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SRHM

SEXUAL AND
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HEALTH
MATTERS

MORE THAN A JOURNAL

2021 AT A GLANCE

KNOWLEDGE

SRHM published articles on a variety of topics including access to safe abortion, menstrual health, gender identity and expression, adolescent health and sexuality, family planning, surrogacy, and more, while showcasing perspectives from around the world. These articles were accessed by readers worldwide while the top countries with the most downloads were India, the United States, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. In total, articles were downloaded 1,600,278 times, a 10% increase from the previous year.

CAPACITY

Our journal continued to work closely with authors, encouraging and assisting those with valuable but less often published perspectives, to prepare their papers for publication. We also concluded a 16-month mentoring programme in South Asia which received overwhelmingly positive feedback from both the mentees and mentors. In addition, a number of papers are available in the 2021 open issue which are a result of fruitful mentoring collaboration.

INFLUENCE

We launched the SRHM Podcast to share new research and trends in SRHR with a wide audience from university students to policy makers. We also published a poetry collection on sexual and reproductive justice which connected artists and activists. We hosted three webinars and we continued to grow our online presence via social media, websites, and our blog platform. Under the South Asia programme, as a local-to-global initiative, we launched a rights-based knowledge creation initiative with podcasts, dialogues, and webinars.

GLOBAL REACH

We continued to strengthen our collaborations with global partners through our regional hubs. In South Asia, we launched a regional issue of the journal with the aim of promoting local knowledge. We also strengthened our francophone Africa hub with new regional partners. Through this exciting initiative, we started a mentoring programme in French focused on early career researchers in Western Africa.

STRENGTHENED ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY

We restructured our editorial team to be able to respond more promptly to editorial issues. We welcomed Emma Pitchforth as Executive Editor and created two Senior Editor positions which were filled by Sarah Keogh and TK Sundari Ravindran. We also continued to work with our Associate Editors who bring a diverse and multidisciplinary expertise to the journal.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF-EXECUTIVE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The past year continued to bring enormous challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic at times seemed unrelenting in its impact on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people everywhere. Advances in vaccines and treatments brought significant relief to some but further highlighted global inequalities. Geopolitics led to renewed displacement and humanitarian crises including in Afghanistan and natural disasters persisted in frequency and impact. As we write this introduction (March 2022) to our 2021 Annual Report, the world has changed dramatically again, this time with war against Ukraine. As with all wars – and there are many being waged around the world – the situation only highlights more acutely people’s vulnerabilities and violations of their human rights; health, including sexual and reproductive health, are particularly affected.

Recognising both the direct and indirect impact of all these situations on sexual and reproductive health and rights, SRHM continued its work to advance rights- and evidence-based knowledge creation, advocacy and capacity building. We have looked for the opportunities as well as challenges for health systems operating in new circumstances, with changing policies and environments. For example, the growth in self-care interventions offers new prospects but we have worked with partners to create knowledge and dialogue to ensure that ‘self-care’ does not mean that people are unsupported but rather that it becomes an opportunity to promote equitable access to needed care.

We have worked on advancing rights-based knowledge creation in line with our vision to offer a trusted local-to-global space for such knowledge at the same time as fostering regional ownership. Together with our regional partners and funders, we established SRHM regional hubs in South Asia and francophone Africa which focus on fostering both language diversity in knowledge creation and regional governance structures with global relevance. Regional journal issues have been established with local editorial teams which started to run a regional mentorship programme for different audiences. These include young researchers, more experienced researchers with limited experience in rights-based knowledge creation, human rights defenders and advocates within communities. Through different platforms we have carefully brought learning from distinct geographies to expand local and global understanding of sexual and reproductive health and rights and the actions required.

This Annual Report demonstrates our commitment to the change needed to achieve a world in which sexual and reproductive health and rights are recognised, and in which creating evidence and rights-based knowledge that can have an impact on politics, policies and programmes is an imperative. Every indication suggests that 2022 will see new violations of human rights that have an impact on sexual and reproductive health.

Community and solidarity are paramount in achieving our goals. We are grateful to all our partners, community, and funders for supporting our work and making our achievements of 2021 possible.

Eszter Kismódi, Chief Executive

Emma Pitchforth, Executive Editor

Jane Cottingham, Chair of the Board of Trustees

ABOUT SRHM

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) is an organisation promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) globally through its journal and “more than a journal” platform.

At the heart of SRHM is an **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL** with global relevance – the Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters journal. It is a multidisciplinary, open access, peer-reviewed, international journal that explores emerging, strategic, as well as neglected and marginalised issues across the field of SRHR.

SRHM is also **MORE THAN A JOURNAL**. As an SRHR platform, it inspires rights-based thinking and action in research, policy, service and practice. It contributes to capacity building and rights- and evidence-based knowledge creation through multi-disciplinary global and local partnerships.

The core focus of SRHM is the dissemination of rights- and evidence-based information reflecting scientific and research excellence and ensuring a platform for policy debate on the complex politics of SRHR.

VISION

A world in which sexual and reproductive health and rights are recognized as fundamental human rights and matters of social justice; in which sexual and reproductive health needs are addressed, and rights of people are fully respected, protected and fulfilled without discrimination of any kind.

MISSION

Engage in collaborative action to create, disseminate and advance rights-based and evidence-informed SRHR knowledge, build capacity and inspire action on SRHR locally, regionally and globally.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



KNOWLEDGE

SRHM creates and pursues innovative approaches for rights- and evidence-based SRHR knowledge generation and sharing, that inform SRH service delivery, policy and advocacy.

CAPACITY

SRHM contributes to a stronger and more diverse cadre of researchers, programme and policy makers, service delivery providers and advocates who publish, disseminate and use their rights- and evidence-based knowledge.

INFLUENCE

SRHM ensures that strategic dialogue and action generate greater political awareness and progressive changes in SRHR laws, policies, programmes, services and advocacy informed by evidence, human rights and social justice.

