

PRESS RELEASE

SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCES NEW SECRETARIAT MODEL, LILIANE FONDS TO HOST FOR 2 YEARS

Amsterdam, January 22nd 2026 – Share-Net Netherlands, the Dutch knowledge network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), announces a significant change in its governance structure aimed at decentralising leadership and strengthening sustainability as the network responds to changing funding realities. Starting in April 2026, Liliane Fonds will house the Share-Net Netherlands Secretariat for the coming two years.

Since Share-Net Netherlands' founding in 2001, KIT Institute has held the Secretariat of Share-Net Netherlands with longstanding funding support through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This model has helped build a robust knowledge platform, linking policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and civil society to advance SRHR evidence, policy, and practice. In late 2024, the Dutch government made substantial cuts to funding to programmes supporting SRHR, gender equality, and human rights - including a major reduction in development assistance that has underpinned vital SRHR work.

To ensure resilience to sector-wide shocks, Share-Net Netherlands is now transitioning to a rotating Secretariat model: four organisations will form the Secretariat which will be hosted by one of these organisations for a two-year term. This will result in new expertise, fresh perspectives, and collective ownership across the network, while continuing to build upon the expertise developed over the past 25 years. Liliane Fonds and KIT Institute have already confirmed their willingness to take part in this new model, while discussions with other Share-Net members to fill the two remaining vacant positions are ongoing. Thanks to their expertise in SRHR, disability justice, inclusion, and international partnerships, we are confident that Liliane Fonds will professionally guide the network in its transition, strengthening the cooperation among all Share Net Netherlands members.

Share-Net Netherlands expresses its gratitude to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its longstanding support, to KIT Institute for hosting the Secretariat over the last two decades, and to all members who have been working on the future of Share-Net Netherlands. The network looks forward to working with members, partners and stakeholders under the new rotating Secretariat model to continue to strengthen linkages between research, policy and practice through sharing, generating, translating and promoting the use of knowledge for the development of better policies and practices in SRHR.

Further details on the transition process and opportunities for member engagement will be shared in the coming period.

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