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STRATEGY

Considering the moment, our historical strengths and the needs of the movements working on sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide, these are the 7 Key Outcomes SRHM intends to achieve by the end of 2026.

- 1** SRH researchers, activists, policy makers, communities use strong rights- and evidence-based SRH knowledge for legal, policy and service delivery change
- 2** The knowledge of local activists, experts, and services providers is amplified, influencing law and policy making and programme development worldwide and the voice of communities is considered to be evidence
- 3** A new generation of SRHR researchers and activists are emerging with skills of creating rights- and evidence-based knowledge for action
- 4** Silos within and across SRHR movements are broken down, with different SRHR stakeholder groups learning from each other and using well informed strategies at local and global levels
- 5** Parliamentarians, judges, politicians, international and national policy makers are effectively using counternarratives to disinformation influencing international and government action all over the world
- 6** Policy makers and programme implementers are working for improved SRH services by effective use of positive examples of rights-based SRH service provision
- 7** Abortion activists, policy makers and politicians are empowered with knowledge and new evidence-based strategies they are using to influence the abortion agenda at the international and national levels

In working to achieve all of the above, SRHM also strives to be an organisation with strengthened institutional and financial sustainability in order to maintain SRHM's core mission, vision and values.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) is the only global organisation linked to a scientific, highly reputed journal in the field of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) that provides an independent voice, has a long-time, trusted reputation, and offers space to a truly global network of researchers, policy makers, programme managers, lawyers and activists in the field of SRH.

**OUR MISSION IS SHAPED BY THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT RIGHTS- AND
EVIDENCE-BASED KNOWLEDGE IS
POWER.**

VISION

A world where sexual and reproductive health and rights are respected, protected and fulfilled and where sexual and reproductive health-related laws, policies, health systems and practices are based on human rights and social justice and the needs of all people without discrimination and violence.

MISSION

To advance the creation and dissemination of sexual and reproductive health knowledge that is grounded in human rights and based on credible evidence, and to facilitate the transformation of such knowledge into action for improved sexual and reproductive health and rights.

SRHR Knowledge: SRHM JOURNAL

The SRHM journal publishes research, in-depth analysis and critical reviews across the spectrum of SRHR, generating knowledge and evidence and inspiring new thinking and action.

SRHM produces a number of open-access, peer-reviewed journal issues every year including one open issue which accepts papers year round. We encourage submissions from a wide range of regions and perspectives. In 2022, SRHM published a large open issue and continued to publish papers to a special collection on COVID-19 and SRHR.



OPEN ISSUE 2022

The 2022 open issue contains 40 non-editorial articles on a variety of topics including access to safe abortion, gender identity and expression, maternity care, family planning, contraception and more in the field of SRHR, while showcasing perspectives from around the world. The editorial of this issue draws attention to SRHR and justice in the war against Ukraine in 2022.



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

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SRHM 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, 32 articles have been published in this collection.

The SRHM journal has a 2021 impact factor of 5.732
1 588 530 articles were downloaded in 2022 across all issues

Anyone, anywhere in the world can access articles published in the SRHM journal, since the inception of the journal in 1993 to the present.

The journal continues to see an increase in submissions, downloads and impact demonstrating a significant need for the journal globally and regionally. Since the journal became open access in 2017, paper submissions grew steadily with a peak following the launch of the COVID-19 call for papers. During that same time, article downloads increased by 515% to over 1.6 million downloads while the journal impact factor has increased from 1.4 to 5.7.

Below are the articles from the previous 3 years that have been the most downloaded, cited and received the highest altmetric score.



The most downloaded article was [Age of consent: challenges and contradictions of sexual violence laws in India](#) by Amita Pitre & Lakshmi Lingam.

The review article was published in our 2021 [South Asia regional issue on sexual and reproductive health and rights](#) and downloaded 18 559 times



The top cited article was [COVID-19: What implications for sexual and reproductive health and rights globally?](#) by previous editor Julia Hussein, with 133 citations.

This editorial was published in our [2020 Open Issue](#).

