

FOR 25 YEARS,
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MATTERS HAS
GENERATED RIGHTS-BASED ANALYSIS AND
ACTION IN THE FIELD OF SEXUAL AND
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS
BY CONNECTING EVIDENCE WITH POLITICAL
AGENDAS AND POLICIES.

From early 2019, Reproductive Health Matters (RHM) became Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM).

In this report, “RHM” reflects activities until the end of 2018 while “SRHM” is used to refer to the organisation going forward.

2018 AT A GLANCE

In 2018, RHM continued to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights globally through its international journal, capacity building, influence and global partnerships.

KNOWLEDGE

We published **three open-access, multidisciplinary journal issues** consisting of a total of **48 articles**.

Journal access increased by 76% with readership in over 200 countries. **Our impact factor increased to 1.421** from 0.940 in 2017.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Our editorial team continued to **support researchers, policy makers, service providers and advocates on generating evidence and rights-based knowledge**, especially from the Global South, through SRHM's mentoring mechanisms.

INFLUENCE

We were represented at **three international conferences** and convened **two policy dialogue meetings** on current and highly relevant issues on SRHR. We also strengthened our online presence, communication and our position as a **platform for dialogue, policy change and advocacy**.



GLOBAL OUTREACH

In collaboration with **regional partners in six countries**, **eight translated journal issues** were published or in preparation.

RENEWED STRATEGY

RHM underwent a strategic assessment and stakeholder analysis. A **new strategy, vision and mission** was created which included a **name change** from Reproductive Health Matters to *Sexual* and Reproductive Health Matters.



A RENEWED STRATEGIC VISION AND MISSION

In 2018, we consolidated and strengthened our vision for the future. A rapid assessment and global survey amongst sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) actors culminated in the development of our strategic document for 2018-2022. A decision was taken that from 2019 Reproductive Health Matters (RHM) would become Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM), a change that represents the breadth and extensiveness of SRHR as a complex interdisciplinary field.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

In 2018, RHM underwent a comprehensive strategic assessment which outlined our position in the SRHR field as a journal and as a “more than a journal” organisation. This formed part of RHM’s revitalisation and strategic positioning and consisted of a desk review of key documents, a survey and twelve semi-structured interviews. Some of the quotes from interviewees are used throughout this report.

The assessment highlighted the following areas of focus for SRHM:

SRHM as a platform: SRHM will continue to build itself as a “platform” anchored in its role as a special kind of journal, but also as a space to prompt more discussion about cutting-edge SRHR issues that link evidence to policy/advocacy, continue to give priority to voices of researchers and activists from the Global South, and expand the boundaries of discussion about sexual and reproductive health, rights and feminism.

SRHM as a political space: It is important that SRHM keep a sustained focus on the politics of sexual and reproductive health, including but not limited to, a clinical perspective. This is part of what makes SRHM unique or different from other journals in the field. SRHM can be used to counter the perspective that tends to be reactive to (and sensitive to) sensationalist media reports. SRHM can help to bring a continuous focus on linking evidence to policy to advocacy, as well as to clinical and development practice.

SRHM as a space for deep reflection and learning: SRHM has shown an abiding interest in the underlying determinants of sexual and reproductive health. It continues to be a space for deep reflection and learning on what it means in the real world to promote sexual and reproductive justice and women’s rights in relation to these issues.

SRHM puts the spotlight on diverse perspectives and multi-disciplinarity: SRHM especially highlights voices of both researchers and advocates from the Global South. To bolster this, SRHM will continue to focus on expanding its mentoring function as well as ensuring greater distribution of the journal to low-income countries or communities.

All of these are key to SRHM’s capacity to contribute to the recognition of universal SRHR as fundamental human rights and matters of social justice by generating, disseminating and using evidence and rights-based knowledge as an advocacy tool and engaging in global policy discussions.

STRATEGIC MEETINGS

RHM convened three strategic meetings over the course of 2018. These meetings brought together staff, editorial board members, trustees, regional editors and other important stakeholders to discuss the future vision and mission of RHM. These meetings allowed us to explore a new strategy and vision, discuss practicalities and create a comprehensive strategy and workplan for the future.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MATTERS BECOMES *SEXUAL* AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MATTERS

A decision was taken that from 2019, Reproductive Health Matters (RHM) would become Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM), continuing to build on 25 years of evidence, gender-equality and rights-based research, policy, political analysis and advocacy on SRHR.

Our name represents our vision: a world in which sexual and reproductive health and rights are recognized as fundamental human rights and matters of social justice; and in which the sexual and reproductive health needs and rights of people are fully respected, protected and fulfilled, regardless of age, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, geographical residence, race, colour, language, social status or other social, political or personal attributes.

Giving visibility to “sexual” in the name of our journal and organisation is a political act, emphasising the comprehensive meaning of SRHR as an integral part of a global health, development and human rights agenda.