GLOBAL REACH

SRHM builds regional, national, and community ownership in knowledge generation linked to capacity-building, influence and advocacy, ensuring diverse voices are represented and amplified.

SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN

ORGANISATIONAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY

SRHM strives to be an organisation with strong institutional and financial sustainability in order to maintain its core mission, vision and values.

KNOWLEDGE



OPEN ISSUE 2021

This year's open issue contains 35 non-editorial articles on a variety of topics including access to safe abortion, menstrual health, gender identity and expression, adolescent health and sexuality, family planning, surrogacy and more in the field of SRHR, while showcasing perspectives from around the world. The open issue accepts papers on a rolling basis throughout the year.



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we launched a call for papers in March 2020. Since then, we have been maintaining an ongoing collection that highlights the implications of the pandemic on SRHR globally. So far, we have published 25 articles in this collection of papers.



SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL ISSUE ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

This SRHM regional issue provides a unique space to examine regionally relevant challenges and progress, using a multidisciplinary lens to strengthen the voices of practitioners, advocates and researchers committed to improving SRHR in South Asia and globally. This issue is expected to be one of the largest ever published.



SELF-CARE INTERVENTIONS AND RIGHTS-BASED ACCESS

This journal issue strives to identify threads across self-care interventions so as to build and strengthen good practices for evidence generation and action that improves the sexual and reproductive health, lives and rights of all. The issue also highlights gaps in rights-based research and knowledge that still need to be addressed.

OUR JOURNAL

The SRHM journal received 1,600,278 article downloads in 2021, a 10% increase since 2020 and a 515% increase since the journal became open access in 2017.

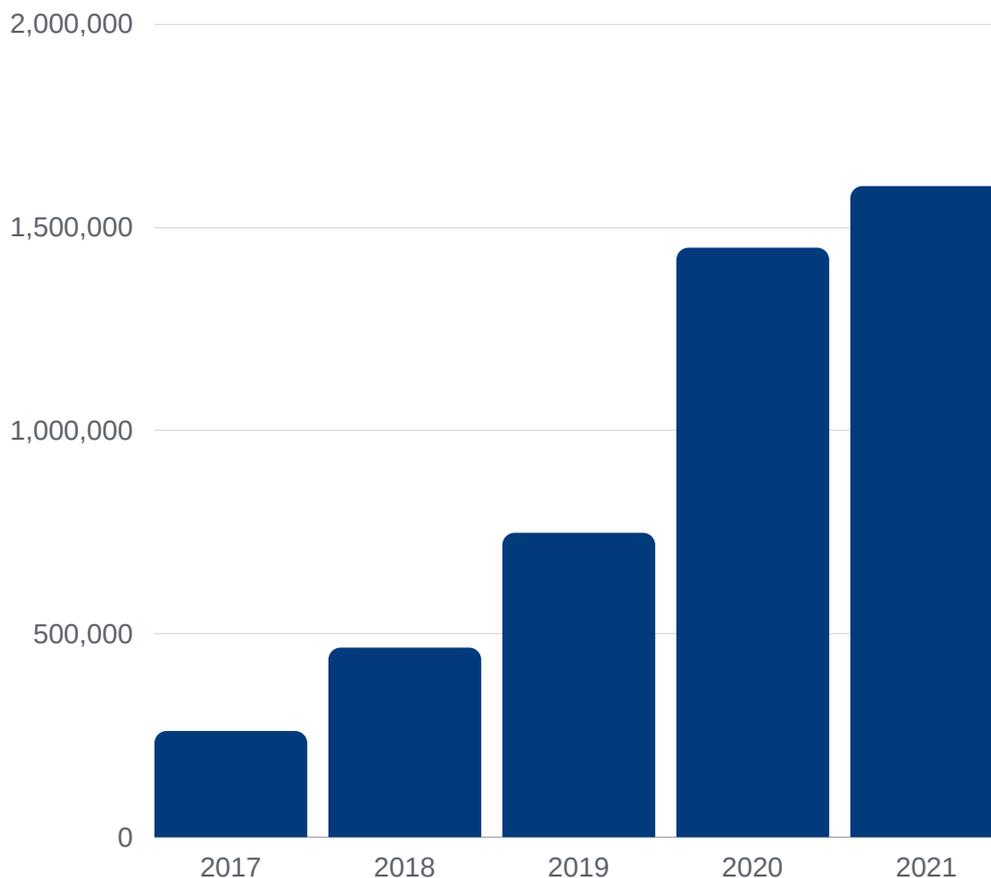
The top cited non-editorial article published in 2021 was *Moral frameworks of commercial surrogacy within the US, India and Russia* by Marcin Smietana, Sharmila Rudrappa and Christina Weis, with 6 citations.

The most downloaded article published in 2021 was *Age of consent: challenges and contradictions of sexual violence laws in India* by Amita Pitre & Lakshmi Lingam. The review article was downloaded 17,262 times.

The top Altmetric scoring article was *Menstrual health: a definition for policy, practice, and research* by Julie Hennegan, Inga T. Winkler, Chris Bobel, et al. with a score of 366.

