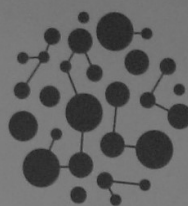




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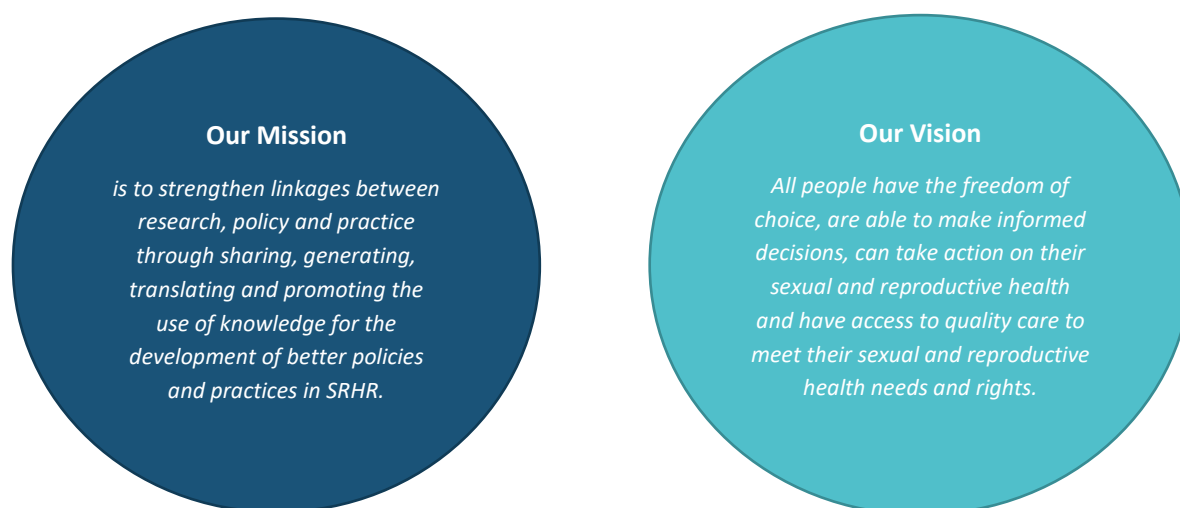
ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
BCC	Behavioural Change Communication	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
CoP	Community of Practice	NWA	National Scientific Agenda (Nationale Wetenschaps Agenda)
CoPs	Communities of Practice	NWO-WOTRO	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education	PMC	Population Media Center
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations	(P)MEL	(Planning), Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women	RNEs	Royal Netherlands Embassies
DSO/GA	Social Development Department, Health and AIDS division	RNE	Royal Netherlands Embassy
GBV	Gender-Based Violence	RR	Reproductive Rights
GEWE	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment	SC	Steering Committee
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	SHIRIM	Share-Net International Rapid Improvement Model
GTF	Gender Task Force	SNI	Share-Net International
GUSO	Get Up, Speak Out for Youth Rights!	SN-NL	Share-Net Netherlands
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	SN-BA	Share-Net Bangladesh
HPC	Higher Population Council	SN-JO	Share-Net Jordan
IATI	International Aid Transparency Initiative	SPOT	Severe Pre-eclampsia adverse Outcome Triage
ICPD	International Conference on Population & Development	SRH(R)	Sexual and Reproductive Health (and Rights)
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies	SURe-KT	Science for Using Research - Knowledge Translation
KIT	Royal Tropical Institute (Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen)	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
KM	Knowledge Management	UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management	WHO	World Health Organisation

1. INTRODUCTION SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS

Share-Net Netherlands is the Dutch knowledge platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and one of the country hubs of Share-Net International. Share-Net Netherlands is hosted by the KIT Royal Tropical Institute and has 27 individual members and 38 organisational members from sectors including NGOs, universities, knowledge institutes, governmental and private sector which work in low- and middle- income countries and in the Netherlands with a focus on SRHR. Share-Net Netherlands operates a paid membership – based on the annual turnover of the organisations – and partnership model, but also rely on external investors for financial stability.