We do it consciously and deliberately, in recognition of the fragility of the gains made in this area, and the urgent and ongoing need to continue to recognise and advance those rights. Reproductive Health Matters has covered a huge range of topics over the 25 years of its existence; it has focused on topics such as contraception, abortion, maternal health, infertility, sexual health, HIV, women’s health policies, adolescents’ SRHR, disability, criminalisation, health systems, privatisation and integration of services, male circumcision, cosmetic surgery, and many more. As early as 1998, RHM focused an entire journal issue on “Sexuality”, and looking through that issue twenty years later, it is striking how all the papers are still entirely relevant in 2019.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters continues that long tradition, with a visible and declared commitment to the “sexual” as well as to the “reproductive”, emphasising the intricate and inextricable linkages between the two, and how health and human rights is implied in both terms.

Going forward, we affirm our position that SRHR is a constellation that is the basis of a comprehensive health, development and human rights agenda.

This recognition cannot be optional in the reality of today’s world. It is central for everyone, and it “Matters”!

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MORE THAN A JOURNAL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The year 2018 marked our 25th anniversary. Our celebration coincides with the upcoming anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, ICPD+25. These cornerstones provided us with an opportunity for a major strategic and organisational assessment and renewal. We move into the next five years with a mission to generate, share and use evidence and rights-based knowledge for the advancement of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). We renew our commitment to be a trusted, independent forum for dialogue, action, political awareness, policy influence and advocacy, developing innovative approaches for rights- and evidence-based knowledge generation and sharing, especially for advancing the voice, needs and rights of the most marginalised. To show our comprehensive vision of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in a strong human rights framework, in going forward, Reproductive Health Matters became Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters.

In 2018, we saw resolute public support for reducing restrictions on abortion in Chile and Ireland- a result of decades of advocacy and action. The debate on the expansion of accessibility of legal abortion has been enhanced in various countries, including in Malawi, and thousands of people have joined protests in Warsaw and other Polish cities against the latest attempt by the conservative government to restrict access to abortion. The proposed bill to legalise abortion in Argentina was defeated, however, putting abortion rights at the top of the legislative agenda there, and galvanising a reproductive rights movement across Latin America.

Human rights and SRH concerns in relation to gender expression, sexual orientation, bodily integrity and sex characteristics were also in the spotlight this year. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights upheld transgender rights and the rights of same-sex couples. In the context of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-11, the World Health Organization put forward its proposal to remove gender identity disorder as a mental health disorder, and moved towards a rights- and health-based approach that recognises gender diversity. India's long-standing sodomy law was struck down and assurance provided on the rights of people with same-sex sexual orientation. Concerns were raised about the policies of the International Association of Athletics Federations regarding restrictions on intersex athletes, resulting in the Human Rights Council's statement on Elimination of discrimination against women and girls in sport. The Guttmacher-Lancet Commission's report Accelerate Progress – Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All was launched, putting forward a dynamic call for action towards comprehensive policy and programmatic action. At the same time, regressive movements on political agendas gained strength in different parts of the world. The Trump and Brazilian administrations' attempts to establish a legal definition of gender in a narrow, unalterable and biological sense created alarm, as did the elimination of gender study programmes, for example in Hungary.

This landscape of competing, inconsistent and often ideology-based decision-making and push-pull political agendas is often reflected in regressive programmatic frameworks. Our 2018-2022 strategy was shaped to respond to such concerns, laying the foundation upon which we will enhance the scope of our work. Hence, our strategy responds to the ongoing challenges of fragmentation of the SRHR agenda and the shrinking advocacy space, and to the continuing need for evidence, diverse and dynamic information and knowledge platforms for dialogue, as well as responding to new publishing models and associated technological developments.

Central activities undertaken in 2018 already reflected our focus and intention to meet these challenges and followed our new strategic direction. With the Yale Law School, we brought a group of practitioners and researchers together to engage in a multidisciplinary discourse on **gestational surrogacy**. The aim was to consolidate rights-based knowledge on the topic and identify actions and approaches that acknowledge sexual and reproductive justice considerations around gestational surrogacy, responding to increased advocacy in the child rights movement for its elimination. We used diverse tools to communicate SRHR knowledge at international conferences, including **AIDS 2018** in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and the **International Conference on Family Planning** in Kigali, Rwanda. In order to enhance capacity on writing and publishing on SRHR, we conducted a well-attended publication workshop at the **Abortion and Reproductive Justice** meeting in Grahamstown, South Africa. The intensification of our communications efforts, with a vision of enhancing knowledge-sharing in new, innovative ways, meant a refreshed website, production of videos, regular blogs and newsletters, and an increased social media presence.

This surge of interest was also reflected in a 51% rise in the most recent impact factor. The open issue received a record number of submissions on a wide range of topics covering the right to safe and legal abortion, in relation to the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission report and in relation to the Irish referendum; legal barriers to access abortion services in Uruguay; women's financial costs of abortion in Zambia; stigma and agency in relation to abortion among Kenyan women; SRH of transgender populations; sexual health practices among lesbian and bisexual women in Jamaica; violence against women in India; and a survey from eight countries on women's menstrual hygiene. Editorials and commentaries covered current events occurring across the globe, including on translating the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission's global report to local action; abortion politics and reflections from the AIDS Congress.