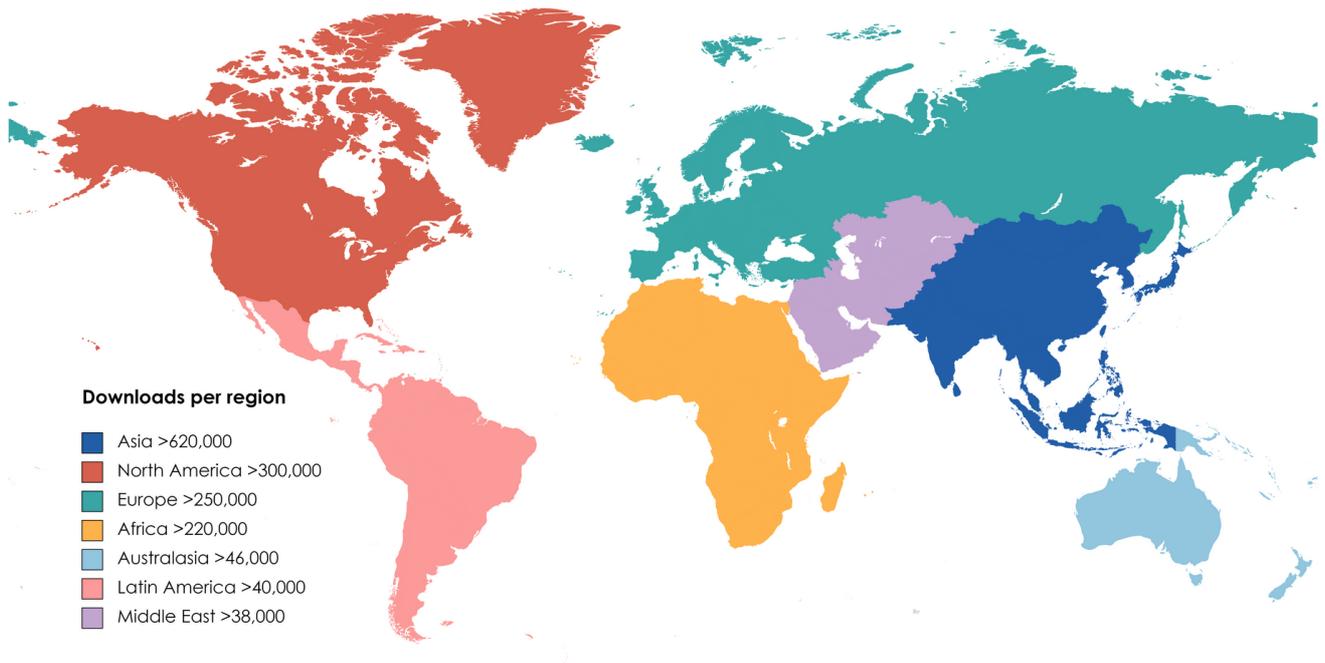
ARTICLE DOWNLOADS

The online readership of our journal has grown tremendously since it became open access in 2017, allowing anyone, anywhere in the world, to access articles published in the SRHM journal. Readers are able to access articles published since the inception of the journal in 1993 to the present.



GLOBAL RELEVANCE

SRHM's global coverage on SRHR issues attracts researchers and readers from all corners of the world. The map below breaks down article downloads per region. The five countries with the highest downloads are India (265,275), the United States (264,883), Sri Lanka (118,445), the United Kingdom (85,883), and the Philippines (48,439).



SRHM also continues to attract researchers from all over the world. Indeed, articles published in 2021 included corresponding authors from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Nepal, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, the UK, the USA and Zambia.

In addition, the research published in the journal was conducted in or focused on Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Uganda, the USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

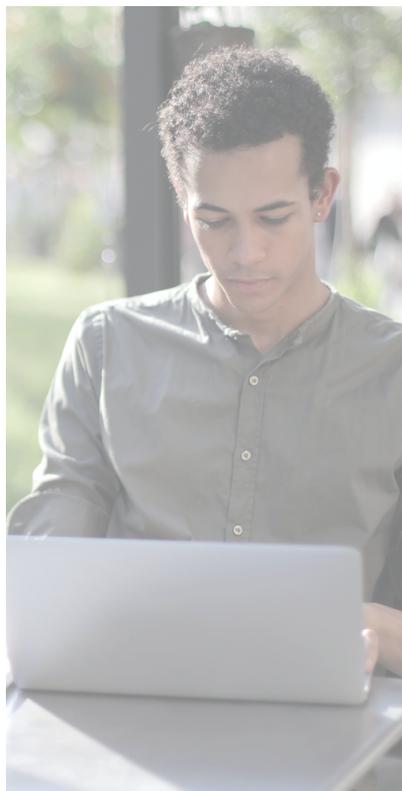


RELEVANCE AND LONGEVITY OF SRHM ARTICLES

The table below shows the top 10 downloaded articles in 2021, across all journal issues. These articles showcase the diversity of topics, the diversity of the origins of the research, and the relevance of SRHM research. New articles to make the top ten list compared to 2020 are: a paper on sex in China, an article on the history of male circumcision, and an editorial on making abortion a women's right worldwide.

TOP DOWNLOADED ARTICLES IN 2021	ISSUE	DOWNLOADS IN 2021
1. Sexuality and Women's Rights in Armed Conflict in Sri Lanka. <i>Yasmin Tambiah</i>	May 2004	134,323
2. The Perfect Vagina. <i>Tracey M Plowman</i>	Nov 2016	86,832
3. Sex Workers in Kenya, Numbers of Clients and Associated Risks: An Exploratory Survey. <i>C. Bernard Agala, Michael Elmore-Meegan, Ronan M Conroy</i>	May 2004	60,653
4. Young people, sex and relationships: miles to go and promises to keep. <i>Marge Berer</i>	May 2013	54,487
5. Sexual Torture of Men in Croatia and Other Conflict Situations: An Open Secret. <i>Evert Ketting, Pauline Oosterhoff, Prisca Zwanikken</i>	May 2004	35,852
6. School-Based Sex Education in Western Nepal: Uncomfortable for Both Teachers and Students. <i>Sujeeta Shakya, Shreejana Pokharel, Andrzej Kulczycki</i>	Nov 2006	33,492
7. "Just a Snip"?: A Social History of Male Circumcision. <i>Peter Aggleton</i>	May 2007	24,088
8. Sex in china. <i>Tan Michael Lim</i>	Nov 1993	22,046
9. Romance and Sex: Pre-Marital Partnership Formation among Young Women and Men, Pune District, India. <i>Bela Ganatra, Mallika Alexander, Shireen Jejeebhoy, Laila Garda, Savita Kanade</i>	Nov 2006	20,071
10. Making Abortion a Woman's Right Worldwide? <i>Marge Berer</i>	May 2002	17,668

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS



There were 340 new submissions to SRHM in 2021, and 57 articles were accepted across the open and themed issues as new workflows were implemented. There were almost 100 submissions to the South Asia Regional issue, with the Guest Editors getting through a large amount of work despite the pandemic causing severe disruptions in the region. The themed issue on Self-care Interventions and Rights-based Access received almost 50 submissions in 2021 in response to the call for papers, and the Editorial Committee was involved in the assessment of each manuscript. The journal continued to expand its pool of expert peer reviewers who provided excellent engagement and performed a vital role in the appraisal of submissions, even as the continued effects of the pandemic were being felt globally.