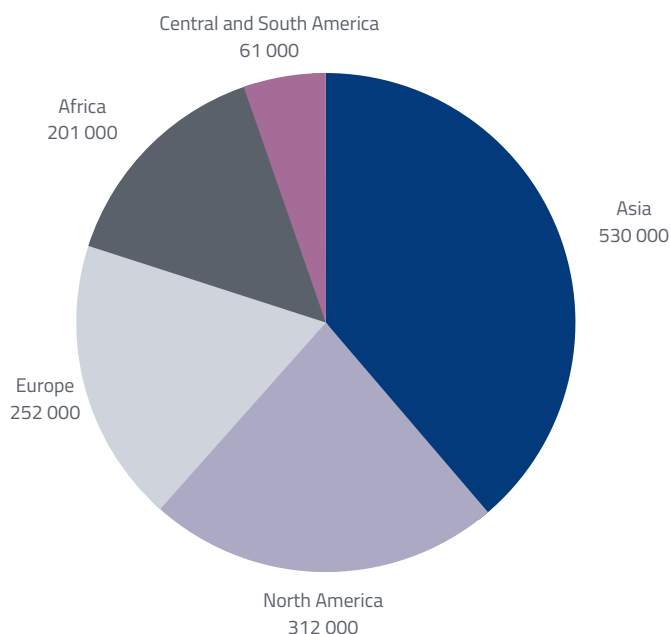


The top Altmetric scoring article was [What's missing in MHM? Moving beyond hygiene in menstrual hygiene management](#) by Jennifer Thomson, Fran Amery, Melanie Channon & Mahesh Puri with a score of 1486.

The article was published in the [2019 Open Issue](#) and referenced by various news stations including CNN in their article titled [Pantone launches bold new color to combat menstruation taboos](#). The news article quotes "in a mid-western region of Nepal, a [2019 study](#) found that the practice of making girls sleep in menstruation huts is still prevalent, despite a nationwide ban".

MOST DOWNLOADED ARTICLES (FROM PAST 3 YEARS)	DOWNLOADS
Age of consent: challenges and contradictions of sexual violence laws in India <i>Amita Pitre & Lakshmi Lingam</i>	18 559
Menstrual health: a definition for policy, practice, and research <i>Julie Hennegan, Inga T. Winkler, Chris Bobel, et al</i>	11 295
Abortion knowledge, attitudes and experiences among adolescent girls: a review of the literature <i>Cecilia Espinoza, Ghazaleh Samandari & Kathryn Andersen</i>	9272
Love, sex, and commitment: relationship choices and trajectories among unmarried youth in India <i>Shrinivas Darak, Ritu Parchure, Trupti Darak & Vinay Kulkarni</i>	5893
Women's experiences of marital rape and sexual violence within marriage in India: evidence from service records <i>Padma-Bhate Deosthali, Sangeeta Rege & Sanjida Arora</i>	4911
Reproductive injustice, trans rights, and eugenics <i>Blas Radi</i>	3596
Sexual and reproductive health services in universal health coverage: a review of recent evidence from low- and middle-income countries <i>T. K. Sundari Ravindran & Veloshnee Govender</i>	3544
Sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice in the war against Ukraine 2022 <i>Eszter Kismödi & Emma Pitchforth</i>	3463
Men's involvement in women's abortion-related care: a scoping review of evidence from low- and middle-income countries <i>Joe Strong</i>	3416
Disciplining sexual and reproductive behaviour of tuberculosis patients in Bangladesh: a mixed method study exploring divergent messages <i>Mrittika Barua & Francien van Driel</i>	2376
Moral frameworks of commercial surrogacy within the US, India and Russia <i>Marcin Smietana, Sharmila Rudrappa & Christina Weis</i>	2376

SRHM’s global coverage on SRHR issues attracts readers and researchers from all corners of the world.



GLOBAL READERSHIP

This chart breaks down article downloads in 2022 per region. The publication of a South Asia regional issue contributed to high downloads across that region.

Since SRHM's inception, hundreds of thousands have placed their trust in SRHM's fearless approach to the critical issues affecting people's SRHR, wherever they are.

Our readers have confidence in SRHM’s independent voice, scientific rigour, explicit attention to sexual and reproductive justice, and unique approach to articulating and expanding the understanding of how sexual and reproductive health and human rights are inextricably interlinked.

GLOBAL RESEARCHERS

The highest submissions in 2022 were received from authors in the **United States, Ethiopia, India, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Ghana, Iran, Canada, Bangladesh, Kenya and Nigeria**. SRHM received 306 submissions in 2022.

In addition, the research published in the journal was conducted in or focused on **Argentina, Indonesia, Nigeria, Venezuela, India, Spain, Palestine, Jordan, Nepal, Sweden, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mexico, USA, Pakistan, Senegal, Hong Kong and Ethiopia**.

SRHM’s ever-growing community of researchers, activists and other experts contributes to shift ideology and power-driven politics that are hostile to people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights towards human rights and social justice in SRHR policies and programmes.

