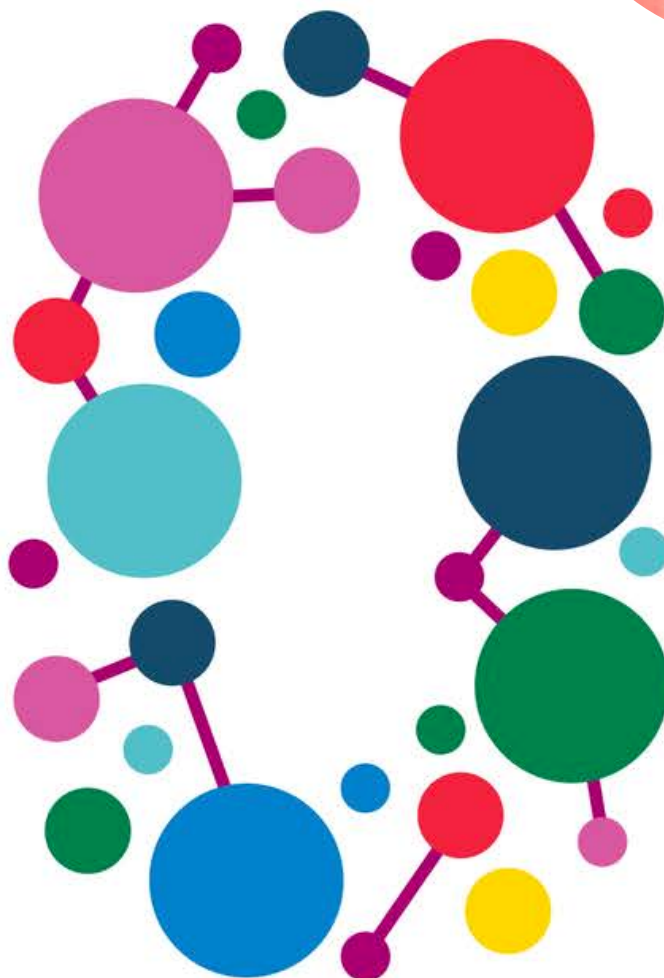
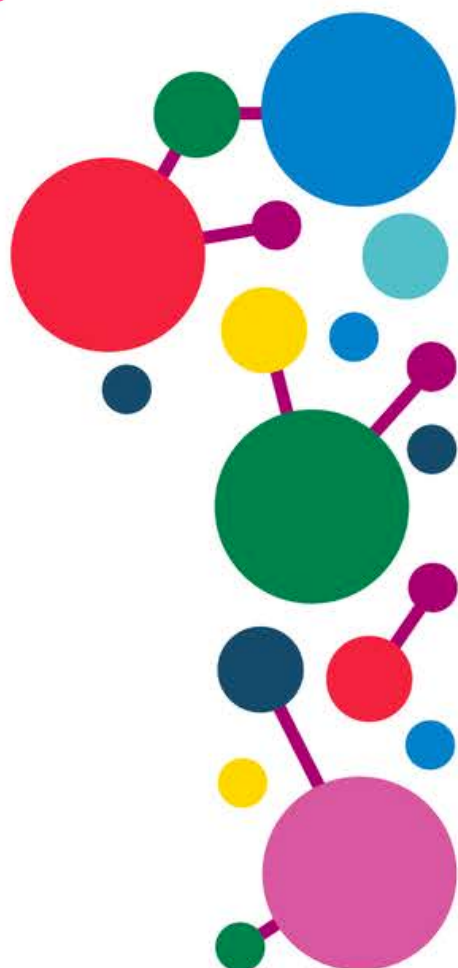




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ABBREVIATIONS

CoP(s)	Community(ies) of Practice
CCC	Co-Creation Conference
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
SHIRIM	Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model
LGBTQIA+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, asexual +
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
RHRN2	Right Here Right Now 2
KTF	Knowledge Translation Fund
MPI	Multi-Party Initiative
TGD	Transgender and gender-diverse

A MESSAGE

on behalf of the Share-Net International Secretariat

2024 has been a year of uncertainty for Share-Net International and its hubs. Government announcements about reduced funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights gradually became clearer over the year, culminating in confirmation from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs that Share-Net's funding will be cut after June 2025. As a result, the platform's priorities in 2024 focused on fundraising, sustainability, and celebrating its achievements over the past 10 years.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the platform's future, the year began on a strong and inspiring note with the Cross-Country Community of Practice Learning Exchange Meeting. This two-day event, co-organized by all the country hubs, brought together more than 90 participants from different countries. It provided a unique opportunity to learn how communities of practice in diverse contexts operate and address sensitive topics such as abortion, gender-based violence, and LGBTQIA+ rights.

As mentioned above, 2024 was also a year to celebrate achievements. Share-Net Netherlands kicked off this celebration with an in-person event for all its members, showcasing knowledge products and highlighting the network's work over the past decade.

The Knowledge Translation Fund, which began in 2023, concluded with the organization of two regional knowledge fairs in Colombia and Bangladesh, a regional co-creation conference in Jordan, and two national co-creation conferences in Burkina Faso and Ethiopia. These events were well-received by members and gave the hubs an opportunity to adapt and contextualize knowledge translation methodologies developed by the International Secretariat.

At Share-Net, we strive to improve and learn each year. In this report, we reflect on the journey of 2024. Looking ahead, 2025 will be a pivotal year for Share-Net International and its hubs. In the first six months, we will focus on ensuring that all Share-Net knowledge is accessible in the event of the platform's closure and laying the groundwork for the platform's sustainability.

Enjoy reading,
The Share-Net team

INTRODUCTION



Share-Net International is the knowledge platform on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), funded through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Share-Net International is a membership network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), researchers, policymakers, implementers, advocates, students, the media, activists, and companies operating in the SRHR field, working across the globe. Since 2021, Share-Net International has seven operational national hubs in Bangladesh, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ethiopia, Jordan and the Netherlands, as well as via a centralised digital platform.

This annual report reflects on Share-Net International and the seven hub's activities that were carried out throughout 2023, and details on the major changes which occurred throughout the year. The aim of this review is not only to report on Share-Net International's 2023 activities but to also 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 points of views from members are shared throughout this report to help us evaluate our outcomes and impact from 2023.

Our Mission and Vision

Below you can find the mission and vision of Share-Net International. 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 that our mission and vision include.





This chapter focuses on organisational growth and changes that occurred in the Share-Net International network throughout 2024, 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 2024, Share-Net International experienced significant growth across its global network, reflecting the increasing recognition of its pivotal role in advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. A total of **504 new members** registered digitally through the Share-Net International digital platform and hub websites, contributing to an impressive cumulative membership of digitally registered members of **3,366 across all hubs**. This underscores the network's continued ability to attract diverse stakeholders, from researchers and policymakers to youth organisations and civil society actors. Importantly, these digital registrations were complemented by active recruitment efforts within the hubs themselves, strengthening national and regional engagement and ensuring that Share-Net's influence remained firmly rooted in the contexts it serves.

In Bangladesh, the hub welcomed 175 new members in 2024, keeping its position as the largest hub in the Share-Net International network with a cumulative membership of 1,764 members registered online. The newly registered members included individuals from NGOs, academia, and the private sector, highlighting the hub's broad appeal and its commitment to fostering multisectoral collaboration. Similarly, Share-Net Colombia experienced a surge in membership, with 188 new registrations bringing the hub's total to 355. The hub's innovative initiatives, such as the Knowledge Exchange Fair, attracted participants from Colombia and across Latin America, demonstrating the hub's growing regional influence. Burundi continued to expand its membership, adding 58 new members, including youth organisations, social enterprises, and NGOs. The Netherlands also experienced steady growth, registering 35 new members and bringing its total to 135. The hub's focus on inclusivity, particularly in areas such as disability justice, continued to attract organisations and individuals committed to progressive SRHR advocacy.

Share-Net Ethiopia saw notable progress in 2024, with 86 new members joining the hub; some of these new members immediately joined Communities of Practice. This brought Ethiopia's total membership to 456, a testament to the hub's increasing visibility and the growing interest in its

programs. In Jordan, the hub expanded its member base with 42 new members, reaching a total of 332. The newly registered members included individuals and organisations from academia, government, and the private sector, reflecting the hub's strategic engagement with diverse sectors. The Secretariat also played a crucial role in fostering global connections, registering 54 new members across different countries and strengthening its position as a central hub for knowledge-sharing and promotion of knowledge use.

In addition to membership growth, Share-Net hubs forged impactful new partnerships in 2024 that enhanced their capacity to address SRHR challenges. For example, Share-Net Ethiopia collaborated with the White Ribbon Alliance on the global "[What Women Want](#)" campaign, amplifying women's voices in national and global policy dialogues. In Jordan, partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) under the 10th country program (2022–2027) supported the development of an action plan for the Jordanian national Sexual and Reproductive Health strategy (2020–2030). In 2024, Share-Net International not only expanded its global reach but also deepened its local impact by combining digital innovation with on-the-ground engagement; the network has continued to build a thriving global community that is well-positioned to address the complex challenges of SRHR in diverse contexts.