In 2021, the new editorial team began discussions on how best to develop journal policies to ensure that SRHM's expectations on publishing ethics, research reporting and integrity, and equity in global collaborations are sufficiently detailed and can be realized in a standardized way. Work is in progress in this regard, and the journal looks forward to updating more on this in due course.

JOURNAL METRICS

Consistent with the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), the journal page on our publishing partner's platform now shows a range of up-to-date journal-level metrics for SRHM, in addition to the article-level metrics contained for each published manuscript. The impact factor for 2020 (released in June 2021) also saw the effect of 2019's journal name change from RHM to SRHM, with the 2-year impact factor – which is a measure of citations received in 2020 to articles published in 2018 and 2019 – provided as two 'half' impact factors: 3.85 and 2.56.

CAPACITY

SRHM enhances the capacity of SRHR practitioners to produce and use multidisciplinary, rights-based evidence and analysis that links to policy and practice, by publishing their work in the journal and other SRHM platforms.

SRHM addresses imbalances in research publication internationally, by giving attention to younger and new researchers, practitioners and advocates who have less experience in academic writing, and those from low- and middle-income countries.

PROVIDING MENTORSHIP

While papers are accepted on an ongoing basis, authors are supported to develop their academic writing by our editors and associate editors through mentoring.

In 2021, we continued to run a mentoring programme in South Asia and a number of papers published in the South Asia regional journal issue were the result of fruitful collaborations between mentees and mentors. In addition, this initiative enabled us to conceive a structured mentoring toolkit that was used to develop a programme in francophone Africa which launched in early 2022. Further information is included below.



INFLUENCE



SRHM works to ensure that SRHR advocacy, policy and practice are informed and influenced by rigorous evidence- and rights-based analysis. We collaborate with partners and allies to influence political and policy agendas and identify gaps in knowledge and encourage investigation into neglected areas in SRHR.

Last year, we launched the SRHM Podcast with the goal to share new research and trends in SRHR with a wide audience from university students to policy makers. We also published a poetry collection on sexual and reproductive justice which connected artists and activists. We hosted three webinars, and we continued to grow our online presence via social media, websites, and our blog platform. Under the South Asia programme, as a local to global initiative, we launched a rights-based knowledge creation initiative with podcasts, dialogues, and webinars.

SRHM PODCAST

In 2021, we launched the SRHM Podcast which explores new research and emerging trends in the field of SRHR. The podcast is produced by the SRHM communications team and is available for free on all major platforms including Apple Podcast, Google Podcast and Spotify. In 2021, we released the following episodes:

Reflections on research published in 2020 and what's ahead

In this first episode, Nina Sun (SRHM Associate Editor and Human Rights Lawyer and Deputy Director, Global Health and Human Rights, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University) and Julia Hussein (former SRHM Editor-in-Chief) look back at the research published in the SRHM Journal in 2020 and share their thoughts on emerging trends in the field of SRHR.

Menstrual hygiene in Chennai, India during COVID-19 and beyond

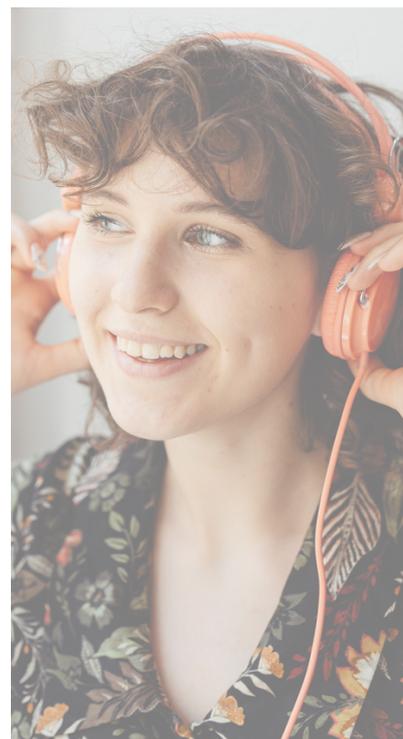
This episode features Dr. Ankitha Manohar (practicing OBGYN) and Dr. Nuzrath Jahan (Master of Public Health Research Scholar). The episode builds on Dr. Nuzrath Jahan's commentary published in the SRHM Journal titled "Bleeding during a pandemic, the politics of menstruation."

Rights-based SRHR research: concepts, principles and methodologies

In this first episode of a series on rights-based research and knowledge creation, Eszter Kismódi (SRHM Chief Executive) speaks with three leading experts in the field: Sundari Ravindran (SRHM Senior Editor), Laura Ferguson (Associate Director, Program on Global Health & Human Rights; Assistant Professor at the Institute for Global Health at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California) and Sabina Faiz Rashid (Dean and Professor BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University). This was the most popular episode in 2021.

The effectiveness of self-managed abortion using misoprostol alone

In this episode, Dr. Ruvani Jayaweera (epidemiologist and researcher at Ibis Reproductive Health) is in conversation with her colleagues Dr. Heidi Moseson (epidemiologist and researcher at Ibis Reproductive Health and PI of the SAFE study), Ijeoma Egwuatu (Data, Innovation and Communication Director at GIWYN and Study Coordinator for the SAFE study), and Ika Ayu Kristiangrum (Executive Director of Samsara and Co-PI of the SAFE study).



Rethinking abortion legal reforms in India and South Korea

In this episode, Rupsa Mallik (Independent Consultant and former the Director of Programs and Innovation at CREA) is in conversation with Na Young (co-founder and representative of the Centre for Sexual Rights and Reproductive Justice or SHARE).

