



International Community of Practice on COVID-19, SRHR and Gender Equality: Small grants dissemination meetings

Share-Net International (SNI) is the knowledge platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), made up of a unique and powerful combination of NGOs and private sector parties, researchers and students, policy makers and practitioners, media and advocates. The networks promotes the use of knowledge for the development of better policies and practices in SRHR internationally and particularly in the contexts of our four country hubs (Bangladesh, Burundi, Jordan and the Netherlands).

Share-Net International kindly invites you to two small grants dissemination meetings spotlighting the recent work by the international community of practice (iCoP) working on COVID-19, SRHR and Gender Equality.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we have seen how the pandemic has pressured healthcare systems, led to a global economic shutdown, and changed our daily lives. Similarly, the impact of the COVID-19 on SRHR and gender equality issues and the need to include a gender lens to the outbreak response have become more clear.

To respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak on SRHR and gender equality and ensure the inclusion of a gender perspective in response and recovery planning, Share-Net International set up an iCoP on COVID-19, SRHR and Gender Equality in April 2020. The iCoP enabled collaboration between Share-Net members from all country hubs, as well as international members. Organised in thematic subgroups, the iCoP members have developed and implemented their small grant projects over the last couple of months.

The aim of this mini-series of online dissemination meetings is to

- present and discuss new knowledge around COVID-19, SRHR and gender equality and
- stimulate critical discussions around research methodologies and ethics in times of a pandemic.

Invitation and Programme

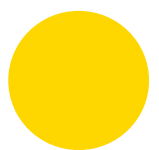
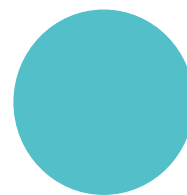
9 March 2021
09.00 – 11.00 CET

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25 March 2021
10.00 – 12.00 CET

Online via Zoom

Please RSVP to the event on 9 March 2021 via [this link](#) and on 25 March 2021 via [this link](#).



Programme 9 March 2021

09.00 – 09.10 **Welcome and introduction**
By Share-Net International

Part 1: Small grants knowledge products

09.10 – 09.40 **Improving access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Fragile and Humanitarian settings in Nigeria, and Cameroon during COVID-19 pandemic**
Presentation by Adeleye Adewale (Executive Director Balanced Stewardship Development Association BALSDA, Nigeria)

The objectives of this project were to develop toolkits for managing and improving quality of SRHR services in fragile and Humanitarian settings during this COVID-19 and future epidemics in Nigeria and Cameroon. Secondly, a clear COVID-19 SRHR call to action was developed for policy makers and service providers in Nigeria and Cameroon towards improving SRH policy and healthcare services in fragile and humanitarian settings during this COVID-19 pandemic.

09.40 – 10.10 **BraveMen Campaign during COVID-19**
Presentation by Tahia Rahman (Executive Director, Center for Men and Masculinities Studies, Bangladesh)

The overall objective of the project was to initiate an online policy dialogue on the gendered impact of the COVID-19 pandemic concerning gender-based violence. At the core of the project, there was online research using a mixed-method approach in Bangladesh. CMMS used the online social platform of BraveMenCampaign Facebook page and the Facebook pages of other partners (Funtaseum, UNYSAB and Public Health Foundation of Bangladesh), and leveraged the current followers' base which was already huge.

- Short break -

Part 2: Research in times of COVID-19

10.20 – 10.50 **Remote data collection: lessons learned and exciting prospects**
Presentation by Coen Buvelot (MSc, Junior advisor impact at KIT Royal Tropical Institute, The Netherlands)

Past year has been a high pressure cooker accelerating trends towards off-site data collection and remote monitoring and evaluation. Many of the tools, techniques and data sources will continue to prove themselves valuable towards the future since they're often cheaper, more rapid and impartial. I will present a short anthology of available data collection methodologies and their application in M&E. Besides the lessons learned, we will discuss how M&E is changed indefinitely - probably for the better.

10.50 – 11.00 **Closing**
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Programme 25 March 2021

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome and introduction**
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Part 1: Key note talks

10.10 – 10.35 **Life in Times of Coronavirus**
Presentation by Shahana Siddiqui (Lead Researcher, Adjunct Faculty, BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh)

What were the day to day lives of people in Bangladesh as they went through the coronavirus waves? With hard lockdown in the beginning to the opening of everything for over 9 months, how did family lives, gendered relations, financial realities change for urban and rural people of Bangladesh? Through extensive qualitative research, this project explored the gendered experience of the people in Bangladesh. It also captured the multifaceted socio-economic impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had and will continue to have in the lives and livelihoods in Bangladesh. The research findings will then be turned into a podcast series (currently in production) for wider dissemination.

10.35 – 11.00 **Menstruation Shouts - Exploring the menstrual experiences influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic in disadvantaged communities in Egypt and Kenya.**
Presentation by Hadir Barbar (SRHR consultant, Egypt)

An innovative project that utilized qualitative research tools and provided recommendations for improving SRHR practices in general and menstrual practices in specific. Menstruation Shouts project explored the menstrual health experiences of the female healthcare workers presenting in the frontline of COVID-19 response and presented some of their critical challenges in the form of digital storytelling videos. Also, the project researched the impact of the COVID-19 on the menstrual experiences of adolescent girls who live in disadvantaged communities. Then it used the outcomes to state key findings through a factsheet.

11.00 – 11.25 **Factors Influencing Access around Contraception and Abortion Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Iran, Bangladesh and the Netherlands; A mixed-method study**

Presentation by Julia Ahmed (SRHR consultant, Bangladesh)

The COVID-19 situation left noteworthy numbers of women of reproductive age (15-49) with reduced access to contraception and abortion services. This mixed method research analysed and compared the differences in accessibility in family planning/contraceptive methods and abortion services in three countries, namely Iran, Bangladesh and the Netherlands as experienced by service users and service providers. The measures taken to improve access and the recommendations on how to continue access to care in future crises as mentioned by both types of respondents were highlighted. A video documentation will illustrate the study findings advocating for better SRHR policy and practices.

- Short break -

Part 2: Research in times of COVID-19

11.30 – 11.55

Addressing Ethical Dilemmas During COVID-19 in Bangladesh: Development of a Guideline

Presentation by Dr. Sayed Saikh Imtiaz (Chairperson, Center for Men and Masculinities Studies, Bangladesh)

This presentation will discuss briefly about the dilemmas of ethical issues in conducting research in relation to SRHR issues during COVID-19 lockdown in Bangladesh. Based on the experiences of the researchers, this presentation would focus on the key aspects of a guideline that was developed in consultation with different stakeholders through collective intelligence workshops.

11.55 – 12.00

Closing

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