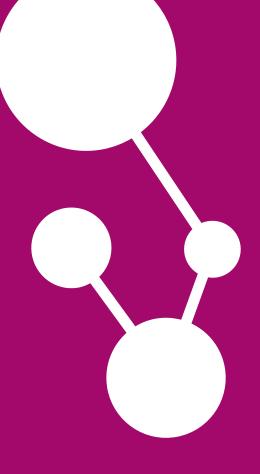


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SHARE NET INTERNATIONAL'S STORY OF SRHR KNOWLEDGE INTEGRATION THROUGH THE REGIONAL APPROACH



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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE STORYBOOK

This storybook captures a unique and evolving journey—one that reimagines how knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) can transcend borders, amplify local voices, and build interconnected regional ecosystems. Anchored by Share-Net International, the Regional Knowledge Translation Approach emerged from a simple yet bold question: How can national SRHR knowledge models fuel broader regional impact?

The initiative was born out of Share-Net International's long-standing commitment to bridging the gap between research, policy, and practice. Recognising that national hubs have built strong local expertise, Share-Net International envisioned a new phase—one that connects these national learnings across countries facing shared cultural, political, and systemic SRHR challenges. In 2021, Share-Net International initiated conversations to explore regionalisation as a deliberate knowledge strategy, and three country hubs—Share-Net Bangladesh, Share-Net Jordan, and Share-Net Colombia—stepped forward to pilot this vision in their respective regions: South Asia, the Arab Region, and Latin America.

Each hub brought a distinct context and strength to the table. Share-Net Bangladesh had extensive experience with youth-led advocacy and digital knowledge products. Share-Net Jordan was rooted in strong academic partnerships and had been working on sensitive SRHR themes such as gender-based violence and early marriage within conservative frameworks. Share-Net Colombia added value through its vibrant community networks and focus on inclusive SRHR practices, especially for LGBTQI+ communities and Indigenous populations.

What followed was a series of co-created processes—regional mappings, cross-country dialogues, policy brief development, and virtual learning exchanges. Youth and local

practitioners were placed at the heart of knowledge creation, ensuring the outputs were not only evidence-based but also contextually relevant and politically aware. In South Asia, for instance, Share-Net Bangladesh engaged over 50 contributors from Bangladesh, Nepal, India, and Pakistan to produce 15+ multilingual knowledge products. In Jordan and Colombia, similar models were adopted to surface lived experiences and local innovation.

The shorter-term impacts have already been powerful: regional conferences, youth-led policy advocacy, and stronger visibility of national SRHR challenges through a regional lens. These efforts have brought together communities that were once working in silos and inspired new models of trustbuilding and knowledge sharing.

Looking ahead, the broader potential of this regional approach is vast. By fostering cross-border solidarity, enabling peer learning, and promoting the co-creation of context-specific knowledge, this initiative can seed a more equitable, youth-centered SRHR ecosystem—one that adapts to local realities while learning from regional diversity. This storybook is more than a documentation—it's a blueprint for how regionalisation can democratise knowledge, build bridges across borders, and reimagine SRHR advocacy for the next generation.

INTRODUCTION

During one of the strategic meetings in 2020, Share-Net International and the country hubs in Bangladesh, Burundi, Jordan and the Netherlands discussed the regional approach. The platform aimed to implement the approach from 2020 to 2024 with a common vision. The vision is:

Share-Net International envisioned its regional approach as a gradual process towards an inspiring and organic network of organisations and practitioners working on SRHR and Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) in the geographical regions of the existing country hubs which meets the needs and opportunities of each region, building on the Share-Net values.