Surrogacy and reproductive justice

In this episode, Mindy Jane Roseman (SRHM Associate Editor, Director of International Law Programs at Yale Law and Director of the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights) is speaking with Dr. Marcin Smietana (Research Associate in the Reproductive Sociology Research Group at Cambridge University) and Sarojini Nadimpally (Founder of Sama Resource Group for Women and Health and the former Co-chair of People's Health Movement Global).

US foreign policy and abortion

In the last episode of the year, Emily Maistrellis (Senior Program Officer at the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health) hosts a conversation with Patty Skuster (Visiting Professor, Beck Chair in Law at Temple University Beasley School of Law), Anand Tamang (founding director of CREHPA) and Evelyne Opondo (Senior Regional Director for Africa at the Center for Reproductive Rights).

WEBINARS

In 2021, we coordinated several webinars which contributed to debates about human rights standard development, setting research and policy agendas, and engaging in advocacy for SRHR globally and ensuring that our knowledge was shared broadly in order to influence policy and practice.

Meet the editors: call for papers on self-care interventions and rights-based access



In February, after releasing the call for papers for our journal issue on self-care interventions, we hosted an online event with the editors of the issue. The editors spoke about the issue of the journal, the scope of the topic, and the submission process and requirements. They also answered questions from potential authors. The speakers included Manjulaa Narasimhan (Scientist, WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research), Laura Ferguson (Assistant Professor; Director, Program on Global Health & Human Rights; Director

of Research, Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California; SRHM Associate Editor), and Pete Chapman (SRHM Managing Editor). The event was moderated by Eszter Kismódi (SRHM Chief Executive).

Accountability in sexual and reproductive health and rights research

In May, we began a dialogue series on rights-based research and knowledge creation for sexual and reproductive health. The first event of this series focused on accountability and explored the core areas that SRHR accountability research must address, including social and political contextualisation of accountability, unpacking the operations of power, the context of community driven accountability interventions and addressing marginalisation through accountability research.

The panel was moderated by Eszter Kismódi (SRHM Chief Executive) and featured Sana Contractor (Independent Consultant), Victoria Boydell (Research Fellow at the Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute), Marta Schaaf (Global Health Justice Advocate, Health Systems and SRHR Researcher), Ricki Kgositau (Executive Director, Accountability International), and Ana Lorena Ruano (Associate Professor at the Center for International Health at the University and Research and Learning Coordinator at CEGSS).



Texas abortion ban: what it means and what happens next

In response to the state of Texas implementing Senate Bill 8 banning abortion after six weeks of pregnancy in September 2021, we hosted a webinar to discuss the abortion ban, the strategies being pursued to stop its enforcement and the ban’s implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights in the US and beyond.

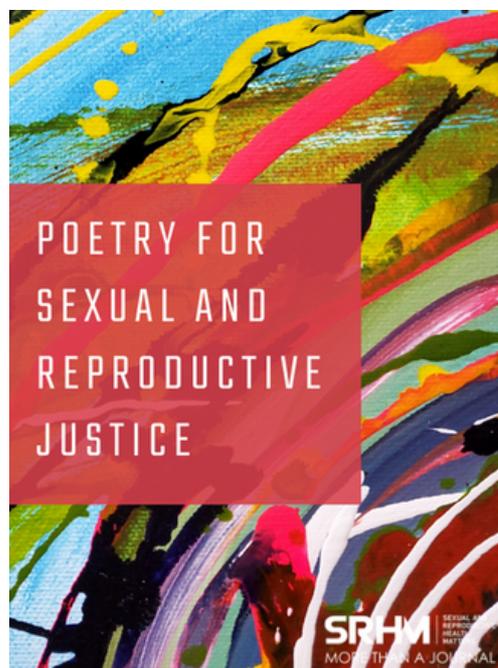


The event was moderated by Mindy Jane Roseman (SRHM Associate Editor, Director of International Law Programs at Yale Law and Director of the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women’s Rights). The panel featured Dr. Kari White (Associate Professor in the Steve Hicks School of Social Work and Faculty Research Associate at the Population Research Center at The University of Texas), Melanie Fontes (Fellow at the Center for Reproductive Rights), and Dr. Samuel Dickman (Medical Director for Primary Care at Planned Parenthood South Texas). To widen the reach of this event, the recording was shared on the SRHM Podcast.

POETRY FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

In September 2021, SRHM announced its first call for poetry on sexual and reproductive justice with the aim to reach a wider community of SRHR advocates and foster creativity within the field. In response to the call, we received 106 submissions from poets across all continents.

A dedicated Selection Committee blindly reviewed the submissions and accepted 57 poems to be included in our anthology. We officially launched our collection on Human Rights Day on December 10, 2021. Between then and Women’s Day in March 2022, we shared poems weekly with our community and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We celebrated both days with online events where poets from the collection were invited to read their poems and share more about what inspired them to write.

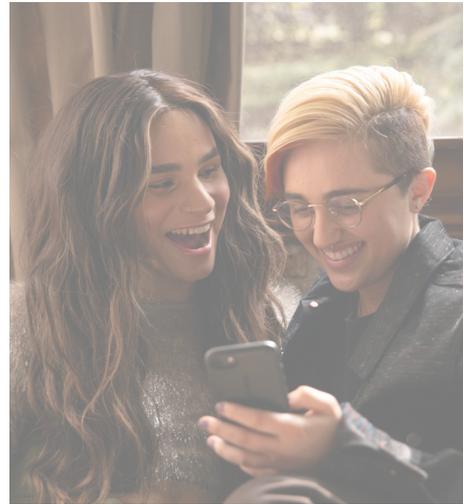


ONLINE INFLUENCE

Social media

The nature of social media allows SRHM to reach a wide and diverse audience. SRHM uses Twitter and Facebook to link individual papers to relevant conferences and events, international days of action and remembrance; and alert organisations and individuals to papers that could usefully inform and support their work. Since the launch of an Instagram page in 2019, we have been working to reach a new, younger audience and to engage with advocates and activists in the SRHR field.

