- Working online as much as possible - For physical meetings, PPE and hand disinfection materials are used.
Socio-cultural	Resistance towards “Western” concepts and approaches, often driven by conservative, anti-rights and religious based groups, lead to challenges in safeguarding the complete SRHR agenda and the sensitive topics such as LGBTIQ issues, Comprehensive Sexuality Education, safe abortion, etc.	Moderate, in some countries High	Major, in some countries Severe	- Seeking support from the Dutch embassy in-country to continue work on LGBTIQ+ issues (e.g. Burundi). - Contextualise all our work, using language that is recognised and accepted in the country when possible. - Be highly diplomatic and work silently on sensitive themes.
Censorship	Censorship, particularly internet surveillance, might influence the comprehensiveness of our content and the accessibility of our work. For example in Ethiopia, the government is strictly controlling the media and censoring news. In Jordan, cyber laws are also becoming more strict.	Unknown	Unknown	This risk needs to be further explored to be addressed.

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