The specific objectives were to:

- Facilitate regional learning and knowledge exchange to influence and improve SRHR policy and practice in line with Share-Net International's vision and unique selling point
- Increase the visibility and recognition of Share-Net International and the country hub in the region
- Strengthen and expand the Share-Net International network by increasing the membership base with SRHR actors and building strategic partnerships to exchange best practices and accumulate knowledge
- Connect and link members in different countries in the region to work on context-relevant SRHR topics

BANGLADESH

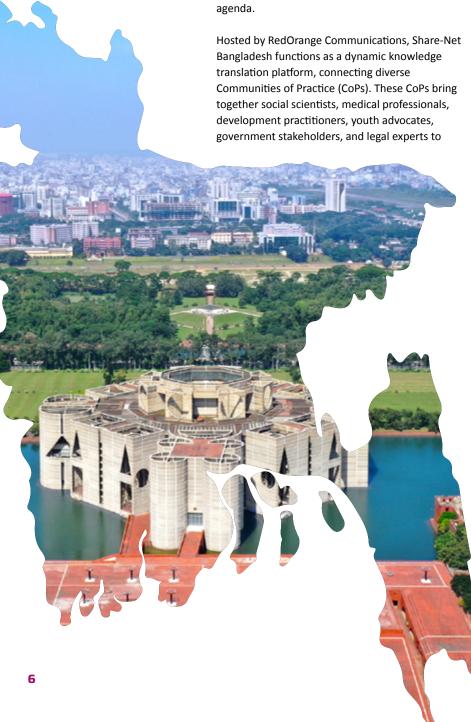
Share-Net Bangladesh is the pioneering country hub of Share-Net International, a global knowledge platform dedicated to advancing SRHR. As the first national hub of the network, Share-Net Bangladesh draws upon a rich foundation of local expertise, engaging practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to place SRHR at the core of the human rights and development agenda.

collectively address pressing SRHR challenges through evidence-based knowledge sharing, dialogue, and policy advocacy.

With a strong focus on inclusive, youth-led engagement, Share-Net Bangladesh facilitates collaboration among grassroots actors and institutional players. It has played a critical role in generating and disseminating knowledge products, ranging from policy briefs to digital awareness campaigns, all aimed at demystifying topics like menstrual health, comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), reproductive rights, and safe abortion.

In recent years, Share-Net Bangladesh has expanded its impact beyond national borders by spearheading a Regional Knowledge Translation Approach across South Asia. Beginning in 2021, this initiative explored the potential of Bangladesh's SRHR knowledge model to catalyse youth-led advocacy regionally. With strategic partnerships in Nepal, India, and Pakistan, Share-Net Bangladesh co-created over 15 multilingual knowledge products, supported the development of policy briefs, and led the organisation of the first Regional Knowledge Translation Conference in 2024.

This regional vision reinforced Bangladesh's leadership in the SRHR space—particularly in community mobilisation, digital advocacy, and evidence-based policymaking. The initiative has laid the groundwork for a sustainable, crossborder SRHR ecosystem that is youth-driven, inclusive, and responsive to the unique needs of South Asia.



JORDAN

Share Net Jordan aligned its work with the objectives and vision of Share Net International, the results of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and national development priorities, planning and conducting research and interventions that took into consideration a number of strategic priorities. These efforts aim to foster a focus on SRHR, giving specific attention to the areas of child marriage, youth-friendly health services, CSE, gender-based violence and private sector engagement. Being the only Share-Net hub in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. We aim to serve as the representative hub between the MENA region and ShareNet International. Share-Net Jordan seeks to facilitate knowledge exchange and mutual learning. We leverage the expertise of ShareNet International to manage regional operations effectively while utilising our capacity to oversee the regional MENA hubs. On the other hand, we actively pursue collaborations with other hubs to jointly conduct projects. Fostering member aspirations, many of these ideas stem from the aspirations of our members, and we are committed to supporting their goals.

COLOMBIA



closer to all people and promoting the social appropriation of knowledge.

- Promoting an evidence-based approach to SRHR services in Colombia and Latin American and Caribbean countries.
- Generating evidence on sexual and reproductive health and sexual and reproductive rights.