The special issue on *"Disrespect and abuse in maternal care: addressing key challenges"* made a significant contribution to the critical discourse worldwide. This special issue, which included important conceptual papers, as well as research, programmatic and policy analysis from India, Ghana, Kenya and Brazil, raised key matters of conceptualisation and measurement. Articles put forward working definitions of disrespect and abuse and explored critical drivers, including intersecting social and economic inequality, and the institutional structures and processes that frame the practice of obstetric care. By identifying gaps and raising questions about the deeper causes of disrespect and abuse, the issue provides pointers on potentially fruitful directions for research and action.

Our themed issue for 2018, *"SRHR for all? Exploring inequities within countries"*, examined the multidimensionality of inequity as experienced in different settings, nations and people, and offered programmatic solutions. The issue highlights that the exploration of inequities requires attention to intersecting political, legal, social and economic factors that influence people's knowledge, the exercise of their rights and their use of health and other public services, and to the contexts of specific population groups, especially the most vulnerable. The papers in this themed issue raised complex and multidimensional concerns from different populations from all corners of the globe, including Ghana, Ireland, Jamaica, the Maldives, Nepal and Papua New Guinea.

In December, five articles were brought together and launched as a series, *"Sexual and Reproductive Rights are Human Rights"*, for the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The series featured the relevance of human rights in SRH in relation to criminal law, risk and harm; aligning human rights and social norms in adolescents' sexual and reproductive health; addressing the rights and needs of key populations in relation to HIV and sexual and reproductive health; and the relevance of securing rights to safe and legal abortion.

Our partners in Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Peru and Russia translated and disseminated journal articles in Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Our strategy gave us new insights and impetus to enhance our global presence for the future through enhanced and visionary regional and local collaborations, which will be the main foci of our activities in the coming years.

Our new strategic vision is reflected also in significant organisational changes: we have strengthened our leadership with a separation of the chief executive and editor-in-chief roles, which are now distinct but linked positions. We established a new communications team, developed a new communications strategy and appointed new associate editors. The Editorial Advisory Board was refreshed and expanded, with regional, gender, age and multidisciplinary diversity. The Board of Trustees was revitalised, with rotation of its members. We ended 2018 with a 25th anniversary celebratory event, comprising a well-attended panel discussion on the politics of sexual and reproductive health, followed by a reception at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, which brought together and re-united our supporters, collaborators and partners.

Our achievements in 2018 would not have been possible without the support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs via the Women's Refugee Commission and the Open Society Foundation. With renewed energy and commitment, we continue our march forward to fulfil our mission to develop, share and use knowledge and evidence for the advancement of SRHR. We will intensify efforts to continue being truly global, strengthening our partnerships, especially with regional collaborators, bringing forward and representing the voices of those most marginalised, connecting local voices to global political agendas and translating international policies for local relevance and realities.

Jane Cottingham, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Julia Hussein, Editor-in-Chief

Eszter Kismódi, Chief Executive

ABOUT SRHM

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) promotes SRHR globally.

OUR VISION is a world in which SRHR are recognised as fundamental human rights and matters of social justice; and in which the sexual and reproductive health needs and rights of people are fully respected, protected and fulfilled, regardless of age, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, geographical residence, race, colour, language, and other personal characteristics or social status.

OUR MISSION is to develop, share and use evidence and rights-based knowledge for the advancement of SRHR.

SRHM IS A JOURNAL At the heart of SRHM is the Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters journal, an international journal with global relevance. It is a multidisciplinary, open-access, peer-reviewed journal that explores emerging, strategic, as well as neglected and marginalised issues across academic disciplines, such as anthropology, economics, law, political science, public health and sociology.

SRHM IS MORE THAN A JOURNAL Through our multi-disciplinary global and local partnerships, we are creating and participating in strategic dialogues, advocacy, capacity building and mentorship programmes. Publishing in eight languages, and through our regional collaborations, we ensure that SRHR knowledge is generated and disseminated globally and that our policy dialogues reach a worldwide audience.

STRATEGIC GOALS In 2018, we re-examined our strategic focus, seeking broad consultation with stakeholders. This resulted in the consolidation and strengthening of our vision, supported by four agreed strategic goals:

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EFFECTIVE ORGANISATION

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“The journal reflects the state of current research and concepts that are key to moving SRHR forward and to understanding and preventing further backlash...”

Interviewee in our 2018 strategic analysis

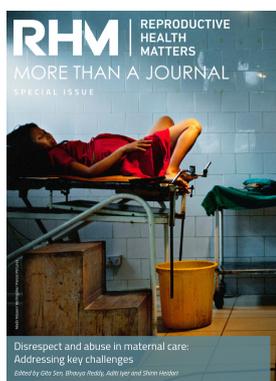
We provide a unique and dynamic platform for cutting edge, rigorous and reliable knowledge, ideas and evidence, and address gaps in the availability and accessibility of information and analysis on SRHR.