The Theory of Change of SNI shows how the Knowledge Platform on SRHR aims to achieve impact and outcomes across the 4 pathways of Knowledge Management. Additionally, it shows the importance of the development of the network itself in Communities of Practice (CoPs). The assumptions provide insights in the underlying thinking process of the logic. [Theory of Change Share-Net International.](#)



Share-Net Netherlands Knowledge Management (KM) strategies contribute to the different outcomes through the following pathways:

- **Knowledge generation:** addressing priority knowledge gaps through research and further analysis and synthesis of existing data
- **Knowledge sharing:** dissemination through a wide range of channels and tools of both new and existing knowledge, as available research findings are often not known by those who should use them
- **Knowledge translation:** ensuring evidence is presented in formats appropriate for the intended audience so that they can be accessed, understood and used by advocates, policymakers, programme managers, practitioners, the private sector, users, the media and researchers
- **Promotion of knowledge use:** promotion of the use of knowledge products and formats by policymakers and practitioners for improving policy and practice
- **Network development and matchmaking:** creating national CoPs and links with international level (partners); and matching the needs of certain members with the services that our partners can offer (e.g. between our members and the private sector and between young researchers and NGOs in need of research)

2. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

2019 was a year of growth for Share-Net Netherlands. We gained 5 new student members, 7 individual members and 3 organisational members which include The Hunger Project, the RedCoss and the Dutch Coalition of Disability and Development. For more information about the rest of our members, please click [here](#)

The year started with 5 active CoPs and closed with 12 active CoPs! The CoPs which were active in 2019 are as follows: Sexual Pleasure, Engaging Men and Boys, Multilateral Processes, LGBTQI+ Health, Global Financing Facility, SRHR Messaging, Contraception and Abortion, Infertility, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), Maternal Health, Linking Research Policy and Practice and SRHR & HIV Integration. These CoPs arranged an amazing variety of events throughout 2019 which furthered Share-Net Netherlands in achieving its different outcomes. The new CoPs were conceived at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting and following the event, the secretariat stimulated and supported members in setting up these CoPs, with a concrete work plan and budget for 2020.

The Multilateral Processes CoP organised a total of three meetings around the topic of the ICPD+25 Summit, two in 2019 and a concluding meeting in January of 2020. As we all know, preparations for the Nairobi Summit dominated the past year for many in the SRHR community. The first meeting was held in April and featured Arthur Erken, Director of Communications and Strategic Partnerships at UNFPA, as a special guest who provided input along with Share-Net members to strategise for the then upcoming Nairobi Summit. The succeeding event was held in September in collaboration with Amref Flying Doctors, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, Rutgers and Simavi. This meeting aimed to inform participants about the process around the Nairobi Summit. We exchanged and discussed global and national commitments with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other ministries notably Health and Education. We also made a start on a joint communication plan for the Summit.

2019 also saw the very first event hosted by Share-Net Netherlands on the topic of sexual pleasure. This event was organised by the newly formed Sexual Pleasure CoP. This meeting was the introductory event for many Share-Net Netherlands members about how to incorporate sexual pleasure into their work. The meeting centred around questions such as “What does a pleased up world look like for public health organisations?” and “How can we come together in becoming pleasure promoters?”. These questions were addressed by looking at the latest developments, evidence and projects and exploring innovative ways to incorporate pleasure in international SRHR policies and practices.

The 8th edition of the Annual Students Meeting was also hosted in 2019. This event is considered as a highlight of the year as it is the biggest Share-Net Netherlands event which brings together Dutch universities, NGOs and policy makers to continue linking students and organisations working on SRHR and gender equality. In November, the CoP Linking Research, Policy and Practice, organised the 8th Annual Meeting at the International Institute of Social Sciences in the Hague. At this event, 14 brilliant students got to present their Master’s research findings in a poster presentation gallery walk. Prior to the meeting, students attended a workshop on how to make a great poster presentation facilitated by Ilya Kashnitsky. NGO’s, practitioners and policy makers were also present at the event and had the opportunity to promote their work and network with all attendees. Justine Van de Beek, Youth SRHR Netherlands Ambassador, gave an inspiration keynote

speech where she talked about the Nairobi Summit and explained a bit more about her role as Youth SRHR Ambassador.