In Colombia, as in much of Latin America, the sexual and reproductive health and rights

(SRHR) movement has emerged in response to intersecting challenges, including gender-based violence, unequal access to health services, and the influence of conservative religious and political forces. Colombia's experience reflects broader regional dynamics, where restrictive legal frameworks coexist with vibrant feminist and grassroots mobilisations that have pushed for transformative change. Despite structural barriers, Latin America has been a fertile ground for dynamic activism advancing bodily autonomy, safe and legal abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, and the recognition of gender and sexual diversity. Regional and national movements have worked in tandem—often interconnected through transnational networks—to challenge norms, influence public policy, and achieve significant, though uneven, progress.

In this context, Share-Net International and Profamilia saw an opportunity for Share-Net Colombia to have a regional impact and consolidate a network that could add value to the existing movement. During the years of the Hub's operation, several efforts were made to map and connect with regional actors and identify existing networks and knowledge needs in order to position ourselves as a regional hub. The Knowledge Translation Fund opened a space for our Hub in the region and consolidated these efforts, making Share-Net Colombia a known, valued and useful network for Latin America and the Caribbean.

This storybook aims to share practical experiences on how to plan and implement successful regional collaboration in the different sectors, including education. It offers real examples and guidance to support similar efforts. The audience could be, but is not limited to, people working in the field of SRHR and education experts, university and school students, and related stakeholders such as policymakers and practitioners who are interested in learning from regional experiences.

THE REGIONAL JOURNEY

STORIES FROM BANGLADESH COLOMBIA AND JORDAN

FROM SOUTH ASIA BANGLADESH



Dr. Mohammad Bellal Hossain,
Professor, Department of
Population Sciences, University
of Dhaka, sharing his thoughts
on the importance of a regional
SRHR knowledge hub at the 7th
SRHR Knowledge Fair 2022.

It began with a question: "Can Bangladesh's SRHR knowledge model help amplify youth voices across South Asia?" In 2021, Share-Net Bangladesh launched a pioneering initiative to explore its potential beyond borders—specifically in the South Asian region. Anchored in the vision of Share-Net International, the goal was clear: cocreate a regional knowledge-sharing mechanism focused on SRHR, led by youth, and grounded in evidence.

The groundwork was laid by **Professor Mohammad Bellal Hossain** of the University of Dhaka. His early scoping study examined the feasibility and added value of a regional expansion. His findings were optimistic:

Bangladesh's strengths in community mobilisation, digital knowledge platforms, and youth-led advocacy held promise for scaling regionally.

That year, the idea of a *Regional Knowledge Translation Approach* was born.

By 2022, the vision started to take shape. In Nepal, **Durga Sapkota**, co-founder of *Youth-Led SRHR Advocacy Nepal*, stepped in to bridge ideas across borders. Youth participation wasn't just encouraged—it became central.

Workshops, online consultations, and collaborative calls began to link youth organisations across Bangladesh, Nepal, India, and Pakistan. These discussions revealed striking similarities: inadequate Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), stigma around menstruation, weak implementation of reproductive rights, and widespread misinformation. This phase focused on building relationships and trust—the foundation of any meaningful regional movement.



0 Ms. Durga Sapkota, Co-Founder at Youth Led SRHR Advocacy Nepal, presenting her experince to work with the youths of SRHR and sharing her thoughts about regional collaboration.

In 2023, the initiative deepened. Led by Syeda Samara Mortada, Coordination and Partnerships Analyst at UN Women Bangladesh, a full mapping of CSE initiatives across SAARC countries was conducted. The mapping was instrumental in identifying gaps between policy and practice, particularly in rural areas and among adolescents. policies exist on paper, their implementation remains patchy, underfunded, and politically sensitive in all four countries.

In late 2023, Share-Net International launched the Knowledge Translation Fund to turn research and policy into practical, usable knowledge products. Share-Net Bangladesh became a regional leader in piloting the fund across South Asia.