Share-Net International celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary at its host organisation KIT Institute in Amsterdam, Netherlands

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across all hubs

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in 2024

Number of newly registered members via the Digital Platform in 2024



SHARE-NET BANGLADESH: 175



SHARE-NET ETHIOPIA: 86



SHARE-NET BURKINA FASO: 57



SHARE-NET JORDAN: 42



SHARE-NET BURUNDI: 58



SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS: 35



SHARE-NET COLOMBIA: 188

1.2. Regional Approach

In 2024, Share-Net hubs continued efforts to expand and foster regional collaboration. This is exemplified through initiatives in the Netherlands and Jordan, where hubs prioritised knowledge-sharing and partnerships to address shared challenges in SRHR. In Europe, Share-Net Netherlands undertook donor mapping to identify regional funding opportunities within the European Union. The study identified key funding opportunities within the European Union context, particularly from the European Commission, and highlighted topics such as addressing SRHR opposition as an emerging regional priority with significant potential for support. The findings have informed plans to pursue European Commission funding in 2025, expanding the network's influence in the EU context.

Meanwhile, Share-Net Jordan organised its first Regional Co-Creation Conference (CCC), bringing together 22 experts from Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, and Jordan. The CCC focused on exploring how Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and SRHR concepts can be effectively integrated into school curricula across the MENA region. The conference provided a space for dialogue and knowledge exchange, identifying critical areas for further research. These included assessing educators' readiness in Lebanon to address sexuality education, developing a conceptual framework for SRHR integration into Egypt's educational curricula, and analysing tools used in Jordan's kindergarten curriculum to identify gaps in existing approaches to sexuality education.

1.3. Knowledge Translation Fund

The Knowledge Translation Fund (KTF), established to decentralise decision-making and shift power and budget to the Share-Net country hubs, was a cornerstone of Share-Net International's efforts in 2024. Designed to enable hubs to contextualise and test knowledge translation methodologies tailored to their unique context, the KTF allowed each participating hub to create knowledge products and foster collaboration addressing national and regional SRHR challenges. This initiative facilitated the translation of SRHR knowledge into actionable policies and practices, showcasing the potential of contextualised approaches in achieving global impact. The collective learnings from all the participating hubs were showcased at the KTF Dissemination Event in December 2024, providing an opportunity for hubs to share their experiences and refine their approaches.

Spotlighting Bangladesh, the KTF was instrumental in integrating the hub's

Regional Communities of Practice with the Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model (SHIRIM) model, advancing regional collaboration and knowledge-sharing across South Asia. In 2024, the hub organised four regional online learning sessions, culminating in a hybrid Regional Conference alongside the 9th SRHR Knowledge Fair. This initiative brought together participants from seven South Asian countries, including India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Afghanistan, fostering cross-country dialogue on shared issues such as child marriage, gender-based violence, and limited access to SRHR education. The discussions were anchored by evidence generated through the regional CoP, resulting in the development of three key knowledge products: a comparative gender analysis of SRHR curricula, a report on policy advocacy avenues for implementing CSE, and a policy brief offering regional recommendations on SRHR education. The hybrid format of the conference ensured inclusivity, with participants joining both online and in person, creating a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building.

Similarly, in Colombia, the KTF enabled the hub to host a Regional Knowledge Translation Fair, a maiden event that connected organisations and stakeholders across Latin America. This fair explored underrepresented topics like disability and sex work, fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The initiative resulted in innovative knowledge products, including a travelling SRHR museum documenting transgender experiences in Chile, a digital toolbox for inclusive SRHR education for people with intellectual disabilities, and a booklet utilising traditional games for SRHR education in Colombia.

Meanwhile, in Ethiopia, the KTF supported a three-day Co-Creation Conference in Addis Ababa, bringing together a diverse group, including health professionals, media representatives, social media influencers, artists, program implementers, and youth representatives. The conference employed a human-centred design approach to transform research findings on abortion into human stories that could be adapted into various knowledge products. Participants collaboratively drafted four knowledge products, targeting different audiences such as policymakers, service providers, and the wider community. This human-focused knowledge translation approach emphasised the importance of storytelling for making SRHR issues accessible and engaging.

Share-Net Colombia's
Regional Knowledge Fair



1.4. Co-creation workshops on the future of Share-Net

As Share-Net International approaches the end of its 10-year funding cycle in 2024, the network has been actively planning for the future. Recognising the importance of sustainability and continuity, a series of co-creation workshops were organised in 2024 to chart a strategic path forward. These workshops took place in Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia, and Burkina Faso. While the Share-Net International Secretariat facilitated the workshops in most hubs, the session in Burkina Faso was led by the coordinator of Share-Net Burundi. The main focus of these workshops was to prepare the country hubs for the future by exploring strategies to sustain operations, particularly in scenarios with limited or no funding. Discussions centred on diversifying funding streams, strengthening local partnerships, and leveraging the network's existing resources and knowledge products for continuity and sustainability beyond 2024. The outcome/outputs from these workshops were a list of core expertise's and thematic focuses per hub, a list of potential funders and partners, a list of alternative sources of income and, the development of a minimal package to keep the network functioning. These outputs were used by the hubs to complete the sustainability plan and to develop pitch decks to contact potential funders.

In Burkina Faso, the workshop provided a platform for engaging local stakeholders in meaningful discussions about sustainability and identifying strategies to ensure the long-term continuity of Share-Net Burkina Faso. During the visit, the coordinator of Share-Net Burundi also met with key organisations such as Royal Netherlands Embassy in Burkina and Pathfinder International, to explore potential collaborations. Drawing from extensive experience in leading Share-Net Burundi and fostering strategic partnerships, Burundi's Coordinator shared valuable insights and practical guidance to help strengthen the future direction of the Burkina Faso hub.



Share-Net Burundi at open day organized by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to highlight development cooperation activities



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IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

This chapter will look at the impact and outcomes of Share-Net International's activities throughout 2024. 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 is operational, enabling members and strategic partners to connect, discuss and share, translate and co create SRHR knowledge;
- These CoPs are empowered and sustainable;
- Policymakers, practitioners, and researchers have better access to SRHR information and knowledge;
- Researchers 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 2024 that have contributed to further reaching the Theory of Change outcomes.

2.1. Network development outcomes

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

A Community of Practice is a space where individuals with shared interests gather—virtually or in-person—to share experiences, explore challenges and opportunities, exchange best practices, and co-create knowledge. Across Share-Net hubs, CoPs are vibrant spaces for members at all career stages to connect and collaborate on key SRHR issues. They provide opportunities for critical thinking, discussions, and action to address knowledge gaps and advocacy needs.

In 2024, CoPs continued enabling members and strategic partners to connect, share, and co-create SRHR knowledge, with 44 active CoPs across all hubs and the Share-Net International Secretariat. Interviews with members highlighted that CoPs remain vital spaces for fostering connections across diverse disciplines and perspectives. A member of Share-Net Netherlands shared, "Share-Net Netherlands's convening power is something that can't be overstated. Bringing together people with diverse expertise gave us insights we wouldn't have had otherwise." Similarly, another member from Bangladesh reflected, "Share-Net's ability to bring together multidisciplinary voices enabled us to capture diverse perspectives, which is indispensable in shaping inclusive SRHR policies".

CoPs continued to act as spaces for mutual learning and support, enabling members to exchange knowledge and refine their approaches to SRHR challenges. A member from the Ethiopia Gender-based violence CoP shared, "Share-Net has been a remarkable platform for learning and growth, and I truly value the connections and knowledge gained through this vibrant network." Similarly, the Adolescent and Youth SRHR CoP in Burundi exemplified the value of peer learning. A young member stated, "Thanks to Share-Net, I was able to acquire skills that allowed me to better understand how to conduct a research protocol and how to identify the subject of the research."

In addition, CoPs provide a platform for co-creating knowledge, including translating knowledge into tangible outputs that inform policy and practice. In Jordan, the Cesarean Delivery CoP developed a policy brief addressing the overuse of cesarean sections, linking data with lived experiences to create actionable recommendations. As one researcher noted, "It's one thing to know the statistics, but it's another to see the real-world impact of these unnecessary cesarean sections on mothers and their families. Through Share-Net, I've been able to connect those numbers to real stories and solutions. Now, every policy recommendation I make isn't just a line on paper—it's a step toward healthier outcomes for women across Jordan."

In 2024, CoPs across Share-Net hubs reaffirmed their role as spaces that inspire connection, encourage peer-to-peer learning, and provide safe environments for tackling culturally sensitive topics. By enabling members to share diverse experiences and knowledge, these communities continue bridging gaps between research, policy, and practice, contributing to global impactful SRHR advancements.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE SUCCESS STORY // BURKINA FASO

I'm Léonard Kafando, National President of the BILLI NOW NOW Movement, a youth movement active in Burkina Faso, hosted by SOS Jeunesse et Défis. As a member of the Share-Net platform's Community of Practice on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Adolescents and Young People, I actively participate in the platform's activities, particularly those of my community.

Our latest activity focused on sharing experiences and best practices in promoting the sexual and reproductive health rights of adolescents and young people.

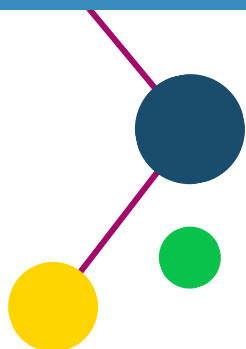
A major asset in the implementation of our activities has been the diversity of our community's member associations. This plurality of perspectives and expertise enriched our discussions and strengthened our ability to tackle challenges in a collaborative and innovative way. Together, we've been able to create actions that are more impactful and adapted to the needs of young people in Burkina Faso. I really like Share-Net and I regularly take part in its activities.