GLOBAL CAPACITY BUILDING

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.

SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL HUB

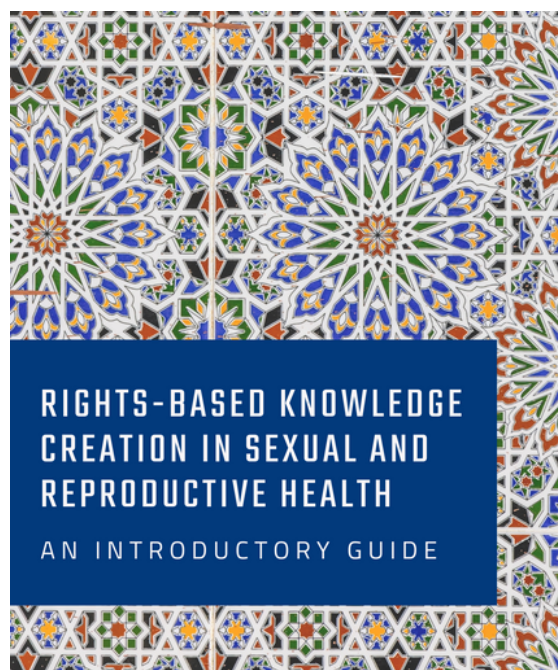
The SRHM South Asia hub is an initiative in which SRHM collaborates with strategic regional partners to enhance rights-based knowledge creation with global relevance.

An introductory guide to rights-based knowledge creation in SRH

In 2022, SRHM published an introductory guide to rights-based knowledge creation in SRHR, written by B. Subha Sri.

The guide has been produced as resource material for the mentoring programme on rights-based knowledge creation in sexual and reproductive health, conducted by the South Asia Hub of SRHM. It is meant to provide an introduction for researchers, practitioners and activists on how to use a human rights-based approach to knowledge creation in the area of sexual and reproductive health.

The guide is available at srhm.org.



FRANCOPHONE AFRICA REGIONAL HUB

Mentoring Programme

Over the past year, SRHM, in partnership with CERRHUD in Benin and EDSSR in Morocco, have been running a mentoring programme targeted at building the research writing and publication capacity of young researchers in Francophone Africa.

In addition to capacity development, the aim of the programme is also to showcase current scholarship on SRHR in the region in French. The fact that many journals only publish in English can act as a language barrier for both readers in Francophone Africa, as well as potential authors from the region who would prefer to publish in French.

Following a competitive process, six junior researchers from Burkina Faso, Benin and Morocco who were in the process of writing up their PhD or Masters research were accepted into the programme, where they were matched with a senior academic who provided one-on-one mentoring. The programme also organised several online and in-person training workshops for the mentees, including a three-day in-person workshop in Benin covering various topics from conducting rights-based research, to authorship guidelines and publishing in SRHM.

The mentoring programme will result in the publication of a French-language issue of SRHM, focused on SRHR in Francophone Africa.



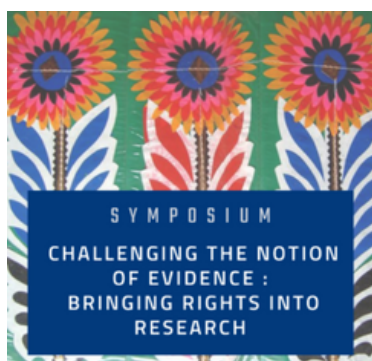
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SRHM contributes to debates about human rights standard development, setting research and policy agendas, and engages in advocacy for SRHR globally, ensuring that our knowledge is shared broadly to influence policy and practice.

Bridging the gap between research, policy and advocacy, and linking the local to the global, SRHM convenes and participates in discussions with stakeholders from diverse regions and disciplines, ensuring that the voices and perspectives of researchers, advocates and policymakers, with special attention to the Global South, are included in global policy discussions on SRHR.

EVENTS

Challenging the notion of evidence: Bringing Rights into SRHR Research



In May 2022, SRHM held a symposium in New Delhi and online with the aim to create space for dialogue on:

- Deconstructing the notion and hierarchy of evidence
- Pushing methodological boundaries in SRHR research
- Questioning what constitutes “evidence-based”, a “researcher”, and what is “scientifically appropriate”
- Questioning power in research and ensuring participation

Topics covered included consent and contraception, forced sterilisation, generating change in abortion and rape laws, knowledge creation for eliminating violence against women, enhancing sexuality education and equality for women living with disability, and more.