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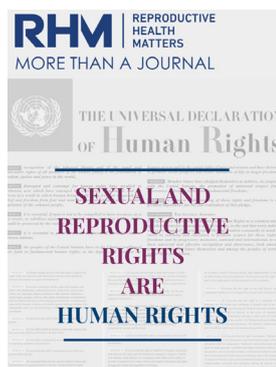
The annual open issue publishes articles on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Editorials covered emerging issues and key events in 2018, on women's right to safe abortion, the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission's report and the 22nd International AIDS Conference. Articles on current and emerging topics in SRHR covered a spectrum of topics including sexuality and sexual rights, menstrual hygiene, contraception, gender-based violence and abortion stigma and agency.



DISRESPECT AND ABUSE IN MATERNAL CARE: ADDRESSING KEY CHALLENGES

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The objective of this Special Issue is to explore what research is needed to bring about changes that will promote a culture of more respectful care for pregnant women. The Special Issue breaks fresh ground by bringing together research from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) that explores the two interacting themes of power dynamics and power imbalances as major drivers of disrespect and abuse. SRHM welcomes continued contributions on this topic in line with its commitment to generate and disseminate robust evidence that can promote, advance and protect SRHR globally.



COLLECTION: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Five commentaries from our annual open issue were brought together in December 2018 to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The articles confront the challenges faced in achieving SRHR for all and draw attention to the continued relevance of the Declaration from different viewpoints. Papers in this collection explore criminal law and the risk of harm, the state of human rights in relation to key populations, securing the right to safe and legal abortion and aligning human rights and social norms for adolescent SRHR.



SRHR FOR ALL? EXPLORING INEQUITIES WITHIN COUNTRIES

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The papers in this issue better our understanding of the diversity and depth of inequity in SRHR, highlighting inequities resulting from legal restrictions, poor governance, self-motivated political interests, inadequate resources, lack of agency, an inadequate knowledge base and cultural exclusion. Generating solutions will not be easy, but taken individually and together, the papers can contribute to inspiring new knowledge and actions needed to achieve social justice. Themes of power, politics, stigma and discrimination echo across the papers, areas which we will continue to explore in SRHM in coming issues.

RHM IN TRANSLATION



RHM IN ARABIC

HUMANITARIAN CRISES: ADVANCING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

GENDERED BODIES AND REPRODUCTION IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND TURKEY



RHM IN CHINESE

HUMANITARIAN CRISES: ADVANCING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

DISRESPECT AND ABUSE IN MATERNAL CARE: ADDRESSING KEY CHALLENGES



RHM IN HINDI

DISABILITY AND SEXUALITY: CLAIMING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS



RHM IN PORTUGUESE

VIOLENCE: A BARRIER TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS



RHM IN RUSSIAN

KNOWLEDGE, EVIDENCE, PRACTICE AND POWER



RHM IN SPANISH

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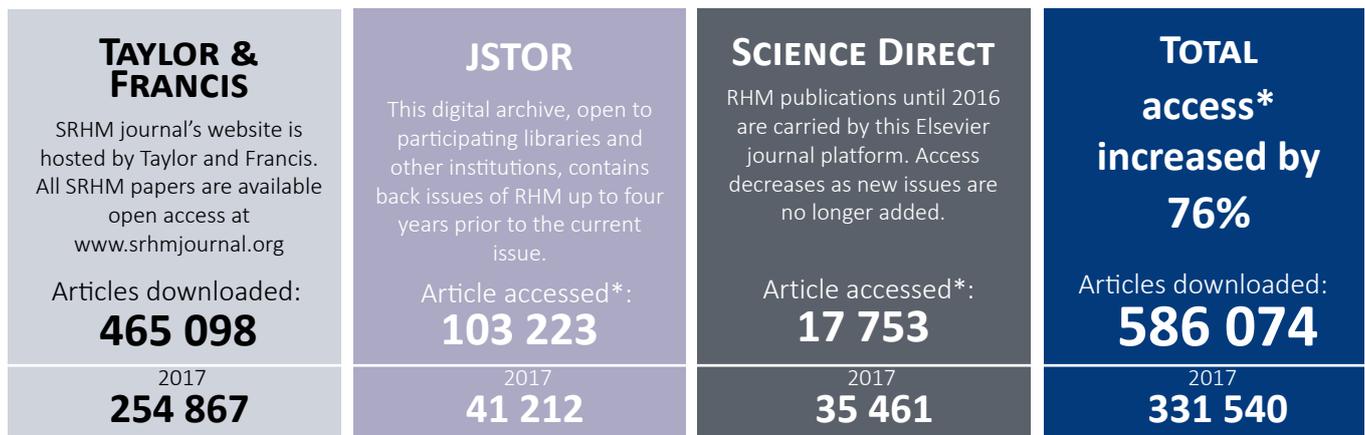
EXTENDING OUR REACH

In its second year as a fully open-access publication, there was a significant increase in downloads from the RHM journal. Overall access* to RHM publications increased by 76%, from 331 540 to 586 074.

RHM article downloads from our publisher, Taylor and Francis, increased by 82% compared to 2017.