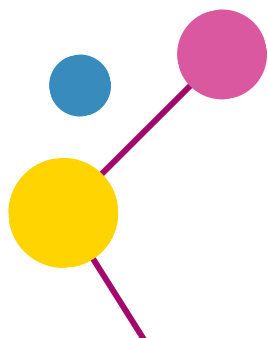
2.1.2. National, sustainable and empowered CoPs on SRHR are established and operational

The CoPs established by Share-Net International are designed as dynamic, adaptable spaces where members can connect, learn, exchange ideas, and address knowledge gaps collaboratively. While their overarching goals remain consistent, CoPs are tailored to meet the diverse needs of their members, ensuring they remain relevant and fit for purpose in their respective contexts.

To assess the functionality of CoPs in 2024, surveys and interviews were conducted with members across the network. The findings revealed that CoPs are highly valued for fostering respectful, inclusive environments where members feel empowered to engage in meaningful dialogue. Members widely reported improved knowledge, skills, and abilities as a result of their participation, emphasizing the role of CoPs in professional development. CoPs were also noted for their collaborative nature, providing platforms where members could share responsibilities, leverage diverse expertise, and co-create impactful knowledge products. Members appreciated practices like rotating leadership roles, integrating external experts, and organizing structured events, which enhanced engagement and created a sense of ownership. One respondent highlighted, "The commitment of CoP members is a key factor in the engagement and liveliness of this network."

However, the survey findings highlighted the significant reliance of CoPs on secretariats for facilitation, logistical support, and activity coordination.





Members also expressed a need for better alignment between CoP activities and their immediate professional needs, emphasizing the importance of maintaining structured agendas and implementing follow-up mechanisms to enhance accountability and maximize the impact of CoP efforts. Furthermore, members identified key areas for improvement, including strengthening cross-hub collaboration, increasing diversity in member engagement, and exploring sustainable funding models.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE SUCCESS STORY // BANGLADESH

Ms. Tasnima Iqbal, Project Coordinator of the Right Here Right Now 2 (RHRN2) initiative at BRAC and an active member of Share-Net Bangladesh's Community of Practice on Comprehensive Sexuality Education, has deeply benefited from the collaborative learning and resources facilitated by Share-Net Bangladesh. Ms. Tasnima highlights the strategic empowerment of young people as a central tenet of RHRN2's work, which focuses on improving sexual and reproductive health and rights for young people in Bangladesh.

Through her participation in Share-Net's activities, particularly those targeting CSE improvements and youth-led advocacy, Ms. Tasnima has gained insights into practical methods for dismantling stigma surrounding adolescent SRHR. *"Equipping youth with accurate information about SRHR, especially in contexts where taboos prevail, is essential for fostering their confidence in decision-making and for building supportive communities,"* she shared.

Through her work with RHRN2, Ms. Tasnima has applied these learnings by actively involving over 100 youth groups, representing more than 2,500 individuals across 25 districts. These groups are empowered to work with educational institutions, including schools and madrassas, ensuring that thousands of students now have improved access to CSE. One of her key achievements has been working with District Education Officers to secure formal endorsement for CSE, leading to official directives that support appropriate curriculum implementation in schools and institutions. This approach not only amplifies youth voices but also aligns with RHRN2's long-term outcome of building a critical mass of advocates who promote positive SRHR norms and gender justice.

The success of Ms. Tasnima's work with RHRN2 can be attributed to strong support from local stakeholders, governmental collaboration, and the comprehensive capacity-building framework provided by Share-Net Bangladesh's CoP. She describes her approach to advocacy as *"grounded in real community needs and strengthened by shared knowledge and skills."* Through lobbying efforts with other community stakeholders by following the modality of SHIRIM, RHRN2 has also fostered the adoption of policies that champion young people's rights and empower civil society for SRHR. *"Getting educational leaders and community stakeholders on board has been critical,"* she shared. *"Their support helps to reduce resistance and build a collective understanding of the positive impact of CSE can have, not only for youth but for society as a whole."*

By drawing from her learnings at Share-Net, Ms. Tasnima effectively transforms knowledge into action, creating an enabling environment that upholds young people's rights and promotes gender justice across Bangladesh. Looking forward, Ms. Tasnima envisions expanding RHRN2's reach and continuing to leverage Share-Net Bangladesh's resources to build partnerships that strengthen the movement for youth SRHR in Bangladesh.

2.2. Knowledge Management Outcomes

Knowledge management is the process of identifying, organising, storing and disseminating information within an organisation. In collaboration with our partners and members, we use this knowledge 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 core objective of Share-Net International and its hubs is to provide policymakers, practitioners, and researchers with accessible, high-quality, and up-to-date SRHR knowledge. Through Share-Net's newsletters, digital platform, social media campaigns, and knowledge translation initiatives, Share-Net continues to expand access to up-to-date SRHR resources, information and knowledge.

Newsletters and regular email updates remain an integral strategy for connecting the Share-Net community with the latest SRHR knowledge and opportunities. Across all hubs, newsletters are distributed quarterly or more frequently, depending on local contexts. For example, Share-Net Bangladesh issued monthly newsletters, engaging its audience with updates on knowledge fairs and regional collaborations. Share-Net International published regular mailouts featuring SRHR updates, news, events, SRHR articles, knowledge products, guidelines, and policy notes. These newsletters collectively reached thousands of subscribers, with opening rates sometimes reaching 50%, showcasing the high level of engagement among subscribers.

Furthermore, all Share-Net hub websites continued to publish the latest SRHR information, research, documents, and policies regularly as relevant to their context, while the [SRHR resource library](#) hosted on the digital platform continued to publish SRHR articles, research, and information regularly. In addition, Share-Net launched new digital resources in 2024, including a [knowledge product library](#) featuring over 120 SRHR knowledge products produced by members who have received Share-Net grants since 2014. This comprehensive repository enables researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to easily access evidence-based insights, strengthening the link between knowledge and practice. In 2024, the Share-Net International digital platform alone received over **28,300 unique visitors**, complemented by significant traffic across the hubs: Bangladesh (38,034), the Netherlands (7,845), and Ethiopia (2,375), and there was a total of **76,546 visits across these four sites** which is a significant increase from previous years ensuring SRHR knowledge widely accessible.

Social media continues to be a great tool for disseminating SRHR knowledge and engaging diverse audiences in the Share-Net community. Over **1,091 social media posts** were shared in 2024 across all Share-Net International and its hubs' social media platforms, including LinkedIn, Instagram, X, and Facebook. These collectively reached thousands of people; for instance, Share-Net Colombia's social media posts received over 72,000 impressions on Instagram alone, while Share-Net Burundi achieved over 57,000 views on X. Some of the hubs also adapted their social media strategies to local contexts. Share-Net Ethiopia utilised platforms like Telegram to share announcements and updates, while Share-Net Jordan engaged members through printed newsletters and offline channels. This tailored approach ensures that policymakers, practitioners, and researchers are reached effectively, regardless of their digital access or preferences.

Hub	Number of Social Media Posts	Number of Views	Likes or Reactions
Share-Net International	259	86,620	3,639
Share-Net Bangladesh	194	58,765	3,726
Share-Net Netherlands	45	17,553	571
Share-Net Ethiopia	26	419	97
Share-Net Burundi	178	63,265	754
Share-Net Jordan	65	612	226
Share-Net Colombia	290	126,550	19,364
Share-Net Burkina-Faso	34	16,498	845
Total	1,091	360,282	28,922

Knowledge translation efforts in 2024 focused on converting evidence into visually engaging Knowledge products in accessible formats to inform SRHR policies and practices. Share-Net Netherlands and Share-Net International developed the [Global Fake Abortion Services Map](#) in collaboration with Shake the Dust to track crisis pregnancy centres around the world. Those centres advertise abortion services, however once looking into the service they really provide, one realises that they try to convince pregnant people to keep their unborn child. This map aims to visualising the anti-choice movement, highlight the spread and size of the crisis pregnancy centres and to put back the power in the hands of the public as an open-source tool.

Share-Net Burundi produced [videos and podcasts](#) addressing SRHR issues, complemented by a widely viewed [on X](#) on adolescent sexuality, which tackled taboo subjects in Burundi.

Similarly, Share-Net Ethiopia launched [YouTube videos on abortion laws and misconceptions](#), reaching diverse audiences through expert interviews and community perspectives. Other notable key knowledge products included the creation of infographics and fact sheets by Share-Net Jordan to raise awareness of critical SRHR issues, such as [elective cesarean sections](#) and [sexually transmitted infections](#).

Share-Net Colombia translated legal regulations into a [Guideline for care in health services that considers the differential, gender and non-discrimination approach for LGBTIQ+ people](#), enabling health providers to access the information they need to provide appropriate services easily.



Example: Thematic meetings

Thematic events and round table meetings continue to be one of the primary methods for Share-Net to promote the use of knowledge, facilitate knowledge sharing, and foster collaboration among its members and the broader SRHR community. These meetings are usually open and free for all to attend. In 2024, Share-Net International and its hubs organised a total of 54 thematic sessions, round tables, webinars, and plenary discussions tailored to various audiences. These events employed both online and in-person formats to maximise outreach and inclusivity. Below are some highlights from these activities across the network:



A) Share-Net International's 77th World Health Assembly Side Event

In May 2024, Share-Net International, in collaboration with the IBP Network/World Health Organisation and The CORE Group, co-hosted a side event during the 77th World Health Assembly. The event featured a networking lunch, a technical panel, and a Linking and Learning Workshop.