Under this fund, four policy briefs were developed on CSE in:

- Bangladesh: Led by Tasnia Ahmed and **Shahina Yasmin** of *SERAC-Bangladesh*
- India: Led by Dinta Suresh and Dr. Abinitha M. from Dhisha Kerala
- Nepal: Led by Aastha Subedi, Co-created with grassroots youth organisations
- Pakistan: Led by Danish Tariq, Junaid Tahir, and Fsahat Ul Hassan from Youth Advocacy Network Pakistan.

Each brief unpacks challenges in both formal and non-formal education systems, presenting concrete policy recommendations—like ageappropriate CSE modules, teacher training, and youth-centered monitoring. In total, more than 15+ knowledge products were created, including:

Alexandra Johns of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights joined to connect the regional dots with global SRHR standards. Her inputs helped align the project with international frameworks such as ICPD and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality). The findings highlighted a harsh truth: While

Aastha Subedi from YUWA Nepal and Tasnia Ahmed from SERAC Bangladesh, after participating in the Regional Knowledge Translation Conference 2024 at Hotel Sheraton Dhaka.



Ms. Mushfiqua Zaman
Satiar, Senior Policy Adviser
of the Dutch Embassy in
Bangladesh, was present
as the chairperson at the
2024 regional conference,
with youth leaders from
Bangladesh, India, and Nepal.

These were co-created with youth from 4 countries, engaging over 50+ contributors, including researchers, educators, and frontline activists.

In October 2024, Share-Net Bangladesh hosted the first **Regional Knowledge Translation Conference**, bringing together youth advocates, researchers, and policymakers from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. The event launched a **Narrative Review Report** by **Dr. Mohiuddin Ahsanul Kabir Chowdhury,** which compared the SRHR landscape across the four countries.

Dr. Mohiuddin Ahsanul Kabir Chowdhury,
Associate Professor and Program Director
of Public Health, Asian University for
Women; presenting his Narrative Review

Sparked cross-border collaboration among youth organisations

But more importantly, it helped *demystify* sexuality education and brought **SRHR** into public conversation in South Asia in a locally rooted yet regionally connected way.



FROM MENA **JORDAN**

In 2021, Share-Net Jordan, with support of Share-Net International, conducted a study entitled "Examining the Role and Added Value/Unique Selling Point of Expanding Share-Net in the Arab Region". As a pilot, the initiative focused on two countries (Egypt and Lebanon) to achieve the objective of a regional approach and expand their work to strengthen regional partnerships through the work of the various networks they are engaged with.

The goals were to facilitate regional learning exchange, to influence and improve policy and practice in SRHR in line with Share-Net International's vision, to increase the visibility and recognition of both Share-Net International and the country hub in the

region, and to

expand Share-Net International's network by engaging more members and building strategic partnerships to exchange best practices, foster knowledge accumulation, and connect members in different countries in the region to work on context-specific SRHR topics. As a result, we conducted two visits to Egypt and Lebanon, where we met the experts and directors working in the SRHR field.

Fadi El Halabi from Lebanon, the director of the Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network and a member of Share-Net Jordan and "I Am Human Society for Rights of People with Disabilities." In 2024, we got a small grant from Share-Net International to conduct a study aimed at developing and evaluating the

> effectiveness of a disabilityinclusive training programme

> > couples'



Regional SRHR workshop in 2023 brought together experts from Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon to discuss

priorities, challenges, and emerging issues.

strengthen

and

relationships and SRHR for young adults (18-30 years) with disabilities in Jordan. The study established a foundational partnership between two organisations.

Based on the study findings that highlighted the benefits of investing in expanding SRHR knowledge management hubs regionally and identified potential partners and justified the selection of Egypt and Lebanon, a regional workshop discussion was held in 2023, bringing together representatives from Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon with the attendance of many experts from Jordan to delve into the priorities, programmes, and challenges concerning SRHR. The main focus of this meeting was to examine the emerging issues, key priorities, challenges, and the current status of the sexual and reproductive health field in Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon.

