

Right Here Right Now moments in 2022

The Right Here Right Now partnership envisions a world where young people in all their diversity enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in gender-just societies. We do not shy away from taboo subjects. We also advocate for the rights of marginalised groups. Right Here Right Now runs from 2021 to 2025 in 10 countries: Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Tunisia and Uganda.

The partnership is extremely proud of what Right Here Right Now partners have achieved in 2022. This year COVID-19 restrictions were lifted in almost all the countries. This allowed partners to meet each other at global and regional meetings and linking and learning events. This contributed to deeper mutual knowledge of each other's work and context and built trust and a sense of community within the Right Here Right Now partnership.

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SRHR information and education

- » **43.9 million young people were reached with SRHR information and education in 10 countries.** Comprehensive sexuality education was provided in- and out-of-school, in offline and online (or blended) formats, and via one-off educational activities.
- » **Strong examples of young people building on their SRHR knowledge to become active agents of change.** In Uganda young people living with HIV and AIDS were supported to boldly speak out and demand their rights on radio talk shows and dialogues. A network of young people living with HIV and AIDS in Kapchorwa was established as a result.



Public support

- » **49.1 million people were reached through campaigns and dialogues.** In 2022 the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence campaign, #ViolenceCanBeSilent was launched. This was a joint effort between Right Here Right Now and Masarouna programmes and RNW Media Network partners. It reached 2.7 million people around the world.
- » **317 influencers communicated positively on SRHR in 10 countries.** Celebrities, health workers, religious and community leaders, and social media influencers spoke out on the radio, online platforms, dialogues and community events. This strengthened positive norms and values of young people's SRHR.
- » **389 articles by 291 media agencies reported positively on youth SRHR.** Media houses and journalists were engaged through workshops, mentorship programmes and media fellowships to strengthen their capacity to report on youth-centred SRHR.



Policy advocacy

- » **96 advocacy initiatives carried out by partners with 29 outcomes harvested at national level.** Stand out successes amongst these national advocacy wins include in-school CSE in Tunisia in 13 pilot regions and Bangladesh (letter directives for proper CSE implementation in nine districts) and on marginalised groups in Nepal (specific budget allocated for this group at community level).
- » **Right Here Right Now also achieved 12 notable successes in our regional and international advocacy in 2022.** Most intergovernmental negotiations concluded with maintaining and strengthening references to SRHR, including the Commission on the Status of Women, High Level Political Forum and the Asia Pacific Regional Education Minister's Conference.



Strengthening civil society

- » **6 out of 10 countries had more than 55% youth participation in their programme governance structures.** Young people were at the forefront of international, regional and local advocacy. In Indonesia, young people were involved in frontline advocacy through dialogues and lobbying with provincial and national governmental stakeholders.
- » **236 capacity strengthening and linking and learning events were organised by country and consortium partners.** Topics such as meaningful and inclusive youth participation, gender transformative approaches, and dealing with opposition were central at these events.
- » **Concerted efforts were made to link up or strengthen other movements.** The Nepal coalition participated in consultation meetings of the CSE coalition formed by UNFPA, and the Morocco coalition connected 75 SRHR organisations through workshops and linking and learning meetings.

Good practices and lessons learnt

- » **Young people at the forefront:** It takes time for young people to be in positions of power and to fully own these positions. Building trust and youth-adult partnerships is a process that also takes time and investment.
- » **Digitalisation:** Digitalisation is often still connected to specific parts of the programme, such as digital media or online CSE. More work is needed to operationalise "the digital" across the programme.
- » **Power dynamics and local ownership:** Power imbalances exist at multiple levels: partnership level, country level, between the donor and the partnership. When creating spaces for reflection on power dynamics, it is important to reflect on the role and power of all organisations involved.
- » **(Mutual) capacity strengthening:** To strengthen the "mutual" in

- capacity strengthening, more work will be done to diversify facilitation, support regional and local trainers to participate in the process and invest in transparent processes of co-development of terms of references with partners.
- » **Movement building:** More focus is needed on strong human rights movements outside of programmatic objectives, especially in the face of increasing opposition. Strengthening youth movements and working towards solidarity for a strong and joint progressive SRHR agenda is key for sustainability.
- » **Sustainability:** Spaces for reflection and dialogue about sustainability across the programme were created. This led to a strong integration of sustainability in 2023 workplans and an increased sense of shared responsibility.