The objectives were to:

- Elevate the important role of Civil Society Organisations in shaping the global SRH agenda in turbulent times
- Identify and document SRHR priorities for Civil Society Organisations in research, program and policies.
- Provide space for participants to connect and build alliances to work on issues at the convergence of SRHR and other development sectors.

The session, which included opening remarks from the Dutch Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, successfully brought together a diverse audience to discuss and document SRHR priorities.

B) Share-Net International - Knowledge Product Showcase Event

In July 2024, Share-Net International hosted the 2nd Edition of the Knowledge Product Showcase. Grant Alumni presented 10 SRHR Knowledge Products developed with Share-Net activation grants. Topics included chemsex treatment responses, forced marriages within LGBTQIA+ communities, and parental support for menstruation.

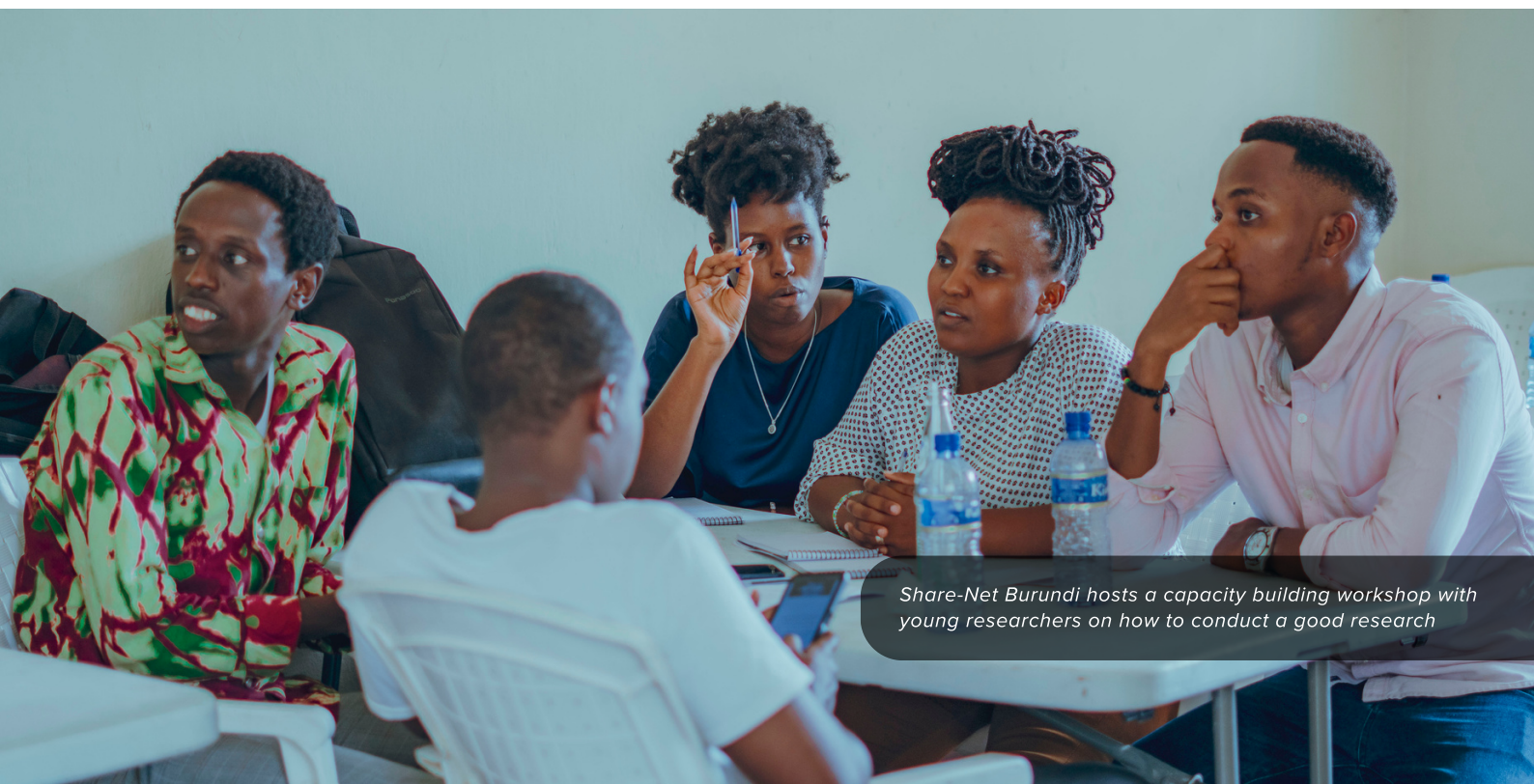
This 2-day event provided an interactive space for learning and collaboration, with questions and answers sessions after each presentation, which encouraged dialogue between creators and participants. You can find the recording of the event and the KP videos presentations [here](#).

C) Share-Net Burundi- Capacity-Building Workshop for Young Researchers:

In July 2024, Share-Net Burundi organised a three-day workshop for university students to build their research capacities. The workshop covered research methodology, proposal development, and data collection techniques. Participants developed SRHR-themed projects and evaluation through pre- and post-tests showed that 61.5% of participants found the workshop met their expectations, while 38.5% stated it exceeded them. One of the students remarked, *"Thanks to Share-Net, I was able to acquire skills that allowed me to better understand how to conduct a research protocol and how to identify the subject of the research. It allowed me to frame myself in my projects and know where and how to find opportunities as a researcher"*. Using the acquired knowledge, in collaboration with the members of the association this student is part of, they conducted a survey to evaluate the psychological, social and economic impacts of gender-based violence on victims and their communities. The report can be found [here](#).

D) Share-Net Colombia- Sexuality in Ageing Webinar:

On February 23, 2024, Share-Net Colombia hosted a webinar titled Sexuality in Ageing. Expert panelists, including academics, sociologists, and gerontologists, discussed how ageing intersects with SRHR. The session had approximately 30 participants during the live event and has since gained over 150 views on YouTube, highlighting the sustained interest in this topic. The webinar recording can be watched [here](#).



Share-Net Burundi hosts a capacity building workshop with young researchers on how to conduct a good research

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

As part of the effort to achieve our 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 has supported its members in identifying these gaps and encouraging researchers to address them. One of the ways in which Share-Net International supports researchers in addressing scientifically, politically, and practically relevant SRHR knowledge gaps is through the Activation Grants Facility. In 2024, a **total of 17 grants** were awarded by Share-Net International: three Knowledge Collaboration grants and 10 Knowledge Translation grants .

A. Knowledge Activation Grants

The Knowledge Activation grants contribute to supporting knowledge management activities amongst Share-Net members and provide funding that has traditionally 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, we strive 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 that are relevant to their context and use a participatory process involving members at all stages of the grant-making process.

The 2024 activation grants supported a diverse range of SRHR projects ranging from abortion stigma, menstrual equity, adolescent sexual health, and disability-inclusive SRHR to the unique SRHR needs of displaced populations. Through these grants, an array of knowledge products was produced, including reports, policy briefs, multimedia tools, and online courses designed to ensure SRHR information was accessible in a format that appealed to various stakeholders. The full overview of the 2024 grantees can be found [here](#), and below are deep dives into three of the 2024 projects. We continue to build on our participatory grant-making expertise by leveraging learning from the past years to improve the process in 2024. Key improvements include a better organisation of the participatory approach to assessing the grants and capacity strengthening of the applicants. 2024 was the second year where applicants themselves assessed the grants, through a participatory review process of others applications. We took the learnings from previous

years to improve this process. To bring greater visibility to our grantees, throughout 2024, we distributed individual grantee information through all our communications and social media channels.

Grants examples

SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL

Grantee: The International Network for the Reduction of Abortion Discrimination and Stigma (inroads)

Title: Understanding and Tackling Abortion Stigma for Change in SRHR Policies and Practices

Project: With support from the Share-Net International grant, the inroads team developed a free online course, [Intersectionality and Reproductive Justice to Dismantle Abortion Stigma](#). The course explores abortion stigma through the lens of intersectionality, power, and reproductive justice, incorporating insights from inroads members, including queer abortion-seekers, people with disabilities, and those self-managing abortions.

In collaboration with Women Help Women, the team created and refined the content to ensure accessibility for diverse audiences. Throughout the process, we gained skills in course design, accessibility, interactivity, and data collection, ensuring the course remains engaging and informative while laying the foundation for future modules. The knowledge products can be found [here](#).

Intersectionality & Reproductive Justice to Dismantle Abortion Stigma

inroads Online Course – Level 1

Let's go!



SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS

Grantee: Treat it Queer Foundation | RadboudUMC

Title: It's a Journey: A Graphic Medicine Exploration of Endometriosis and Gender Diversity

Project: This project transformed complex knowledge on SRHR for transgender and gender-diverse (TGD) individuals with endometriosis into an accessible, engaging graphic medicine comic. This visual storytelling approach bridges medical knowledge with community experiences, making information more inclusive and understandable.