Twitter: 7,600 followers, increased from 6,000 in 2020
Facebook: 2,850 followers, increased from 2,700 in 2020
Instagram: 820 followers, increased from 600 in 2020



Websites

SRHM’s organisational website, srhm.org, had over 54,000 page views in 2020 with over 23,500 users from all over the world. SRHM’s journal website, srhmjournal.org, where the entire journal archive is open-access, is hosted by our publisher Taylor and Francis.

Blogs

Blogs serve to share current issues and topics in SRHR in an informal format and are submitted to SRHM by various members of the SRHR community. Below are the top 5 blogs of 2021 (by readership):



Adolescents and sexual education during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond



The right to safe abortion in South Africa



Improving access to high-quality family planning by putting the universal in UHS schemes



Rolling out free family planning services in Burkina Faso is improving choice but who will pay



Human rights and the fight against retrogression in the U.S.

SRHM in the media

In 2021, SRHM was featured by several news agencies. For instance, a review titled *Mapping the scientific literature on reproductive health among transgender and gender diverse people: a scoping review* was featured in Contemporary OB/GYN while the paper titled *Menstrual health: a definition for policy, practice, and research* was featured in Mirage.News. SRHM also published press releases and worked with our publisher’s (Taylor & Francis) media team to promote our articles to journalists.

CONFERENCE

In December 2021, SRHM had a booth in the virtual exhibit hall of the 29th International Population Conference (IPC2021). The conference, which was scheduled to take place in India but moved online due to the ongoing pandemic, offered around-the-clock sessions to enable participants from around the world to present new research and meet with colleagues.

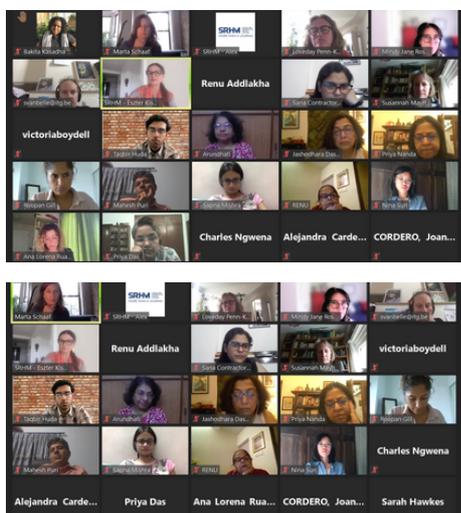
The SRHM booth focused on inviting potential authors to submit a paper to the journal. Members of the SRHM editorial team monitored the chat and answered questions from attendees.



RIGHTS-BASED KNOWLEDGE CREATION INITIATIVE

In 2021, we continued to strengthen our rights-based knowledge creation initiative with partners. This initiative is based on the recognition that despite considerable effort over the past decade to develop independent, methodologically robust, rights-oriented research, current efforts remain disjointed and insufficient. The aim of this project is to create knowledge products in the form of articles, as well as toolkits for dissemination and global use in mentoring, training and education.

Based on strategic meetings, we developed a comprehensive plan which includes a series of dialogues with experts in the field, and extensive rights-based literature reviews organised around key rights principles of SRHR (accountability, participation, non-discrimination, autonomy and consent).



In 2021, we introduced the core concepts of rights-based knowledge creation through an episode of the SRHM Podcast. We also focused on the principle of accountability and hosted a webinar on accountability in SRHR research in May 2021. A few weeks later, we organised a dialogue meeting with 38 experts from around the world. The meeting aimed to enhance the discussion on how accountability can be incorporated into research and knowledge creation from a diverse multi-disciplinary perspective. The discussion focused on social accountability, health system related accountability, legal accountability, and donor and international actor accountability.

GLOBAL REACH

SRHM builds regional, national, and community ownership in knowledge generation linked to capacity-building, influence and advocacy, ensuring a spread of voices are represented and amplified.

By building capacity and partnering with local organisations, SRHM ensures that the next generation of researchers, policy makers, service providers and especially advocates from the Global South is well equipped to address SRHR issues locally and globally.

FROM LANGUAGE EDITIONS TO REGIONAL HUBS

Traditionally, we collaborated to publish the SRHM Journal in multiple languages every year. Our partners, based in institutions and organisations in Egypt (Arabic), China (Chinese), India (Hindi), Brazil (Portuguese), Russia (Russian) and Peru (Spanish), would select relevant articles for translation and publication. In 2018, we made the strategic decision to reorient the language editions towards a stronger and more focused regional participation in the form of regional hubs. Since then, we have been building a South Asia regional hub and a francophone Africa regional hub. The increased reach strengthens SRHM's ability to influence policy and action by building partnerships with global, regional and national actors. We also aim to contribute to the decolonisation of knowledge creation by passing on the leadership to regional experts.



SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL HUB



We are grateful to have received a grant from the Gates Foundation to establish a South Asian regional hub. This grant enabled us to establish multi-disciplinary local and regional partnerships and enhance rights-based knowledge creation with global relevance.

The initiation of the South Asia hub emerged from SRHM's long standing relationship with partners from the region and following a strategy meeting in New Delhi, India in March 2020, SRHM officially launched its first regional hub in South Asia.

SRHM South Asia Regional Issue

In 2021, after receiving a record-breaking number of submissions, we published nine papers in the South Asia regional issue while over 20 papers are still under consideration. This journal issue serves as an entry point for long term, sustained and rights- and evidence-based knowledge creation in the South Asia region. Through this journal issue, SRHM strives to identify regional threads to build and strengthen local agendas for evidence generation and action. Most importantly, the issue provides a space to examine challenges and progress, using a regional, multidisciplinary lens to strengthen the community of practitioners, advocates and researchers committed to improving SRHR in South Asia.