The significant increase in downloads and views of RHM papers shows not only the importance of RHM articles but also the global appetite for evidence and rights-based knowledge on SRHR. With such an extensive range of themes and topics which explore emerging, strategic, as well as neglected and marginalised issues across academic disciplines, SRHM continues to address gaps in the availability and accessibility of information and analysis on SRHR by providing cutting-edge, rigorous and reliable knowledge, ideas and evidence in an online, open-access format, free of charge to all readers anywhere.

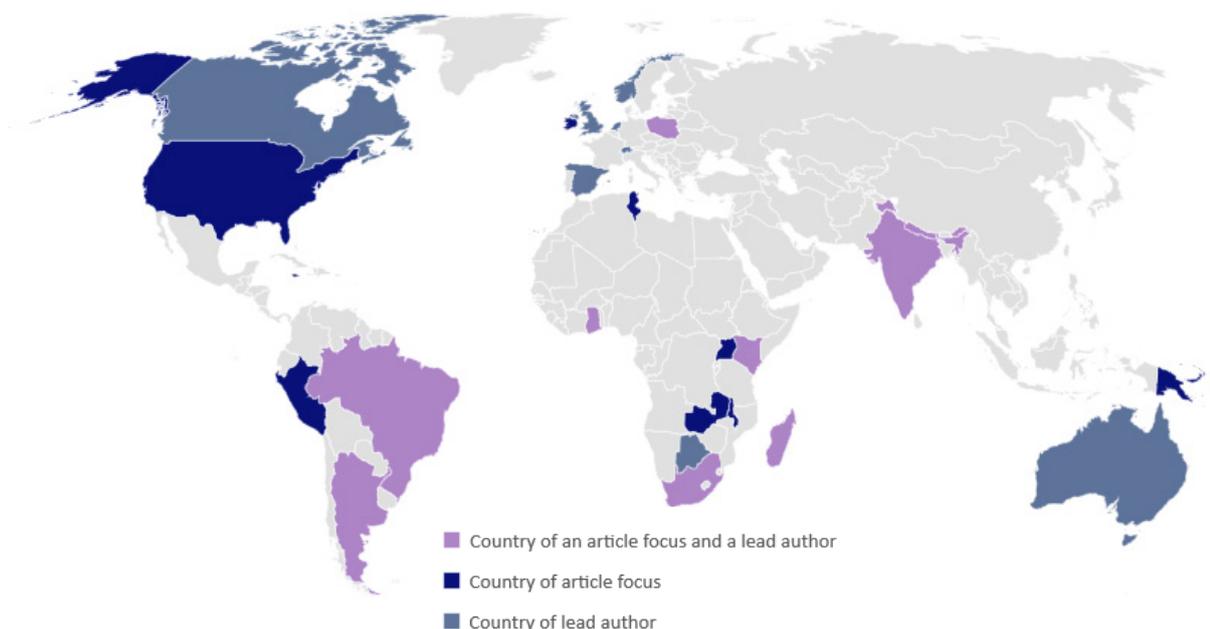
The following illustration shows the main channels through which RHM articles in English can be accessed.



*Access is defined as the sum of PDF downloads and HTML views.

The map below captures the distribution of corresponding authors and the country/setting of focus of published articles in 2018. While the majority of corresponding authors were from high-income countries, most articles were co-authored by a mix of both high- and low- and middle-income country authors.