Key achievements:

- Accessible SRHR Knowledge: Simplified medical information on endometriosis for both TGD individuals and healthcare providers.
- Amplifying Marginalized Voices: Integrated fictional stories, real quotes from TGD individuals, and educational content for healthcare professionals.
- Promoting Inclusivity: Challenged cisnormative perspectives in healthcare by centering TGD experiences.

Through this process, they highlighted the power of visual storytelling in fostering empathy, breaking down barriers, and engaging healthcare professionals in inclusive care practices. The final product provides practical guidance, including diagnostic tools and treatment options, to improve healthcare for TGD individuals with endometriosis. The knowledge products can be found [here](#).

IV

Good practices for a queer-friendly clinical practice

An **inclusive clinical practice** is crucial to make healthcare accessible to the queer community. If a patient notices that you are supportive of their gender, they will be more likely to disclose relevant information to you during discussions of medical history, have higher therapy adherence, return for follow-up appointments, and recommend you to other community members.

Just "treating everyone the same" unfortunately doesn't work when someone has been systematically marginalized and discriminated against due to their identities. TGD people experience several barriers to access healthcare. These can be due to individual, healthcare provider-related, or environmental factors. Whereas as a single healthcare provider, you often can't influence individual factors, such as a history of previous trauma, or environmental factors, such as choosing a different electronic data processing (EPD) system to manage patients' electronic files, you can have a very **tangible impact** in other meaningful ways. For example, you can¹⁴:

Display a rainbow-patterned ornament in your workplace or on yourself (no, really, and it can be as small as a sticker at the front desk)

Register yourself in your local database of queer-friendly care providers

Display your own pronouns on your name badge and in your email signature

Make your work environment as inclusive as possible (e.g., by having a queer-friendly magazine like this one in the waiting room!)

Adopt gender-inclusive language and practices (see the bibliography for additional resources)

Update the patient's preferred gender and pronouns in their medical file

Nota bene: The two most important things you can do as a healthcare provider are 1) to keep learning, and 2) to be honest with your patients about what you know and what you don't.

The points listed above are merely a few simple suggestions among many more potential actions – the ways in which you can adopt queer-friendly clinical practices are as diverse as the community they are intended for. While in an ideal scenario all possible queer-inclusive improvements would be implemented quickly, efficiently, and simultaneously, in practice, what initiatives are possible will vary from care setting to care setting and may be contingent on available resources and the socio-political-cultural environment. When exploring these options, check their feasibility and prospective implementation timing according to the specific context. For example, in certain countries it is forbidden to display rainbow flags – in such cases, we recommend using more subtle ways of indicating support for the queer community. But remember: even small steps are steps, and each one matters.

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IT'S A JOURNEY.

A graphic medicine exploration of endometriosis and gender diversity

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Dr. M. Giacomozzi



SHARE-NET COLOMBIA

Grantee: Fundación Sergio Urrego

Title: Sexual education is NOT an option, it is a right



Project: The aim of this project is to provide clear, accessible information on sexuality and sexual and reproductive rights to adolescents (14–18 years old) through five educational videos on key sexual education topics. Developed with expert guidance, the videos covered sexual and gender diversity, STD prevention, sexual harassment and violence, reproductive rights, abortion, and LGBTQIA+ access to healthcare.

Colombian influencers Mariángela Urbina, Sergio Medina, and Magdalena Moreno presented the content, ensuring relatability and engagement. The project, led by Alba Reyes and the foundation's team, involved collaboration with sexology and psychology experts to create easy-to-understand scripts. Funded by Share-Net International, resources covered expert consultations, influencer participation, video production, and essential recording equipment. The videos were recorded and published in April 2024 under the supervision of the foundation's Communications team.

The knowledge products can be found [here](#).

SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL

Grantee: Stretchers Youth Organization

Title: Transforming Adolescent Sexual Health (TASH)

Project: This initiative fostered collaboration across sectors to address the diverse SRHR needs of adolescents and young people in Kwale County in Kenya. The project began with an inception meeting that introduced the initiative to government and health sector stakeholders, ensuring a collective, youth-centered approach to SRHR. To better understand the challenges young people face, focus group discussions were conducted in four sub-counties, engaging 483 adolescents and young people. These discussions highlighted key barriers such as limited access to SRHR services, judgmental healthcare providers, a lack of youth-friendly services, and insufficient resources. The insights gathered were instrumental in shaping policy recommendations. Building on this evidence, a memorandum was developed to advocate for improvements in SRHR services, including policy development, operational guidelines, increased funding for adolescent health, and strengthened multi-sectoral collaboration.

Through these efforts, the project enhanced understanding of youth SRHR needs across Kwale, amplified youth-led insights to inform policy, and strengthened partnerships with government and civil society actors. This work has been crucial in pushing for more inclusive and responsive SRHR policies.

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 for studies exploring SRHR and gender inequality among garment workers and barriers faced by women with disabilities in preventing gender-based violence. Burkina Faso awarded four grants supporting research on digital tools for family planning, contraceptive use among adolescents living with HIV, and contraception knowledge among university students, with findings expected in 2025.

In Ethiopia, five Master's students were awarded grants for research addressing youth-friendly health services, SRHR disparities for adolescents with disabilities, stillbirth risk factors, respectful maternity care, and teenage pregnancy trends. Results from these projects are anticipated to be available in 2025.

C. Knowledge Translation Fund Grants

A major highlight in 2024 is the Knowledge Translation Fund (KTF), which enabled hubs to translate research into actionable knowledge products. Some of the hubs dedicated a part of the KTF to fund the production of Knowledge products. Share-Net Ethiopia awarded four grants to produce animation videos and social media campaigns to combat abortion stigma and raise awareness. These included Her Story, a narrative video highlighting unsafe abortion's consequences, and infographic videos targeting policymakers and youth.

Share-Net Jordan utilized the KTF to fund three projects stemming from a regional co-creation conference. These addressed educators' readiness for SRHR topics in Lebanon, developed frameworks for integrating SRHR into curricula, and analyzed kindergarten tools to enhance sexuality education in Jordan.

Similarly, Share-Net Colombia awarded four grants, including a travelling museum on transgender SRHR, a digital toolbox for individuals with intellectual disabilities, a didactic booklet with traditional games and capacity-building initiatives for regional communities. These efforts highlight the fund's role in driving creative, context-specific solutions to SRHR challenges.

In addition, Share-Net Burkina Faso leveraged the KTF to support the development of three key knowledge products emerging from the co-creation.

conference. These included an **E-care development for access to quality sexual and reproductive health services** (a video clip produced in French and translated into the local language with an accompanying audio version), a digital information brochure disseminating essential SRHR information, and a **theatrical piece designed to provide care for survivors of gender-based violence**, with plans for translation into the local language and sign language.



2.2.3 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 2024, activities which stimulated this effective learning on larger scale included the cross-country CoP Learning Exchange, the Share-Net hubs' co-creation conferences, and the learning events organised for the SRHR strategic partnerships.

Share-Net Cross-country CoP Learning Exchange:

In February, Share-Net International and its hub members came together for a two-day **cross-country learning exchange** as part of the network's Communities of Practice. The event aimed to foster knowledge sharing, encourage practical application, and create a collaborative platform for networking among CoPs within the Share-Net network. The program featured diverse interactive activities, including presentations, videos, panel discussions, experience-sharing sessions, and collaboration workshops. The first day focused on implementing CoPs: Lessons Learned, with valuable perspectives shared by both facilitators and members. This was followed by a session on CoPs for vulnerable populations, covering critical topics such as HIV, ageing, LGBTIQ+ issues, and the experiences of people with disabilities.

The second day addressed CoPs for sensitive topics, exploring areas like abortion, gender-based violence (GBV), and contraception. A dedicated session on CoPs on Menstrual Health provided further opportunities for dialogue on challenges and strategies. The event concluded with a session on closure and next steps, summarizing good practices, identifying challenges, and capturing key takeaways and participant feedback. This learning exchange strengthened collaboration among members and provided meaningful insights to advance the work of CoPs across Share-Net's global network. This event was an example of collaboration between hub secretariats and the Share-Net International secretariat as they co-organised the event. You can watch a recording of the event [here](#).

Share-Net Knowledge Translation Funds Cross-country Learning Meetings:

As part of the KTF, a series of monthly KTF Check-in & Exchange Meetings were organised throughout 2024, totalling 12 sessions. These sessions provided a structured platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building across Share-Net hubs engaged in KTF projects, including Jordan, Colombia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Burkina Faso. Each session was attended by the KTF coordinator of each hub, fostering cross-hub learning by sharing updates on progress, challenges, best practices, and key learnings. One session was specifically dedicated to exchanging knowledge and experiences on effective strategies for knowledge translation and use in the specific context of each hub.

The collective insights and international learnings from these sessions were presented at the KTF Dissemination Event "[Strategies for Change](#)" in December 2024. This event aimed to showcase the objectives, journey, and achievements of the Knowledge Translation Fund at the international level and within each hub. Rather than focusing only on outcomes, the dissemination event emphasised the processes contributing to successful knowledge translation and application. It centered around the KTF journey of each hub, highlighting the strategies that contributed to the successful knowledge translation and use within their respective contexts. The KTF Dissemination Event was open to all country hub members, digital platform members, and the country hub and international secretariats, ensuring that learnings were widely shared and leveraged for future SRHR knowledge translation efforts.