Regional Co-Creation Conference on CSE 2024 united partners from Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, and Lebanon to codevelop culturally relevant knowledge products.



attention. When prioritising these areas, we recognise the significance of CSE within a holistic framework. It was noted through the roundtable discussion that not all components of CSE are covered in the curricula of some countries in the Arab region, and even where it is included. some educators tend to avoid presenting them. Additionally, the topic is considered sensitive to discuss in some areas. Working on CSE was also identified as a priority during the annual members' meeting, which includes the steering committee, representative members and our stakeholders. These gatherings identified priority areas, emphasised the need for cross-country collaboration, and highlighted specific needs, such as the integration of sexual and reproductive health concepts into educational curricula.

Between 2023 and 2024, Share-Net Jordan implemented the Knowledge Transfer Fund, seeking to expand its work regionally. In April 2024, it conducted the Regional Co-Creation Conference on CSE. The conference aims to achieve this by developing culturally appropriate knowledge products, identifying areas for change, and providing small grants for knowledge product implementation. Moreover, it seeks to foster regional learning and networking opportunities on CSE in Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, and Lebanon.

Experts from Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, and Lebanon, in addition to Jordan, participated in this two-day conference held in April 2024. Each participant presented a paper supported by scientific evidence, considering the reality of comprehensive sexual education in their countries, their evaluation of their country's experience in this field, and the extent of the need to integrate sexual health concepts in their countries' school curricula. Based on the outcomes of the Co-Creation Conference, Share-Net Jordan awarded three grants focused on the topics that need further study.

The regional conference provided Share-Net Jordan an opportunity to engage with stakeholders from other countries and deepen our understanding of the complexities of SRHR



Woroud Albtoush, Gender Mainstreaming Researcher at Share-Net Jordan, is giving a speech during the 2024 Regional Co-Creation Conference on CSE with experts from Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, and Lebanon.

in the region. It contributed to improved policies and programmes related to CSE, increased access to accurate and comprehensive information on sexual and reproductive health and rights for young people and strengthened networks and partnerships between stakeholders working on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the region.

To achieve these objectives, a variety of methodologies were employed during the conference. We selected the respective knowledge expert to oversee the narrative review. The inclusion of countries sharing similar social, cultural, and political contexts in the regional Co-Creation Conference created a conducive environment for cross-learning, exchange of best practices, and the identification of innovative

solutions to SRHR challenges. Participants had the opportunity to utilise Co-Creation Conference grants to generate new knowledge products, benefiting not only from others' experiences but also fostering the development of novel ideas and initiatives.

Key lessons learnt from the Co-Creation Conference highlighted the diversity of approaches to CSE across the MENA region. Each country follows its own unique path, reflecting the region's varied experiences. Peer learning stood out as particularly valuable, with cross-country exchanges offering practical insights and reallife examples. Hearing how different countries tailored their strategies inspired participants to adapt CSE to suit their local contexts. A notable takeaway from Lebanon was the critical role teachers play in shaping students' understanding of CSE topics. Lebanon is currently overhauling its national curricula, and Lebanese representatives noted that their participation in the Co-Creation Conference introduced new perspectives and experiences that they intend to integrate into their updated curricula, particularly regarding CSE.

Looking ahead at the national level, Share-Net Jordan has assembled a team of experts to review the adapted study developed by the CoP for the Regional Co-Creation Conference. This review is grounded in the UNESCO guidelines and tailored to Jordan's religious and cultural context. The goal is for the study to be approved by the relevant authorities and to guide the follow-up on Co-Creation Conference recommendations, particularly regarding the integration of CSE and sexual and reproductive health concepts into the national school curricula.



FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN COLOMBIA

The Knowledge Fair: A Regional Encounter for Exchange and Innovation

Between 2023 and 2024, Share-Net Colombia implemented the Knowledge Translation Fund, seeking to expand our impact in the Latin American and Caribbean region, as well as to generate and support knowledge translation processes that promote sexual and reproductive health and rights with a human rights-based approach.