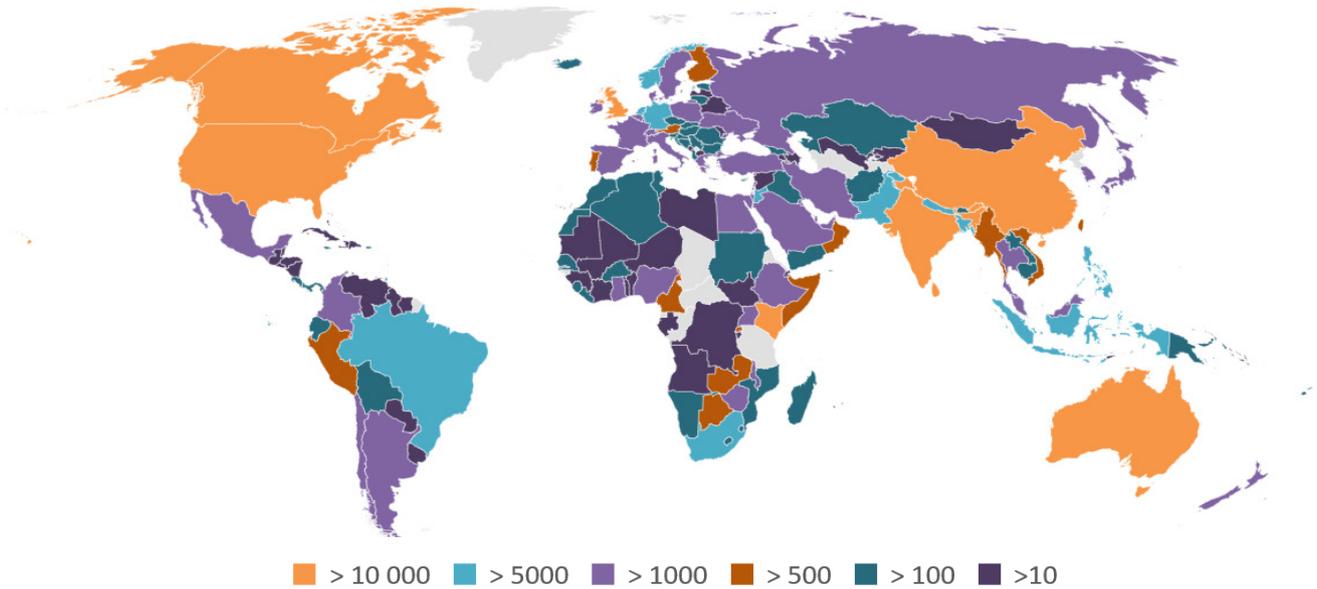
RHM AUTHOR AFFILIATION AND COUNTRIES OF ARTICLE FOCUS



SRHM’s global coverage on SRHR issues attracts researchers and readers from all corners of the world. The charts below break down RHM article downloads from Taylor and Francis in 2018 by country and region. RHM downloads have almost doubled in South-East Asia, due largely to a marked increase to over 65 000 downloads in India (13 000 in 2017) and significant increases in Pakistan and Nepal.

Downloads in the Middle East and North Africa have also doubled since 2017, with downloads in Jordan increasing by almost 18 times (461 to 8213) and tremendous increases in Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Kuwait. Downloads in Kenya increased to over 10 000 (compared to 3800 in 2017), the highest in Africa.

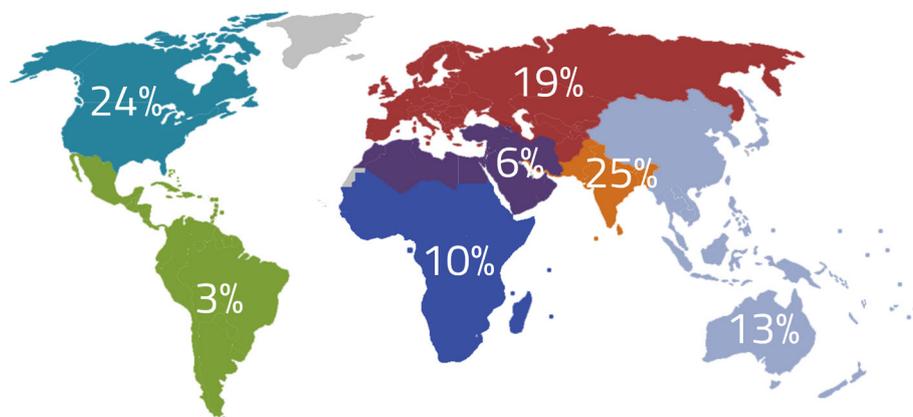
RHM DOWNLOADS BY COUNTRY



The Russian Federation, Ukraine, Poland, Serbia, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Latvia and Uzbekistan also saw increases in downloads by at least 200%.

The increased polarisation between progressive and reactionary forces globally, which threatens to derail advances made in SRHR, emphasise the importance of SRHM as an organisation that can support and offer a platform for progressive voices. SRHM plays an important global role as a source of scientifically sound data and evidence.

RHM DOWNLOADS BY REGION



*Usage of English articles only. Source: Taylor and Francis

** Regions are based on the World Health Organization’s regional divisions, except that Eastern Mediterranean is referred to as Middle East & North Africa, and the Americas have been divided between North America and Latin American and Caribbean. Source: Taylor and Francis

RELEVANCE AND LONGEVITY OF RHM ARTICLES

The lists below show that the need for evidence, information and space for a human-rights based SRHR dialogue endures. Half of the most downloaded 2018 papers come from the open issue (26[52]:2018), demonstrating how it offers a dynamic platform for current, emerging and cutting-edge topics.

TOP 10 ARTICLES DOWNLOADED FROM RHM 2018 JOURNAL ISSUES

1. In transition: ensuring the sexual and reproductive health and rights of transgender populations- A roundtable discussion. *Sofia Gruskin, Avery Everhart, Diana Feliz Olivia, et al. 26(52):2018*
2. Abortion in Poland: politics, progression and regression. *Julia Hussein, Jane Cottingham, Wanda Nowicka, et al. 26(52):2018*
3. Understandings of self-managed abortion as health inequity, harm reduction and social change. *Joanna N Erdman, Kinga Jelinska & Susan Yanow. 26(54):2018*
4. Legal barriers to access abortion services through a human rights lens: the Uruguayan experience. *Lucía Berro Pizarossa. 26(52):2018*
5. Nine months a slave: when pregnancy is involuntary servitude to a foetus. *Kiva Diamond Allotey-Reidpath, Pascale Allotey & Daniel D Reidpath. 26(52):2018*
6. Beyond measurement: the drivers of disrespect and abuse in obstetric care. *Gita Sen, Bhavya Reddy & Aditi Iyer. 26(53):2018*
7. Disrespect and abuse in maternity care: individual consequences of structural violence. *Andrea Solnes Miltenburg, Sandra van Pelt, Tarek Meguid, et al. 26(53):2018*
8. Disrespect and abuse in childbirth in Brazil: social activism, public policies and providers' training. *Carmen Simone Grilo Diniz, Daphne Rattner, Ana Flávia Pires Lucas d'Oliveira. 26(53):2018*
9. Preventing violence against women and girls in Bihar: challenges for implementation and evaluation. *Shireen J Jejeebhoy & KG Santhya. 26(52):2018*
10. Measuring mistreatment of women throughout the birthing process: implications for quality of care assessments. *Timothy Abuya, Pooja Sripad, Julie Ritter, et al. 26(53):2018*