Share-Net Bangladesh 9th SRHR Knowledge Fair 2024 - Empowering Youth for Sustainable Change:

The 9th SRHR Knowledge Fair, organised by Share-Net Bangladesh in 2024, focused on empowering youth, with the theme "Youth Power 2024: Nothing Without Us," emphasising the importance of young people leading the SRHR movement in Bangladesh. The fair was attended by around 350 professionals, including experts, government officials, and international delegates, who explored the intersection of SRHR and youth power from both urban and rural perspectives. The event was presented in partnership with the Asian University of Women and supported by the UNFPA and other organisations. Notably, it featured discussions on integrating SRHR services for youth and promoting youth leadership in shaping policies.

The event also recognised outstanding contributions to SRHR with the Share-Net SRHR Recognition Awards. Tajkia Mariam Jahan, a youth leader from ERAC Bangladesh, received the 'Youth Leadership Award,' while Ms Julia Ahmed was honoured with the 'Community Champion Award.' Dr Yasmin, a prominent public health expert, received the 'Lifetime Achievement Recognition' for her significant work in SRHR. The fair provided a platform for the exchange of best practices, new knowledge and research on SRHR, with key stakeholders committing to improving services for youth in line with Bangladesh's National Strategy for Adolescent Health. The knowledge fair was broadcast live and can be watched [here](#).



Share-Net Bangladesh hosts the 9th SRHR Knowledge Fair around the theme "Youth Power 2024: Nothing Without Us"

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

At the core of Share-Net International's mission is applying evidence-informed knowledge to shape SRHR policies, programs, and practices. Together with the outcomes outlined in its Theory of Change, these efforts form the building blocks for achieving the broader impacts of Share-Net's activities. According to the Theory of Change, this outcome involves:

'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).

To bridge the gap between research and practical implementation, all Share-Net activities—including CoP meetings, thematic gatherings, activation grants, and the Co-Creation Conference—are designed to promote the use of evidence-based knowledge in shaping SRHR policies, programs, and practices. In 2024, Share-Net International continued to progress in this area through targeted initiatives, collaborative efforts, and knowledge translation activities. These actions produced transformative outcomes across its hubs. Drawing on data and insights gathered from Share-Net members, the following examples illustrate how these activities have been applied to shape evidence-informed SRHR programs, policies, and practices.

Share-Net Netherlands hosts a multistakeholder panel on cross-sector collaboration for SRHR advocacy at the University of Amsterdam



Example 1: Share-Net Jordan Member

Dr. Ziad Obaisat – A practitioner. In 2024, Share-Net Jordan's programs brought significant insights to Ziad Obaisat, the Social Studies Coordinator at the National Curriculum Center. Reflecting on the year, Ziad noted how the regional co-creation conference on integrating sexual and reproductive health concepts into educational curricula marked a turning point. "The conference showed a clear, context-sensitive way to approach sexual and reproductive health education," he explained. Experts from across the region—Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco—collaborated to discuss approaches to embedding SRH into schools, which opened Ziad's eyes to strategies adaptable to Jordanian needs.

Afterward, Ziad was eager to apply this knowledge in Jordan's social studies curriculum, advocating for Share-Net's sexual and reproductive health guideline to be included to equip students with accurate and culturally appropriate information. This effort was not without challenges; introducing sexual and reproductive health content into a sensitive educational framework required careful review and consensus-building. However, Ziad found support from curriculum writers and team leads at the National Curriculum Development Center, who were also encouraged by the relevance and quality of Share-Net's guidelines.

Several factors contributed to this success. First, Share-Net's materials were thoughtfully tailored, making them applicable within Jordan's educational context. Additionally, stakeholders and decision-makers showed genuine interest in improving sexual and reproductive health education for Jordanian students, which facilitated a smoother integration process. The clarity of Share-Net's approach also offered a practical roadmap for adapting SRH concepts to Jordanian schools.

In the end, Ziad believes **Share-Net Jordan's programs provided the knowledge and tools needed to create lasting change**. "The conference offered a realistic view of what works in our region, allowing us to advance education in a meaningful way," he concluded.



Example 2: Share-Net Netherlands member

A Share-Net Netherlands member, working with a prominent SRHR alliance, shared how collaborating with Share-Net on the Multi-Party Initiative (MPI) on SRHR and global health transformed their approach to event planning and network building.

Reflecting on Share-Net's support, the member noted, "I genuinely didn't know this was something we could collaborate on. It was incredible to discover the depth of Share-Net's support—not only in logistical planning but also in the knowledge they bring to each detail." They spoke about how, throughout the MPI planning process, Share-Net Netherlands's guidance in structuring the event and managing communications was invaluable. "There was never a moment I had to worry if something would get done. Working with Share-Net Netherlands gave me confidence that each task would be handled efficiently and thoughtfully."

Share-Net's contributions included guidance in event structure, GDPR compliance, and creative ways to engage attendees. The member appreciated Share-Net's practical approach: "We wanted the event to be interactive, and Share-Net Netherlands helped us weigh the risks of ideas, ... Share-Net colleagues pointed out small but essential considerations I hadn't thought of—things that helped us avoid potential issues."

Beyond the MPI, the member highlighted the value of Share-Net's Annual Members Meeting. "At the annual members meeting, I met people from different sectors who I hadn't connected with before. It really [showed me the breadth of SRHR issues and how our work intersects in unexpected ways](#)." The connections made at the annual members meeting also led to new partnerships, underscoring Share-Net's role in strengthening SRHR networks.

The MPI's success was a direct result of Share-Net's hands-on involvement and the collaborative environment they fostered. "Their convening power is something that can't be overstated. Bringing together people with diverse expertise gave us insights we wouldn't have had otherwise."

Reflecting on the impact of Share-Net's work, the member expressed concern about the possibility of losing Share-Net from the SRHR community: "Losing Share-Net Netherlands would be a huge loss, not just for us but for the entire SRHR community. The networks we've built aren't just connections—they're lifelines we can rely on, especially in challenging times."

Through this partnership, the member gained strategic insights they continue to apply in their ongoing SRHR projects, reinforcing the long-lasting value of Share-Net Netherlands's support.

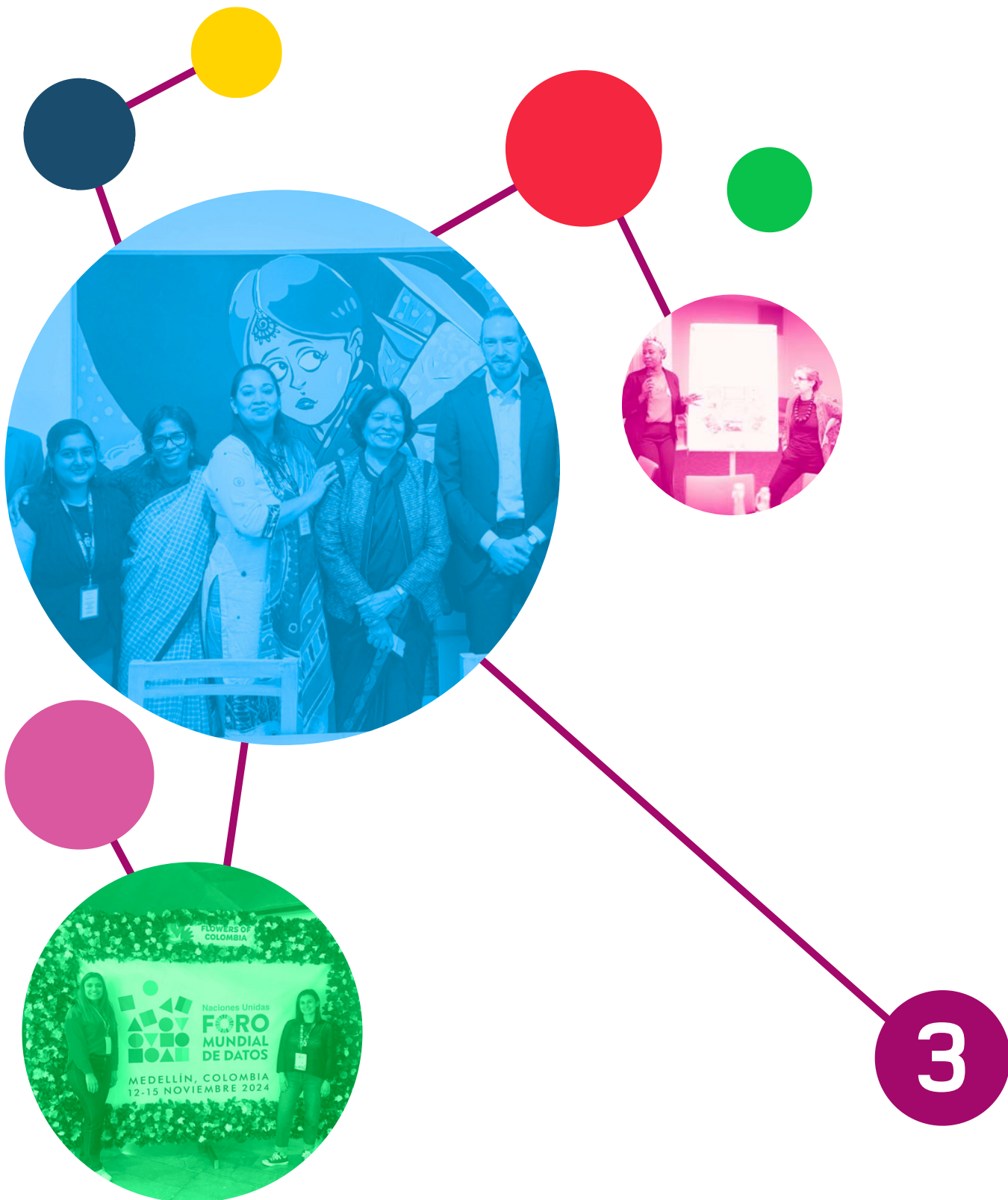
Example 3: Share-Net Ethiopia Member

Share-Net Ethiopia addresses various issues related to gender and adolescent health, highlighting the need for special attention from the government and various local and international organisations. The prevalence of challenges, particularly among females and adolescents in Ethiopia, is significant. Research findings presented by Share-Net Ethiopia reveal that the impacts of these challenges are quite serious.