The theme chosen for this process was "Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Vulnerable Populations", which was selected by our members as a commitment to an intersectional vision of vulnerable populations due to the complexities they face.

Within this framework, four grants of EUR 6,000 were awarded in 2023 to develop knowledge translation products for four organisations from Colombia, Panama and Chile who worked

with a focus on comprehensive education for sexuality, recognition of rights and awareness for populations with diverse gender identities, people with cognitive disabilities and girls, women and youth in the Colombian Pacific.

The process ended with the first Regional Knowledge Exchange Fair held in August 2024, in which 60 organisations from all over the region participated and where 5 conversation panels were held, and a total of 14 processes and knowledge translation products were presented. They all enriched the debate on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of LGBTIQ+ populations, people with disabilities, ethnic communities, victims of the armed conflict, sex workers, women deprived of liberty, and other groups in vulnerable situations, allowing the visibility of creative and innovative approaches in SRHR, both locally and regionally.

From Share-Net Colombia, we consider that this approach was successful and allowed not

only to make the network visible in the region, with a growth in our memberships, but also to recognise the importance of having spaces for exchange and discussion that recognise all forms of knowledge and the information necessities in SRHR for all people from an intersectional and inclusive perspective. We were able to connect with existing networks such as ILGA LAC, REDLACTRANS, Abortion Data and REdTraSex.

"I want to express my gratitude, as the experience fair in Bogotá exceeded my expectations. It was a space for learning and dialogue where we shared common issues and intervention experiences among the participating countries. This exchange allowed us to identify what works and what doesn't, all within an environment of sisterhood and collaboration to improve living conditions.

An experience like this is highly replicable, as it is essential to continuously learn from each other, even through diverse initiatives like embroidery and dance, whether traditional or innovative, which allow us to address sexual, reproductive, and human rights. I feel profoundly enriched and grateful for this opportunity. I return with gratitude, new ideas, and energy to continue working on such an important issue, one that in our countries still faces hostility and challenges."

- Débora Solís - Chile

Débora Solís Martínez, Executive Director of Asociación Chilena de Protección de la Familia, praised the 2024 Regional Knowledge Exchange Fair as a powerful space for shared learning, dialogue and regional collaboration in SRHR.



ACHIEVEMENTS

BANGLADESH JORDAN COLOMBIA

- In 2021, Share-Net Bangladesh initiated a scoping study to explore the potential of a regional knowledge translation approach for SRHR, laying the groundwork for cross-border collaboration among youth and practitioners in South
- Through the Knowledge Translation Fund, Share-Net Bangladesh supported the co-creation of over 15 knowledge products including policy briefs, narrative reviews, infographics, and videos—developed by youth from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan.
- In 2024, Share-Net Bangladesh hosted the first Regional Knowledge Translation Conference, uniting youth advocates, researchers, and policymakers from four countries to share experiences and launch a comparative SRHR narrative review.
- Share-Net Bangladesh's regional work sparked new youth-led networks, strengthened South Asian SRHR discourse, and inspired plans for multilingual tools, cross-border exchanges, and youth policy labs to deepen regional impact.

- In 2021, Share-Net Jordan, with support from Share-Net International, conducted a regional scoping study focusing on Egypt and Lebanon, setting the foundation for expanding the Share-Net model in the Arab region through strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement.
- In 2024, Share-Net Jordan supported a disability-inclusive SRHR study implemented by IAHRPD in Jordan, fostering collaboration between local organisations and enhancing inclusive SRHR knowledge production.
- Share-Net Jordan hosted a Regional Co-Creation Conference on CSE in April 2024, bringing together experts from five MENA countries to share experiences, develop culturally relevant knowledge products, and award three small grants for further research.
- Share-Net Jordan strengthened regional networks and influenced national SRHR discourse by facilitating cross-country learning, adapting global guidelines to local contexts, and supporting expert-led curriculum review efforts in Jordan.

