

Right Here Right Now moments in 2021

The Right Here Right Now (RHRN) 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 such as girls, young women and young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTQI+) people.

Right Here Right Now runs from 2021 to 2025 in 10 countries: Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Tunisia and Uganda.



// We seek to unleash the power of youth, to increase public support for SRHR, improve policies and laws and to strengthen civil society //



SRHR information and education

- » **Over 30.5 million young people reached with SRHR information and education:** online and offline and in and out of schools. **Country snapshot:** Most countries tailored out-of-school comprehensive sexuality educations (CSE) to the needs of diverse groups of young people. In Ethiopia and Indonesia we provided CSE in schools. In Bangladesh and Uganda in-school activities were put on hold because of schools closures due to the pandemic.
- » **Co-creating interactive and engaging SRHR online content by young people.** This included infographics, videos, vlogs, moderated discussions, comics and more.
- » **Training of young people as peer educators** in Benin, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nepal, Morocco, Tunisia and Uganda. Teachers were trained in Ethiopia and Indonesia. First steps taken with pleasure-positive, rights-based, and gender transformative approaches in SRHR information and education interventions in most countries.



Public support

- » **73+ million people reached through campaigns.** Celebrities, health workers and social media influencers spoke out on radio, online platforms, and during roundtable discussions on strengthening positive norms and values on young people's SRHR.
- » **215 publications covering youth SRHR positively and evidence-based.** As a result of engagement with the media and journalists to strengthen reporting on youth-centered SRHR.



Policy advocacy

- » **11 policies or laws on youth SRHR were positively influenced by our advocacy in 6 countries.** **Country snapshot:** In Indonesia and Uganda progress was made around CSE. In Bangladesh progress was made on legislation to protect people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics. In Benin new legislation on access to safe abortion was adopted.
- » **On 12 occasions, in 4 countries and in global advocacy,** young people and civil society organisations participated in policy and legislation decision-making processes. **Country snapshot:** In Kenya, for example, young people gained seats in technical working groups where they review or drafted SRHR strategies.



Strengthening civil society

- » **Young people were increasingly represented in programme decision-making structures** through the appointment of young national coordinators, establishment of youth advisory committees and youth representation in country level steering committees.
- » **47 capacity-strengthening and linking and learning events, with people from 118 organisations participating were held.** At these events topics such as meaningful and inclusive youth participation and gender transformative approaches were central.

What have we learned?

- » Include youth voices to reach young people in all their diversity. This means making girls, young women and LGBTQI+ youth more visible in the programme. It also means that young people's participation is inclusive and meaningful.
- » Build digital communities and make channels more accessible by bridging the digital divide and increasing

- reach and attractiveness for diverse groups.
- » Develop an exit strategy early in the programme and initiate thinking on moving from smaller CSE interventions by civil society organisations to larger interventions driven by government laws and human-rights based policies.