Recently, due to political unrest in various regions of Ethiopia, millions in these vulnerable groups have faced different forms of abuse, including sexual, physical, and social violence. Many continue to suffer from the resulting pain and trauma. Events that release such research findings are crucial for the media. Given the lack of information in Ethiopia, the role of independent organisations working on humanitarian issues is vital. For instance, findings from GAGE regarding the impact of the northern Ethiopian war on females and adolescents in Amhara, Tigray, and Afar have enabled us to produce news stories and a dedicated hour-long program.

Bringing together different organisations that conduct research in this sector and sharing these realities with the media is not an easy task. However, Share-Net has made significant strides in bridging this gap, **allowing the media to engage in knowledge-based reporting.**





CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Every year brings with it a unique set of opportunities and challenges. Below we reflect on challenging moments in 2024 and areas of opportunity for 2025.

3.1. Challenging moments in 2024

Funding Uncertainty and Strategic Planning

A significant challenge across the network was the uncertainty regarding future funding as the current financial cycle from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands approached its end. This uncertainty placed considerable strain on strategic planning, resource mobilisation, and long-term program continuity. While some hubs, such as Share-Net Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia and Ethiopia, made proactive efforts to secure alternative funding, these attempts were often met with limited success, leaving core activities vulnerable. The late release of funds was another common issue, particularly for hubs in Ethiopia and Burundi, where delays disrupted planned activities and, created additional pressure on teams.

Staffing Instability

Some hubs experienced transitions within their teams, which disrupted continuity and slowed implementation. At the Share-Net International Secretariat, staffing instability at KIT Institute and ongoing leadership transitions affected both coordination and strategic direction. Similarly, Share-Net Netherlands faced a reduction in its team size, which hampered member engagement in Communities of Practice and other activities.



Share-Net Colombia hosts a fundraising meeting

Political and Security Contexts

Political instability and external factors also posed challenges to Share-Net's operations. In Jordan, regional political tensions limited participation in events and necessitated shifting key activities online. Burkina Faso faced additional challenges in mobilising young people in rural areas, compounded by the deteriorating security situation in several regions. Across Europe, the rise of right-wing politics and changing governmental priorities created an increasingly uncertain landscape for SRHR advocacy and funding.

Website and Communication Challenges

Website challenges in the Netherlands hindered online engagement and visibility on other channels, while at the international level, communication often focused more on events rather than strategic profiling of Share-Net's work in 2024. It would have been appreciated to have in-person meeting to strengthen collaboration and strategizing for the future.

3.2. Opportunities for 2025

As Share-Net International looks ahead to 2025, the network will continue building on its experiences from the past year, and the network is poised to strengthen its partnerships and strategically position itself for long-term sustainability. The upcoming year offers a unique moment to harness the strengths of member-driven networks, capitalise on emerging funding opportunities, and continue translating SRHR knowledge into action.

Resource Mobilisation and Sustainability

As the Share-Net funding ended in 2024, Share-Net International and hubs continue to explore opportunities for resource mobilisation and sustaining the network in 2025. This transition presents an opportunity for Share-Net Burkina Faso to implement its resource mobilisation and strategic plans. By prioritising partnerships with local and international actors like Equipop and IPAS, the hub seeks to diversify its funding streams and sustain its activities beyond the current cycle.

Strengthening CoPs will remain central to its efforts, ensuring that knowledge management continues to drive impact across the region. Share-Net Netherlands and Share-Net International plan to expand into the European context by leveraging opportunities from the European Commission. Similarly, Share-Net Ethiopia has secured funding from the Gates Foundation and is awaiting approval for additional grants. These funds will enable the hub to support CoP activities, enhance digital platforms, and maintain staff. Share-

Net Burundi sees 2025 as a year to expand its scope beyond SRHR by collaborating with Royal Netherlands Embassy in Burundi and the British consulate in Burundi to support emerging organisations. This project will open avenues for innovation and greater impact.

Additionally, Share-Net Bangladesh sees 2025 as a pivotal moment to redefine its funding and strategic approach. By exploring partnerships beyond embassies and engaging with private sector entities and regional donors, the hub aims to foster resilience and sustainability while continuing its commitment to advancing SRHR in South Asia. Share-Net International has identified 4 private foundations that could be interested in the Share-Net network.

Showcasing and Increased Visibility for Share-Net International Achievements

Across the hubs, opportunities abound in 2025 to continue to increase the visibility of Share-net's achievements and showcase knowledge garnered over the past years. The Share-Net International secretariat will continue showcasing the accumulated wealth of knowledge, tools, and processes via digital and online platforms to demonstrate impact. Share-Net Colombia plans to focus on systematising good practices, developing a digital magazine showcasing member impact stories, and creating guidelines for effective online facilitation. These efforts will enhance the dissemination of SRHR knowledge and ensure that lessons learned are accessible to a broader audience. Meanwhile, Share-Net Jordan aims to align its activities with evidence-based priorities emerging from ongoing demographic health survey analyses funded by UNFPA, offering a clear roadmap for impactful work in 2025.



Share-Net Colombia's Annual Members Meetings

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SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL THEORY OF CHANGE 2025–2030

Introduction

Share-Net International existing since 2001, is the international Knowledge Platform on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and gender equality. It is organized in a decentralized manner to enhance local ownership in seven hubs located in South America (1), Asia (1) Africa (3), Middle East (1) and Europe (1) and through a Digital Platform.

The Theory of Change of Share-Net International has been developed in collaboration with all hubs and the secretariat. It shows how the Knowledge Platform on SRHR aims to achieve impact and outcomes for the new strategic plan 2025–2030. The theory of change and the underlying assumptions provide insights in the thinking process on how change happens.

Barriers behind realizing SRHR

Despite availability of knowledge and evidence on SRHR, there are significant barriers that hinder the translation of this knowledge into effective policies, programs, and practices that promote SRHR and gender equality. These barriers include:

1. Limited Access to SRHR Knowledge and Evidence: Policymakers, practitioners, and researchers often lack access to relevant SRHR information, knowledge, and evidence, hindering their ability to develop evidence-informed policies and programs.

2. Insufficient Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange:

There is a lack of effective collaboration, knowledge sharing, and mutual learning among stakeholders, including policymakers, practitioners, and researchers, operating in the SRHR field.

3. Gaps in Knowledge Translation: Existing SRHR knowledge products, research findings, and good/promising practices are not adequately translated or disseminated, limiting their reach and impact on policy and practice changes.

4. Sociocultural and Gender Norms:

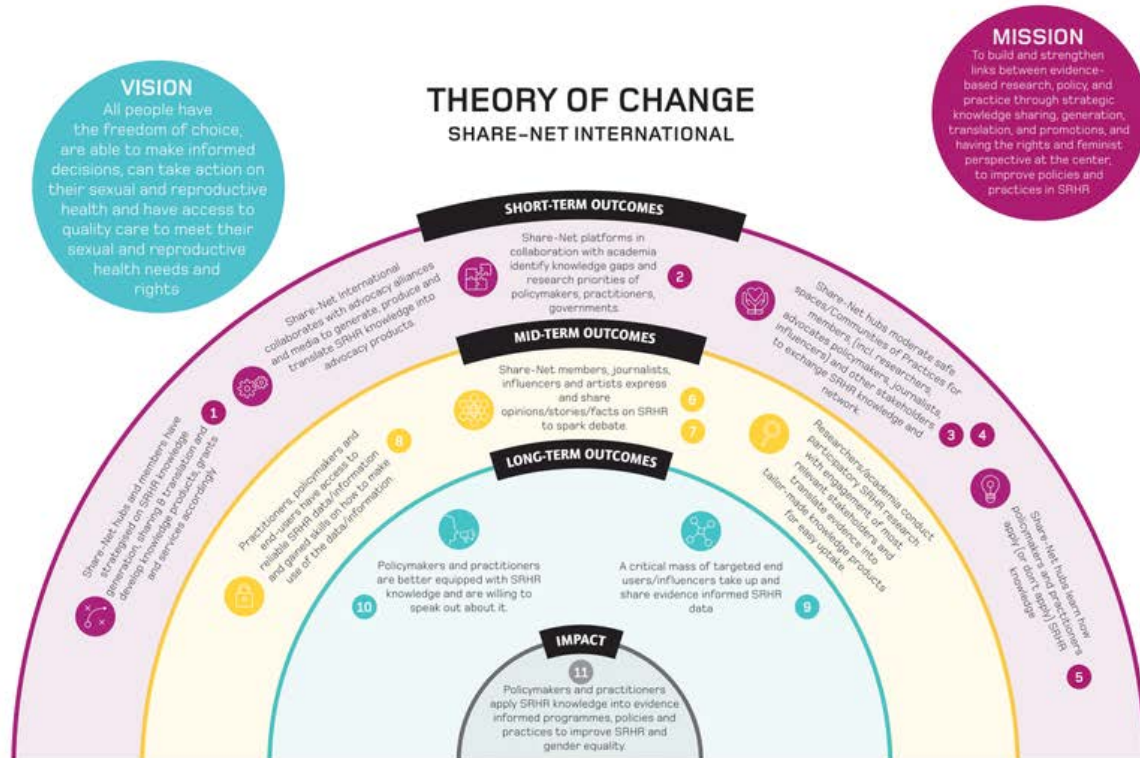
Deeply rooted cultural and gender norms, power structures, and social beliefs act as barriers to achieving comprehensive SRHR policies and practices.