- In the Latin American and Caribbean region, Share-Net Colombia supported the development of knowledge translation products that promote SRHR through a rights-based approach.
- Grantees in Colombia and Panama created a range of innovative knowledge products, including an itinerant museum, an interactive gameboard accompanied by an educational booklet, a digital SRHR toolkit, and two comprehensive capacity-building processes.
- Share-Net Colombia also facilitated a dynamic and inclusive space for knowledge dissemination and exchange, engaging a diverse audience of the public, policymakers, practitioners, and key stakeholders in the SRHR field.
- The initiative catalysed new partnerships and regional networking opportunities, laying the foundation for future collaboration. Share-Net Colombia also established meaningful connections with existing regional networks such as ILGA LAC, REDLACTRANS, Abortion Data, and REdTraSex.

THE ROAD AHEAD

From Share-Net International's perspective, the Regional Knowledge Translation Approach is not just a successful pilot—it is a scalable, strategic model that holds immense potential for reshaping how SRHR knowledge is produced, shared, and applied across diverse regional contexts. What began with three hubs—Bangladesh, Jordan, and Colombia—has demonstrated that regional collaboration, when rooted in local leadership and evidence-based co-creation, can lead to powerful cross-border impact.

The road ahead lies in institutionalising and expanding this model. One of our key priorities is to support the creation of permanent digital platforms that enable ongoing co-learning, content exchange, and advocacy among youth and practitioners in their respective regions. These platforms must be safe, inclusive, multilingual, and built with the direct involvement of local actors to ensure sustainability and relevance.

Equally vital is the development and **translation** of SRHR tools—infographics, briefs, videos, and narrative reports—into local languages such as Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Arabic, Spanish, and Bangla. Language inclusion is key to accessibility and uptake, especially among young people in rural and marginalised communities.

We also envision establishing **Regional Youth Policy Labs**, where youth advocates can design policy solutions and present them directly to government bodies and development partners. These labs would be spaces for leadership, experimentation, and policy innovation.

Cross-border learning exchanges—both virtual and in-person—will further strengthen knowledge ecosystems by fostering mentorship, peer learning, and shared strategies for advocacy and implementation.

Lastly, **funding equity** remains a core priority. We will continue to advocate for increased investment in youth-led, regionally embedded SRHR initiatives that are locally informed but globally connected.

By amplifying these efforts, Share-Net International seeks to deepen the impact of the regional approach and lay the foundation for a more connected, evidence-driven SRHR future—one that empowers youth, centres equity, and dismantles barriers across borders.



WHY THIS APPROACH **MATTERS**

For Share-Net International, this initiative has reaffirmed a fundamental truth: knowledge is most powerful when it is co-created, contextually rooted, and collectively owned. The Regional Knowledge Translation Approach has shown us what becomes possible when local expertise, youth leadership, and regional solidarity converge in the pursuit of advancing SRHR.

South Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America share many common SRHR challenges—be it restrictive norms around menstruation, taboos around sexuality education, or barriers to

accessing safe abortion. Yet, what is the growing power of their youth

impactful knowledge products and policy dialogues. What makes this work matter is not just what was produced—15+ knowledge products, multiple

change. This initiative has been about harnessing

that energy and channelling it into structured,

innovation, and their hunger for inclusive

policy briefs, conferences, and learning sessions but how it was produced: collaboratively, across borders, and with youth leading the charge. The process itself became a transformative experience—creating space for mutual learning, trust-building, and intergenerational dialogue.

As we look to the future, we believe this model has the potential to influence global SRHR thinking. It places power where it belongs—in the hands of communities and young people who live the realities we seek to change. By investing in regional platforms, linguistic inclusion, and participatory knowledge systems, we are not only translating knowledge—we are translating power.

At its core, this approach is about equity, connection, and reimagining what global knowledge ecosystems should look like. And that's why it matters.



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