# Knowledge Facilitator for the sexual and reproductive health and rights research programme



The Dutch research body NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development has recently supported 12 research projects in Bangladesh, Burundi and Jordan focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). MannionDaniels was selected as the Knowledge Facilitator for the project and collaborated with the research partners and NWO-WOTRO to share knowledge and translate research policy into actions.

### **Outputs included:**



#### **Summary Film**

Reaching hard-to-reach youth with SRHR messages in Bangladesh

MannionDaniels produced a short video about the overall SRHR research programme, with key findings, highlights from each country, reasons for undertaking the research, what they showed, common messages across the projects, and take-home messages. Watch the video <u>here</u>

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Calls for proposals open in 2014	2 Projects funded in the focal countries		RHR themes ed and explored	Successes and lessons shared	Bth African Pop Conference rou (Ugancia) 2 Jordan consu workshop with policy maker
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In partnership with	Films &	animations	Final video		117
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### Infographics

MannionDaniels produced three country infographics. These captured the key messages from the respective policy briefs. They visually conveyed the insights found in each country by the project teams

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n 2016, the 'Digita	d Sister for Urban Youth' project under JPOSPH set out to look at the SINR information
	spladeshi youth. In Bangladesh, sex education is not provided in any formal settings such
	youth do not know where to get SRHR information because of cultural taboos around sex s in this context that the Digital Sister project airred to use its findings to effectively
provide male and fi	emale urban middle-class youth in Bangladesh with the information they said was critical
o their SRHR need	A
Now did you work	on this problem and what changes did you make?
	the existing anonymous, digital messaging platform, 'Maya Apa', we looked at various
	at young people asked the website's medical, legal and psychosocial experts. Between
	tember 2016, about 1,000 questions were selected and their contents were analysed using
	otematic random sampling: the questions were chosen at random systematically and then elow shows some of the types of questions we analysed.
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Examples of Silver	t questions taken from Maya Apa for content analysis
"I am having imega	vlar periods. What can I do to make my period regular?" (Remale, age 24)
'The size of my pe	nis is 4 inches. Is it okay?" (Male, age 22)
	about the emergency pill. Is it needed to take before sex or after sex? And I heard that it does
not work on obese	girls. & this true?" (Female, age 18)
	ogether and slight in same bed. We are homosensal boys. We were together almost three years.
In feeling depress	ed. I want to quit being homosexual. So, how can I get rid of these feelings?" (Male, age 25)
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things that are wor stop." /Fernale, age	rse, they even called me a slut on a public page, and I don't know how to make the harassment • 18
	then compared with issues that were brought up during the focus group discussions if with urban youth. The findings from both the content analysis and the FDGs were then
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<ul> <li>Questions</li> </ul>	s about men's sevual health
n response to thes	a findings we produced two animated videos looking at these topics, enabling urban
	find the solutions to the SIHR problems they are facing.

### **Joint Policy Briefs**

Each country had general messages emerging; these have been captured by the three joint policy briefs. The briefs were developed based on the review of the individual project policy briefs, other relevant documents and publications, and the knowledge facilitation activities held such as the 8th African Population Conference.

#### How-to-guides

The project teams gained valuable practical lessons learnt that are useful for other researchers and practitioners working on SRHR in similar contexts. MannionDaniels captured some of these common lessons in the How-to-Guides.

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Concrete products such as the policy briefs, infographics and the how-to-guidese are important but the MannionDaniels team found that the **process** is equally important – conferences/workshops, preparing for conferences/workshops, and providing opportunities for interaction with implementors and policymakers are critical features of meaningful research uptake.

### Activities included:



## The 8th African Population Conference (APC) policy round table event in Uganda

The round-table event highlighted the three research projects in Burundi in a broader regional context and made clear the relevance of the findings to the other countries in the region. The event also brought together different stakeholders and their findings and messages together formed key policy recommendations on the topic.

### In-country workshop including consultations with policymakers, service providers, and youth in Jordan

The Jordan SRHR research teams - together with health service providers, youth, representatives from the media, and policymakers from relevant national institutions - all engaged actively in discussions about SRHR services, access to SRHR information, and online portals.

### Final online conference





The final conference took place virtually over two days. On day one of the conference, researchers and young people involved in the 12 research projects came together to share their findings, reflect on their learnings. During day two, the researchers were joined by members of NWO-WOTRO International Advisory Committee, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Share-net International hub members. The researchers shared findings spoke key and about policy recommendations for youth SRHR.