Mentoring Programme

To help strengthen the rights- and evidence-based knowledge creation skills of researchers, practitioners, advocates in South Asia, we coordinated a mentoring programme from September 2020 to December 2021. After a competitive selection process, we invited nine mentees who were mentored by leading experts in SRHR from the region. Mentees received training, support and mentoring on analysis, research and writing, with a rights- and evidence-based perspective. The programme also offered the opportunity for mentees to publish their research in the South Asia regional issue of SRHM (subject to peer review and editorial approvals).

At the end of the programme, we conducted an evaluation which showed that the programme has been regarded as a unique capacity building opportunity for researchers, advocates, and human rights lawyers who belong to or are working with marginalized communities. Further, the introduction to rights-based knowledge creation and the collaborations across the region were listed as the top strengths of the programme.

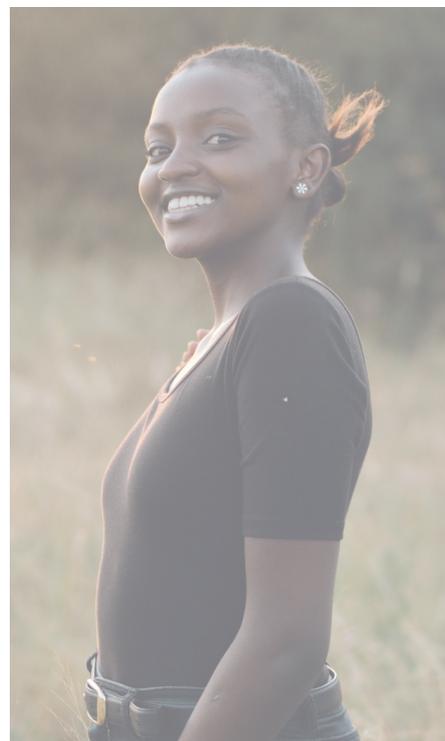
FRANCOPHONE AFRICA REGIONAL HUB



Building on the work started in 2020, we continued our collaboration with the Association Ensemble pour la Santé de la Reproduction (ESR) and Ecole Nationale de Santé Publique (ENSPs) to strengthen our francophone regional hub. In 2021, in partnership with WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, we developed a bilingual editorial production process. As a result, a journal issue provisionally entitled "Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in West and Central Africa" will be published in 2022-2023 and will include papers produced by researchers, policy makers and youth activists from different countries in the region. These papers will be submitted in French and published in both French and English to ensure that regionally produced knowledge can also reach a global audience.

Mentoring Programme

In 2021, the Centre de Recherche en Reproduction Humaine et en Démographie CERRHUD, Benin, the Association Ensemble pour les Droits et Santé Sexuelle et de la Reproduction (EDSSR), Morocco and SRHM jointly applied and successfully received a grant from Amplify Change for a regional mentoring programme with bilingual papers to be published in a dedicated SRHM francophone journal issue. This programme, which launched in early 2022, is led by CERRHUD, with a strong collaboration from SRHM and includes the establishment of a mentoring programme with mentees and mentors from five francophone Africa countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal, Morocco and Tunisia. It provides a unique opportunity for young scholars and other SRHR actors to be introduced to rights-based knowledge creation and writing, and it also bring together senior SRHR professionals who are dedicated to discussing and debating the relevance of rights-based research from the local perspective and jointly developing new ways of capacity building and networking for a multidisciplinary SRHR audience.



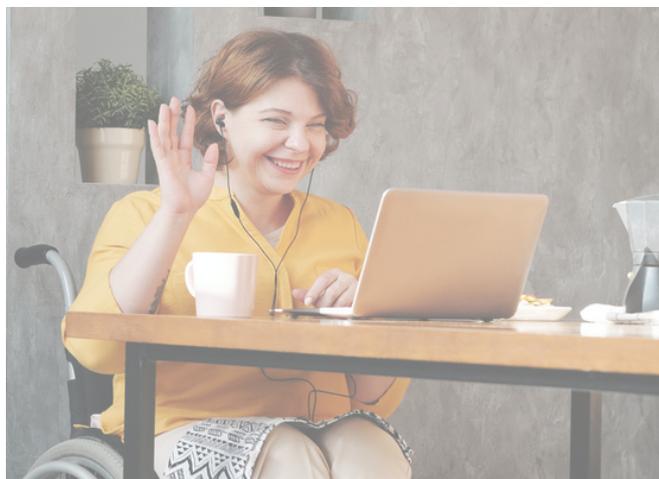
SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY

SRHM strives to be an organisation with strong institutional and financial sustainability in order to maintain its core mission, vision and values.

OPERATIONS

Since the original foundation of Reproductive Health Matters (RHM) journal in 1993, SRHM has always taken a visionary approach to its organisational development, considering innovative approaches to ensure its continued strength, sustainability and independence. Since 2018, SRHM has been developing a remote operational model, encouraging greater creativity, diversity and inclusivity across its team and activities. This has enabled funds which would previously have been spent on physical office costs to be reinvested back into core activities, people and capacity building. SRHM's remote working model encourages mutual trust and accountability across the organisation, where flexible working is supported and staff are encouraged to collaborate, share feedback and participate in strategic discussions.

While the COVID-19 pandemic created a huge logistical and operational challenge for many organisations, SRHM gained significant advantage from already having these remote systems in place. This ensured minimal disruption to internal operational processes, enabling SRHM to focus on providing a swift response to the pandemic in relation to SRHR issues and programmatic activities.



Over the past two years, SRHM has continued to learn and grow, adopting new digital tools and developing new strategies and opportunities for global collaboration through online, inclusive and accessible working practices. While global travel restrictions have limited opportunities for in-person meetings, SRHM has been able to bring together global SRHR experts and researchers through interactive online meetings, working groups, roundtables, workshops, webinars and events.