The table below shows the top 10 downloaded articles in 2018, across all journal issues. These articles showcase the diversity of topics, the diversity of the origins of the research, and the relevance of RHM research in the face of the current political landscape and global crises. The prevalence of sexuality-related topics is a further justification for our name change to *Sexual* and Reproductive Health Matters.

TOP 10 RHM ARTICLES DOWNLOADED ACROSS JOURNAL ISSUES

ARTICLE TITLE	DOWNLOADS	ISSUE
1. Sexuality and Women's Rights in Armed Conflict in Sri Lanka. <i>Yasmin Tambiah</i>	23377	May 2004
2. Romance and Sex: Pre-Marital Partnership Formation among Young Women and Men, Pune District, India. <i>Mallika Alexander, Laila Garda, Savita Kanade, et al.</i>	15084	Nov 2006
3. Sex Workers in Kenya, Numbers of Clients and Associated Risks: An Exploratory Survey. <i>Michael Elmore-Meegan, Ronán M Conroy & C. Bernard Agala</i>	13860	May 2004
4. Sexual Torture of Men in Croatia and Other Conflict Situations: An Open Secret. <i>Pauline Oosterhoff, Prisca Zwanikken & Evert Ketting</i>	13809	May 2004
5. The business of desire: "Russian bars" in Amman, Jordan <i>Lenka Beňová</i>	13595	Nov 2017
6. Registration and monitoring of pregnant women in Tamil Nadu, India: a critique. <i>Rakhal Gaitonde</i>	7309	July 2012
7. School-Based Sex Education in Western Nepal: Uncomfortable for Both Teachers and Students. <i>Shreejana Pokharel, Andrzej Kulczycki & Sujeeta Shakya</i>	7208	Nov 2006
8. Abortion Law, Policy and Services in India: A Critical Review. <i>Siddhivinayak S Hirve</i>	6505	April 2005
9. Disability and sexuality: claiming sexual and reproductive rights. <i>Renu Addlakha, Janet Price & Shirin Heidari</i>	5739	July 2017
10. Sexual and gender-based violence against refugee women: a hidden aspect of the refugee "crisis". <i>Jane Freedman</i>	5326	June 2016



SRHM continues to “pursue the capacity building work among emerging scholars to ensure that voices from the South can be heard.”

Interviewee in our 2018 strategic analysis

CAPACITY

SRHM STRENGTHENS CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE AND RIGHTS-BASED KNOWLEDGE GENERATION

We strive to enhance the capacity of SRHR practitioners to produce and use multidisciplinary, rights-based evidence and analysis that links to policy and practice, by publishing their work in the journal and on other SRHM platforms.

SRHM plays a valued role in building the capacity of new and emerging scholars and on rights-based SRHR approaches. In a stakeholder analysis conducted by RHM in 2018, a significant number of respondents saw RHM as a source for building capacity for new and emerging scholars and for rights-based knowledge generation. This confirmed the ongoing need and value of this approach and its centrality to RHM's identity. Work is underway in 2019 to further build, define and expand SRHM's work in this regard.

MENTORSHIP

SRHM helps build capacity through mentorship, particularly for scholars from the Global South, emerging scholars, activists, policy makers and authors whose first language is not English. This often consists of giving detailed suggestions on how to strengthen a SRHR and rights-based analysis with policy and political relevance prior to peer review. RHM continued to strengthen capacity in 2018 through mentorship and intensive editorial support to bring articles to publication standard, working towards more equitable access to publishing and dissemination of evidence regarding SRHR in different contexts.

WRITING AND PUBLISHING WORKSHOP

On July 7, 2018, RHM participated in a full day writing workshop in Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa ahead of the "Abortion and Reproductive Justice: The Unfinished Revolution III" conference held at Rhodes University from 8-12 July. The workshop was organized by the Catriona Macleod, the South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Critical Studies in Sexualities and Reproduction at Rhodes University, and Sally Sheldon, Kent Law School, Eliot College, Kent University. It brought together editors from other relevant peer-reviewed journals such as *Feminism and Psychology*, *Feminist Legal Studies*, and *Social and Legal Studies* with ten early career SRHR researchers interested in learning more about how to write for academic journals, and how to navigate the publishing process.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

RHM's presence at international conferences and events throughout 2018, including the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, the Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference in Makhanda, South Africa, and the International Conference on Family Planning in Kigali, Rwanda, served as an important form of outreach to emerging researchers, new to academic writing and publishing. In Kigali, for example, the RHM team spoke with hundreds of conference delegates throughout the week, many with eager questions about the process of writing and submitting their work to a peer-reviewed journal. RHM's outreach provides a rare opportunity for young and emerging scholars to meet editorial staff face-to-face, to ask questions and to build their confidence in the writing and submission of their research.