The above examples are what we consider to be the highlight events of the year. Below you can find a full table of all knowledge management activities which were organised throughout the year

Topics / CoP	Activities	Month
Breakfast meeting	Share-Net Netherlands started the year with a kick-off breakfast meeting for the Dutch members on the 10th of January at the Impact Hub in Amsterdam. During the meeting, the Share-Net Netherlands Secretariat presented the work plan for 2019 and members gave their input to the agenda for the coming year. A lot of ideas came out of this meeting and Share-Net Netherlands together with its members worked on exciting activities.	January
GFF	Briefing and debriefing meetings Investor's Group	January - December
	GFF Case Study Malawi executed by Wemos	October
Commission on Population and Development (CPD)	Share-Net Netherlands organised a debriefing on the 52nd session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and a forward look into the International Conference on Population and Development @25 (ICPD) process, including the Nairobi Summit. Arthur Erken, Director Communications and Strategic Partnerships at UNFPA, was our special guest. He shared his views on the CPD and implications on other intergovernmental processes, notably the HLPF and UN General Assembly. The report of the meeting can be found via this link .	April
Child Marriage	In 2019, 5 lecture series on Child Marriage were organised on various topics such as involving young people in research on child marriage, economic empowerment, gender transformative approaches, reducing risks for adolescent girls in humanitarian contexts and engaging boys & men in promoting gender equality. The Lecture Series were organised by Girls Not Brides Netherlands.	January to December
Maternal Health	The CoP on Maternal Health organised a brainstorm meeting to develop a research agenda regarding the sexual, reproductive and maternal health of refugees in the Netherlands. The meeting took place on the 28 th of August and it had a follow up meeting in December.	August
Universal Health Coverage	The meeting kicked off with a keynote speech by Denise Namburete, Executive Director of N'weti Health Communication. She shared some personal experiences and elaborated on the challenges she encounters with her lobby and advocacy work in the Mozambican context. During the second part of the meeting, participants shared their thoughts, suggestions and policy recommendations during two	September

	<p>rounds of discussions in a so-called World Café setting. There were six tables on the following topics: health workforce, health finance, quality of care, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and accountability and the role of communities.</p> <p>The outcome of the meeting was a list of recommendations for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs representatives who would attend the United Nations High-Level Meeting on UHC in September.</p> <p>You can check out the recommendations via this link.</p>	
ICPD Preparatory meeting	<p>Share-Net, in collaboration with Amref Flying Doctors, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, Rutgers and Simavi, organised a meeting to inform Share-Net members about the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25. During the meeting, participants exchanged and discussed global and national commitments with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other ministries, notably Health and Education.</p> <p>After the meeting, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality hosted a reception to introduce the new Youth SRHR Ambassador, Justine van de Beek.</p> <p>The report for this event can be found via this link.</p>	September
SRHR messaging meeting	<p>As a follow up of the thematic meeting organised in 2018, the SRHR Messaging CoP and Glocalities organised a meeting in which Glocalities presented a research conducted in countries about SRHR attitudes, framing and narratives to help local activists and NGOs shift the debate in their countries.</p>	September
Linking Research Policy and Practice	<p>In November, the CoP Linking Research, Policy and Practice, organised the 8th Annual Meeting at the International Institute of Social Sciences in the Hague.</p> <p>A short report of the meeting can be found via this link. The poster presentations are also available in that link. Throughout 2020, students presenting at the event will publish a blog series about their experience as young researchers and thesis topic.</p>	November
Sex pleasure and positivity	<p>In December, the Sexual Pleasure CoP organised their first event where they discussed the current position of a pleasure based approach in the SRHR and public health scene.</p> <p>You can read the report of the meeting via using this link.</p>	December
Infertility	<p>The Infertility CoP together with WHO and CRR hosted the first ever session on Infertility at the Women Deliver conference. More than 70 people attended the meeting "Women Deliver..... Or Not: Breaking the Silence on (In)fertility". Ian Askew (WHO), Hashim Hounkpatin (Women Deliver Young Leader), Sarojini Nadimpally (SAMA research Group for Women and Health) and Jillian Gedeon (IYAFP) discussed different aspects of (in)fertility.</p>	June
	<p>Breaking the Silence on Infertility was one of the topics of the Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference. The CoP in the</p>	October