Meet the editors: Digital Technology and SRHR



In November 2022, SRHM hosted a webinar with the editors from our call for papers on digital technology and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Together, they offered insight into the theme of the call for papers and the submission process.

SRHM PODCAST

The SRHM Podcast is available for free on all major platforms including Spotify and Apple Podcast.



US foreign policy and abortion

In this episode, 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 on the impact of US foreign policy on abortion worldwide. Even though the policy was rescinded in January 2021, the effects continue to be seen globally.



Trans reproductive justice

This episode features Avery Everhart, Blas Radi and A.J. Lowik. Together, they discuss the importance of inclusive language and best practices, how social movements for trans rights and reproductive justice are influenced by geographic contexts, and how the criteria for political participation are too often based on cisnormative logic.



SRHR and the war against Ukraine

In this episode, SRHM Chief Executive Eszter Kismódi speaks with five experts on SRHR in relation to the war against Ukraine. Together, they cover issues such as access to SRHR in Ukraine and in neighboring countries, the complexity of delivering humanitarian aid, the nuances of surrogacy during wars, as well as the importance of humanitarian law, human rights law and criminal law.



What just happened?: abortion in the U.S. after Roe

In this episode, Mindy Jane Roseman (Director of International Law Programs at Yale Law, the Director of the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights, and SRHM Associate Editor), Elizabeth Nash and Rachel Rebouché discuss the implications of the recent overturn of Roe v. Wade in the US.



Pleasure matters: shining a light on pleasure as a core element of SRHR

In this episode, Anne Philpott, Ana Santos, Mahmoud Garga and Jessica Sanders discuss the importance of pleasure for health and wellbeing and how it connects to family planning and contraception. They also discuss the pleasure deficit, why it exists and what we can do about it.



The moral determinants of reproductive health - not "our lane"?

In this episode, Sara Gullo, Christine Galavotti and Feven Mekuria discuss reproductive power and how to align actions with values in global family planning.

SRHM ONLINE INFLUENCE

Websites

SRHM's organisational website, srhm.org, had over **54,000 page views** in 2022 with over **30 000 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.

Social Media

SRHM uses social media to promote our journal articles, call for papers and online events, reaching a wide and diverse audience.

Twitter: 8700 followers
LinkedIn: 5170 followers
Facebook: 2905 followers
Instagram: 1024 followers

Blogs in 2022

ZUMBAMBICO : THE ARTIST BEHIND THE OPEN ISSUE COVER

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO AN ENTRENCHED PROBLEM: Feasibility of HPV self-sampling pathway in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal using a human-centred design approach
Swastika Shrestha, Research Officer at Birat Nepal Medical Trust in Nepal

AFTER MORE THAN 500 DAYS OF DELIBERATION, COLOMBIA DECRIMINALIZES ABORTION
María Mercedes Vivas, Executive Director of the Orientame Foundation in Colombia

MEDICAL STUDENTS DISSENT AGAINST OVERTURNING OF ROE VS. WADE
Snigdha Chigurupati, Sophia Cordes, Hannah Kralles, Sophie Kurschner, Rachel Nassau, Priya Sathyanarayan – a group of medical students in Washington, DC, USA

ABORTION SAFETY: NO LONGER COAT HANGERS AND BACKSTREETS, BUT PILLS, HOTLINES, AND COLLECTIVES?
Dr Rishita Nandagiri, Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science

PLEASURE AND PRIDE
Anne Philpott, Founder and Co-Director of The Pleasure Project, and Amanda Kamanda, researcher, transgender activist, and intern at The Pleasure Project

SEX TECH FOR SEXUAL HEALTH, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE: FINDINGS FROM THE FIRST PUBLIC INTEREST SEX TECH HACKATHON
Zahra Stardust, Kath Albury and Jenny Kennedy, researchers at the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision Making and Society.

ENGAGING BOYS AND ADDRESSING MASCULINITIES IN COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION REAPS BENEFITS FOR BOTH ADOLESCENT BOYS AND GIRLS: RESULTS FROM THE JACK TRIAL
Professor Maria Lohan, Professor of Social Science and Health, Queen's University Belfast

**IN A WORLD WHERE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE IN
JEOPARDY, WE MUST CONSTANTLY FOCUS
ATTENTION ON THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO
ARE LEFT BEHIND.**

SRHM will continue to connect local voices to global political agendas, and translating international policies for local relevance and realities, as well as bringing and representing the voices of those who are most marginalized.

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