Throughout 2021 SRHM has also continued to focus on improving and developing SRHM's finance function and risk management, preparing and enabling the organisation to maintain operations in the face of unexpected global challenges. Existing structures have been updated and new systems put in place to ensure continued effective governance, monitoring of finances and legal compliance. Fundraising remains a priority, as global political and economic events continue to change the face of the fundraising landscape. SRHM continues to actively seek out and identify new opportunities and partnerships which will enable long-term organisational sustainability and impact. SRHM's strengths lie in its networks and expertise - our core team and extended partners are truly global, allowing us to engage, not only with SRHR-specific issues, but with organisational, financial and operational issues from a diverse range of perspectives. This enables SRHM not only to better assess global risks and challenges, but to identify opportunities for organisational innovation and global collaboration.

SRHM SECRETARIAT

Our global team is passionate about the mission of SRHM and contributes diverse, dynamic, and professional experience to the organisation.

Eszter Kismódi - Chief Executive

Julia Hussein - Editor-in-Chief (until April 2021)

Emma Pitchforth - Executive Editor (since February 2021)

Sarah Keogh - Senior Editor (since April 2021)

TK Sundari Ravindran - Senior Editor (since April 2021)

Pete Chapman - Managing Editor

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Kelma Jean - Communications Intern (from June to September 2021)

In 2021, the SRHM team went through significant development to ensure we could respond to growing needs. After Julia Hussein, Editor-in-Chief, announced her retirement, we took the time to restructure and expand the editorial team. As such, we welcomed Emma Pitchforth as Executive Editor and created two Senior Editor positions which were filled by Sarah Keogh and TK Sundari Ravindran.





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Our associate editors provide a valuable contribution to the publication of the journal and mentorship of authors.

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Helen Potts - Health and Human Rights Consultant, Australia (since March 2021)

In 2021, Emma Pitchforth left her role as Associate Editor and joined SRHM as Executive Editor. We also welcomed Helen Potts as our newest Associate Editor.

EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

Our editorial advisory board members offer diverse, multidisciplinary and long-standing expertise related to SRHR to help achieve SRHM's core mission.

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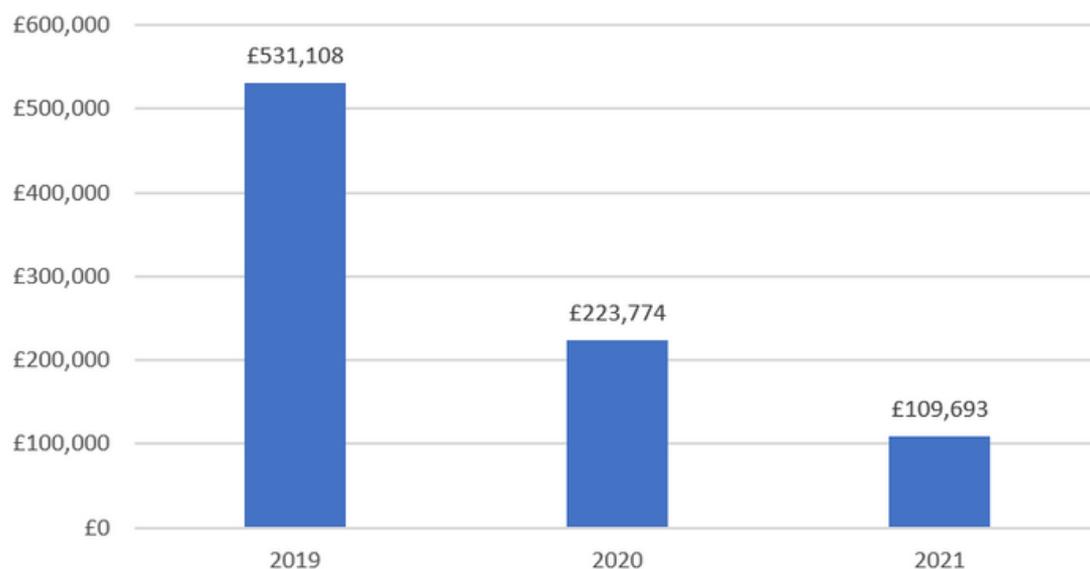
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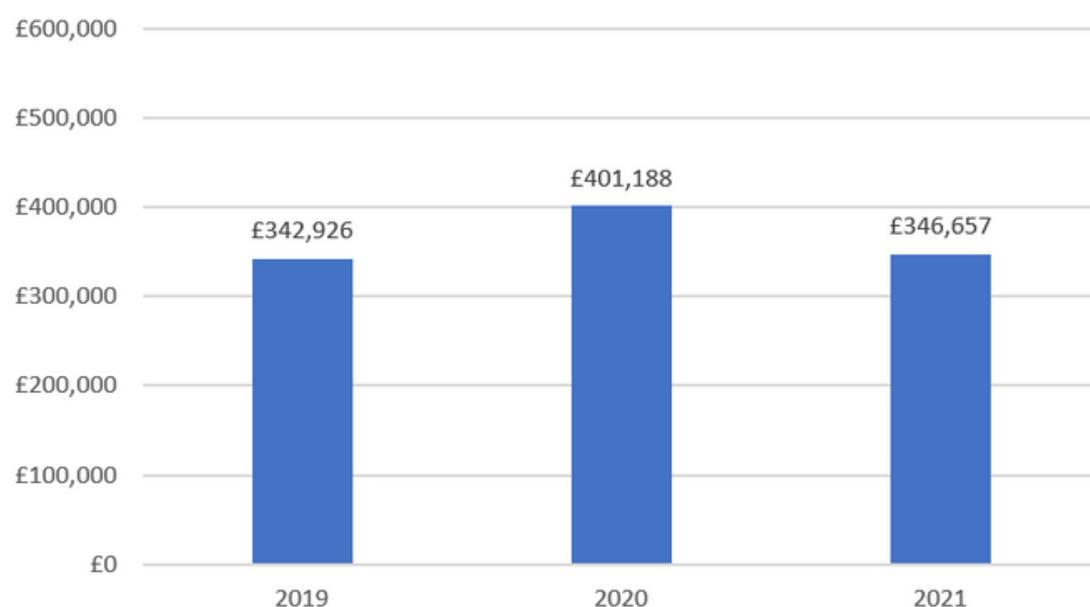
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