	Netherlands led the International CoP on Infertility and developed a narrative review and an evidence brief used during the conference.	
Access to Quality SRHR Services for people affected by Crisis, Fragility and Conflict	Access to Quality SRHR Services for People Affected by Crisis, Fragility and Conflict was one of the topics of the Share-Net International Co-Creation Conference. The CoP in the Netherlands led the International CoP on that topic and developed a narrative review and an evidence brief used during the conference.	October
Other activities		
Annual Business Meeting	The Annual Business Meeting served as an interactive brainstorming session where members expressed which areas and topics they were interested in working on in the new year. We also said goodbye to some long withstanding Steering Committee (SC) members such as Anke van Dam (AFEW International), Liselotte Kweekel (KNOV), Jennifer Bushee (RNW Media) and Odette Hekster (PSI Europe). As a result of these resignations, five new SC places opened, and all of them are now filled. The new SC members include: Fiona Barr (CRR), Lewis Emmerton (SheDecides), Kari Postma (Dance4Life), Tomas Chang Pico (Voice) and Veerle Ver Loren van Themaat (Amref).	October
Stakeholder mapping	In 2019, SN-NL conducted a mapping to identify organisations in the Netherlands whose work focuses on SRHR and gender equality. A total of 78 potential stakeholders were identified as a result of the mapping exercise. Included in this number were NGOs, academic institutions and researchers, knowledge and resource centres, private businesses, health organisations and governmental bodies. The mapping provided a clear indication which stakeholders are relevant to approach for a possible partnership and/or membership.	March-May

3. LESSONS LEARNED

Communication Strategy

During the course of our activities, it became apparent that Share-Net Netherlands' communication is not as clear and effective as it should be. The way in which SN-NL communicates is incredibly important for both the SN-NL members and the secretariat and so, we have learned that the SN-NL communication strategy needs to be revised. Linking to this, we have also learned that it is important that the secretariat can act quickly after an activity or event to ensure that a certain level of momentum occurs very shortly after the event. A way in which this can be improved is by already planning how to follow-up after an event during the initial planning stages.

Engaging Members

In relation to the engagement of members, a particular lesson which resurfaced over the past year is that CoPs need to be driven by SN-NL members and not by the secretariat. For example, there were two thematic meetings which were initially planned to take place in 2019, one on climate change and the other on CSE and online internet spaces. However, due to limited time resources for the members of both CoPs, the thematic meetings had to be postponed or cancelled. It is an important lesson to remember that not all activities that are planned at the beginning of the year will come to fruition.

Connecting Students

2019 also saw a new set up for the Annual Student Meeting 'Linking Research, Policy and Practice' which received positive feedback from the participants. However, we have learned that connecting NGO's and policy makers with students to identify knowledge gaps still remains a challenge.

M&E Framework

The first draft of the M&E framework was developed by the Share-Net secretariat. We have learned that there is still a lot of work to be done to develop an M&E framework which adequately monitors Share-Net's outcomes. In 2020 there will be an M&E expert on the team who will support this task and organise a workshop to improve the M&E skills of the Secretariat.

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4. ACHIEVING OUR OUTCOMES

SN-NL has continued to work towards achieving our short, intermediate and long-term outcomes as formulated in the SNI Theory of Change. The below output indicators come from Share-Net International's M&E framework. The outcomes that SN-NL aims to achieve relate to the access and application of SRHR information and knowledge, the SNI CoPs, in and between country learning and identifying knowledge gaps.

Outputs	Annual Target	Total
Knowledge Generation		
# Of SN and/or members' reports, articles, etc. Where (tacit) knowledge is captured and shared.	10	8
Of desk reviews and policy analysis executed	3	3
Knowledge Sharing		
(Monthly) newsletters are disseminated among members of SNI, by hub	22	24
# of new posts on the website	150	256
# of specific SN reports on the website	3	8
# of tweets	100	44
# number of fb posts	50	18
# of active cops	6	12
# of newly established cops	1	6
# of thematic sessions / meetings / seminars by topic	5	9
# of people who attended thematic sessions / meetings / seminars		341
# of newsletter subscribers		1374
Knowledge Translation		
# of knowledge products produced by type	7	4
# of knowledge translations sessions (e.g. SHIRIM) in which the country hubs actively participated	1	1
International co-creation conference held in 2019 with participation of the hubs	1	1
Promotion of Knowledge Use		
# of critical dialogues with policy makers/ practitioners organized	2	2
# of (online) campaigns	1	0
Network Development		
# of newly registered members per sector	5 org. and 10 indiv.	3 org, 6 indiv. 4 student
# of students connected to organizations	5	30
# of relevant conferences or networking events attended	2	3
# of warm relations with potential funders for SNI and its hubs	1	1
x euro is raised annually by means of additional funds		25,000