



Dear Share-Net Members

Established in late 2014, Share-Net Burundi (SN-BU) is a knowledge platform on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). With a focus on youth, its mission is to improve SRHR in Burundi through open communication, knowledge, research facilitation, and healthy policy advocacy.

As of August 2020, SN-BU is hosted by Jimbere Magazine and currently has 45 organizations and over 22 individual members from academia, along with policymakers, practitioners, non-governmental organizations, youth and women's organizations and the media.

SN-BU continues to support interventions aimed at the generation, dissemination, sharing and use of knowledge and the adoption of best practices for the provision of quality and appropriate sexual and reproductive health services in Burundi.

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What did Share-Net Burundi achieve in 2021?

2021 has been a year of great work for the secretariat and members of SN-BU. Towards the end of 2020, members of the national community of practice (CoP) on adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health met to prepare for the 2021 co-creation conference. Despite the challenge of hosting a virtual Co-Creation conference for the first time, there were a high number of participants.

After the conference and dissemination activities, the secretariat and members continued to work on generating and exchanging SRHR experiences and practices through different CoPs created since 2020 in Burundi.

In addition, SN-BU is a reliable partner of the Dutch Embassy in Burundi as over the next two years, the Hub will contribute to its new flagship "Solutions Program" through Monitoring, Evaluation and Partners Learning. The program has six components, and SN-BU will be leading the component on Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL).

HIGHLIGHTS

Digital approaches and innovation: No more taboo SRHR subjects in Burundi

International Women's Day was an opportunity to partner with a youth organisation specialised in digital communication to organise a roundtable of women leaders. This debate was broadcast live on the organisation's Facebook page and shared on Share-Net Burundi's platforms. The roundtable was followed by more than 1,800 people. Another debate was organised by members of the AYSRHR CoP on parent-child dialogue in the same way. In addition, a WhatsApp group was created for all members to facilitate exchange of ideas. There are currently 60 members of the Share-Net Burundi WhatsApp group, and each CoP has its own WhatsApp group.

Nothing for us without us: Young people work to link research policy and practices

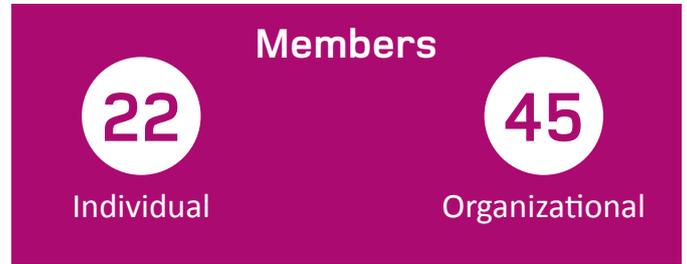
We believe in innovative and beneficial partnerships for youth and by youth. With the National Institute of Health, SN-BU organized a workshop with young researchers from the Burundian Association of Students in Medicine and four research institutions. More than 50 university students attended, accompanied by their teachers. The secretariat emphasized the participation of youth in the search for sustainable solutions to current youth problems, while emphasizing the link between research, policy and practice was on the agenda. Several questions were posed to Share-Net, including how the Secretariat will work with these universities to support students. This is one of several activities that the Hub is organizing to promote the role of youth.

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

Since identifying potential allies is an important task, in preparation for the Co-Creation conference, members of the national CoP conducted a narrative review of youth and adolescent sexual and reproductive health rights and a mapping of partners and issued national recommendations. [More details \(in French\).](#)

In addition to SHIRIM's activities, the secretariat, in collaboration with member AFPA, conducted a mapping of organizations of people living with disabilities for greater inclusion and relevance of reproductive health programs. [More details.](#)

Other knowledge products are being developed notably through small grant facilities and others are planned to be developed in the second half of the year through communities of practice such as narrative journals, desk reviews and writing success stories of our members' interventions.



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Communities of Practice

- Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Media in SRHR
- Infertility
- Menstrual Health
- Monitoring-Evaluation and Learning
- Family planning

AMBITIONS FOR 2022

With 45 organizations and over 20 individual members, SN-BU continues to play a role in bringing together sexual and reproductive health actors by organizing activities and avoiding duplication of interventions. To do this, the Hub will remain involved in research, monitoring, evaluation, and learning through communities of practice set up to provide a space to organize co-creation activities, exchange experiences and practices. Our goal is also in 2022 to be able to work more with disenfranchised categories such as organizations of people living with disabilities. With the mapping done, we hope that in 2022, it will be possible to organize one or more activities of national scope with these categories and other vulnerable groups identified with the members and form a National CoP.

To achieve this, investments are still needed in research to generate new and updated knowledge products and to continue to organize CoP activities in priority areas such as access to quality family planning services, adoption of new technologies, including media, in the area of SRHR, engagement in taboo topics such as menstrual health, infertility, intergenerational dialogue on sexuality, inclusion of the categories left-behind as mentioned above, etc

Finally, with this new program from the Dutch Embassy, we will play a key role in bringing together sexual and reproductive health stakeholders and other members who were not yet members of SN-BU. By the end of 2022, we hope to have 100 member organizations and even more individuals.

JOIN US

And be part of something bigger: a knowledge platform on SRHR as a member or sponsor. By joining SN-BU, you will not only contribute to our mission and vision, but you will also be able to enjoy specific member benefits:

- Free access to all meetings we host. (Non-members are excluded from attending our events).
- Participate in our CoPs which are exclusive to members. These CoPs are crucial for agenda setting, organizing meetings, and executing small research projects. For more information on existing CoPs and thematic groups, please contact our CoP facilitator [Olivier Makambira](#)
- Be elected to one of our governing bodies, the Burundi Steering Committee or the Share-Net International Board of Directors. All members are invited to our annual meeting.
- Be eligible for our annual call for proposals through the Share-Net International small grants mechanism.

To learn more about the work of Share-Net Burundi and how to become a member, please contact our coordinator [Armel Uwikunze](#) or contact: sharenetburundi@gmail.com



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