5. Political and Systemic Constraints:

Political factors, ideological biases, and systemic constraints within governance structures impede the adoption and implementation of progressive SRHR policies and practices.

Collectively, these barriers contribute to incomplete or ineffective policies and programs, hindering the ability of individuals to achieve their SRHR and gender equality. Addressing these multifaceted challenges requires a comprehensive approach that facilitates access to knowledge and evidence, promotes collaboration and knowledge exchange, supports knowledge translation, and tackles sociocultural, gender, and political barriers.

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



ASSUMPTIONS

- Share-Net platforms underscore the plurality of knowledge and take different knowledge perspectives into account when prioritizing knowledge gaps.
- Knowledge gaps and defined research priorities are inline with the objectives of Share-Net hubs chosen focus areas.
- Lack of evidence informed data, power dynamics and harmful social norms and values are an obstacle to debate SRHR issues.
- Safe spaces support the exchange of SRHR information and improve learning.
- Applying the outcome harvesting method and exchange of knowledge will give Share-Net more insights into strategies that work to achieve impact.
- Journalists, influencers and artists have an interest to collaborate with the Share-Net platforms.
- A safe and conducive environment is there for journalists, influencers, artists and Share-Net members to express themselves on SRHR and address harmful norms and practices.
- Share-Net International's knowledge platform is regarded as a credible source for the uptake of data/information.
- A critical mass is required to shift political spaces in favor of SRH knowledge and rights over harmful social norms and populist voices.
- Policymakers and practitioners are willing to speak out, when they are strategically supported by the Share-Net platform and advocacy alliances to address opposition voices.
- When policymakers and SRHR practitioners are equipped with knowledge and skills for its application, have the willingness to address harmful social and cultural norms and there is a supportive environment to do so, they will adjust policy and practices.

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APPROACHES & VALUES

At Share-Net International we **PUT RIGHTS FIRST** and therefore work from a rights-based, intersectional and feminist perspective. We do this by analyzing the values, societal norms and power relations that underpin inequalities in specific context and with our activities to support dismantling those forms of oppression. Our platform acknowledges the plurality of knowledge (incl. Indigenous knowledge) and makes use of this knowledge within our activities and work, such as our Communities of Practices, and in on- and offline spaces. At a time when the global youth population is still growing and faces a range of distinct challenges, Share-Net International remains committed to the meaningful participation of young people. Meaningful Youth Participation is a cross-cutting strategy for Share-Net International and is part and parcel of our values to realize SRHR and gender equality for all.

Share-Net International Strategies:

Share-Net International is addressing the barriers to realizing sexual and reproductive health and rights and achieving gender equality through several key knowledge management strategies:

Knowledge sharing and accessibility:

Share-Net International serves as a leading knowledge and connections platform for SRHR, providing a centralized digital space for SRHR materials from across the globe. This helps overcome the barrier of limited access to SRHR knowledge and evidence.

Promoting collaboration: The network brings together experts and member organizations, combining the strengths of key international actors while harnessing localized knowledge. This approach addresses the issue of insufficient collaboration among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

Knowledge translation: Share-Net International focuses on translating knowledge into appropriate formats that can contribute to the development of better policy and practice for SRHR. This helps bridge the gap between research and practical application.

Communities of Practice (CoPs): These member-driven working groups focus on specific SRHR themes, facilitating knowledge management and helping member organizations advance their agendas. CoPs promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among professionals in the field.

Grant programs: Share-Net offers annual grants for knowledge activation and generation, supporting applied research and documentation of practices. This initiative helps address research gaps and promotes the development of knowledge products that can influence policy and practice.

Capacity building: Through its digital platform, Share-Net International provides resources, networking opportunities, and matchmaking services for SRHR practitioners, professionals,

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policymakers, activists, researchers, and advocates. This helps build skills and capacity within the SRHR community.

Addressing cultural and social barriers: Share-Net International's core focus areas include promoting greater respect for the sexual and reproductive rights of marginalized groups, including women, girls, the LGBTQIA+ community, and others who are currently denied these rights. This approach tackles some of the cultural and social norms that hinder SRHR progress.

By implementing these strategies, Share-Net International aims to overcome the systemic barriers that prevent individuals from fully realizing their sexual and reproductive health and rights and hinder progress towards gender equality.

Core Share-Net International stakeholders

Practitioners, policymakers, researchers, academia, civil society organizations, journalists, influencers, advocates, governments, media, artists and private sector.

The **direct target audiences** Share-Net wants to influence at impact level are governmental institutions, policymakers and practitioners working in the fields of SRHR and gender equality. Policymakers and practitioners that can influence the practices on SRHR and gender equality, all to support the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals, 'to leave no one behind'. Policymakers who influence the SRHR agenda at different political levels, and practitioners who are representing groups and diverse populations that are mostly affected by the lack of sexual

and reproductive health and rights, and gender equality.

Collaborative partnerships to achieve these changes are crucial and required with researchers, academia, journalists, influencers, advocacy alliances, civil society organizations, artists, private sector and champions within governments and policymakers, who are favoring SRHR and gender equality.

The **indirect targeted audiences** of Share-Net International are groups and populations that are mostly affected by lack of SRHR and gender inequality, including people living in poverty, displaced people, indigenous communities, pastoralist, women and girls, young people, people living with HIV, LGBTQI+ people, people living in rural areas, elders and people living with disabilities.

Values

Share-Net International works from a rights-based, intersectional and feminist perspective, by analyzing the values, societal norms and power relations that underpins inequalities in specific context and with our activities to support dismantling those forms of oppression. Share-Net hubs and members acknowledge (incl. indigenous) plurality of knowledge and make use of it within their community of practices, networks, and digital spaces. In addition, at a time when the global youth population is still growing and faces a range of distinct challenges, Share-Net International's commitment to the vital role of meaningful youth participation as a cross-cutting strategy for the realization of SRHR is part and parcel of its core values.

ANNEX 2

SHARE-NET INTERNATIONAL & COUNTRY HUBS RISK ANALYSIS 2024

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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 Minimize or Mitigate Risk
Internal Risks (Organisation & Programme e.g., Human Resources, Finance, Fraud)				
Operational	Our work becomes increasingly digitalized. 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 nearly solely place online in 2020 and 2021. Differences in access to internet between countries may lead to some countries and members missing out and lacking 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 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 traveling Share-Net International and Share-Net Netherlands staff and should be considered for Hub staff.
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 SNI and host organizations and members, including core values and guiding principles to adhere. - 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 to 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 with an extension granted for 6 months to round off the project. There is uncertainty on the continuation of the international and national platforms. In addition, globally there has been a reduction in the number of governments who are willing to invest in SRHR. This also have an impact in the donor landscape.	High	Major	- Set up fundraising task force to develop a sustainability fund - Share-Net International and the hubs will engage in conversations with potential donors to explore future funding.

External Risks (Context & In-county 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. Colombia: Venezuelan migrant crisis; poor economic performance; conservative presidential campaign increasing anti-rights messages, instability generated in the social sector by the decisions of the U.S. government. Ethiopia: The Government of Ethiopia is committed to improve and maintain the reproductive health status of women, men and young people in Ethiopia. However, issues such as sexuality, sexual health and rights are still taboo. Jordan: Homosexuality is illegal (see the legal analysis citation in the footnote below¹. 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 (requires a fatwa). Even if the law allows for the use of contraceptives, only married couples can access them in public health system, requiring a marital document as proof. The Netherlands: Formation of the new government after elections might influence priorities in development cooperation and funds for SRHR and Gender in particular.	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.
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. Burkina Faso: Conflict and insecurity affects the majority 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.	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.

	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 has led to an increase in the number of homicides of former combatants and social leaders (more than 200 and 900 murders respectively) since the signing of the Peace Agreement. 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.			
Economic	Changes in global and national economy, exacerbated by for instance the COVID-19 pandemic, climate disasters or inflation 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 area's prone to natural disasters such as drought, floods, enforced by climate change. However the Share-Net country hubs are based in relatively safe locations/cities. 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: In 2025, Colombia faces dual climate risks: flooding during rainy seasons, especially in low-lying and urban areas, and droughts driven by El Niño, affecting regions like the Caribbean and Andes. These extremes threaten agriculture, water supply, and infrastructure, highlighting the need for better climate resilience. Ethiopia: New country host to be consulted. Jordan: Climate change related disasters like heat waves, drought and water shortage are the main climate related risks.	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.

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). - 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.	Unknown	Unknown	This risk needs to be further explored to be addressed.

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