“[SRHM] brings together critical research and analysis about the field, and about how feminist SRHR practice and policy advocacy go hand in hand... adding an entire layer of credibility to our everyday activism.”

Interviewee in our 2018 strategic analysis

INFLUENCE

SRHM IS A PLATFORM FOR POLICY REFORM AND ADVOCACY

We ensure that SRHR advocacy, policy and practice are informed and influenced by rigorous evidence- and rights-based analysis, working collaboratively with partners and allies to influence political and policy agendas.

While maintaining its independent and objective voice on SRHR, RHM regained its significance and presence in the global SRHR movement, engaging with civil society actors, international organisations, academic institutions and others collaborating around specific opportunities and actions of strategic importance. SRHM is a platform that links evidence and rights-based knowledge to improve service delivery, policy and advocacy.

Bridging the gap between research, policy and advocacy, and linking the local to the global, RHM convened and participated in discussions with stakeholders from diverse regions and disciplines, ensuring that the voices and perspectives of researchers, advocates and policymakers, with special attention to the Global South, are included in global policy discussions on SRHR.



SRHR VOICES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE 2018

RHM attended the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam in July 2018. RHM identified a number of perspectives and voices from the SRHR community and asked them to reflect on the SRHR relevance at AIDS 2018. These voices highlighted issues around criminalisation, stigma, discrimination and depathologisation including supporting the “Expert Consensus Statement on the Science of HIV in the Context of Criminal Law”. An interview with Justice Cameron of the South African Constitutional Court highlighted the importance of the statement in the decriminalisation efforts and ending the unjust use of criminal law for people living with HIV.



GESTATIONAL SURROGACY IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

RHM, in partnership with the Yale Law School, convened a two-day forum on Gestational Surrogacy in the Context of Human Rights from 11 – 12 October 2018 in London, with support from Open Society Foundations. The multi-disciplinary forum brought together medical experts, academics, legal scholars and global policy shapers from Argentina, India, Kenya, South Africa, USA, Netherlands, UK, New Zealand and Mexico, with the aim to revitalise the SRHR movement and build evidence and rights-based strategies on gestational surrogacy.

INFLUENCE



INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING CONFERENCE

RHM attended and exhibited at the fifth International Family Planning Conference in Kigali, Rwanda from 12-15 November 2018. There was a strong theme of humanitarian crises running through the conference sessions in 2018 and RHM interviewed several members of the The Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), of which RHM is a member, about the importance of family planning in humanitarian crises. RHM actively engaged in dialogues and strategic discussions on how to take this agenda forward.



SRHR IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

RHM participated in two WHO meetings on SRHR in humanitarian settings on a) research agenda setting and b) monitoring and evaluation. The meetings provided an opportunity to highlight the knowledge generated in RHM's 2017 Issue on SRHR in Humanitarian Crisis. RHM knowledge could contribute to both of these discussions, providing an evidence and rights-based perspective to technical, policy and political dialogue.



THE POLITICS OF SRHR

RHM, The Gender, Violence and Health Centre of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Centre for Maternal, Adolescent, Reproductive, & Child Health (MARCH) co-hosted a panel discussion and reception on the Politics of SRHR on 6 December 2018 at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Topics of discussion included the politics of SRHR in the Middle East, disrespect and abuse in maternal care, sexual rights and poverty, HIV criminalisation, the anti-gender discourse in Hungary and the politics of an evidence-based approach to realizing SRHR.

“This is what has made RHM so valuable – it spoke to current debates but created space for issues that weren’t being talked about.”

Interviewee in our 2018 strategic analysis

COMMUNICATIONS

Through its effective and dynamic communication activities and channels, SRHM raises the profile of the organisation as a trusted source of knowledge and evidence, widening and facilitating access to SRHR research and analysis globally, and linking research and advocacy.

2018 saw an intensification of RHM's communications in the following ways:

- An expanded communications team and communications strategy
- A refreshed website
- Production of videos
- Regular blogs and newsletters
- Increased social media presence

These efforts drew results in the form of an increase in website users, social media followers and engagement as well as increased downloads of RHM publications. Intensified communications work has ensured that our knowledge, analysis and calls for action can reach a wide range of audiences.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Reflecting our move to online-only publication and an open-access model, RHM's social media work has been key to adapting our promotion of journal papers, linking individual papers to relevant conferences and events, international days of action and remembrance; and alerting organisations and individuals to papers that could usefully inform and support their work. The nature of social media allows SRHM to reach a wide and diverse audience.

FACEBOOK: 1957 followers, increased by 76% since 2017

TWITTER: 3175 followers, increased by 15% since 2017

RHM WEBSITES

RHM's [organisational website](#) had over 40 000 page views in 2018, with almost 16 000 users. 31% of website users came from the US and the UK, followed by India at 10%.

RHM's [journal website](#) is hosted by our publisher, Taylor and Francis, where the entire journal archive is available and open-access.

RHM BLOGS

In 2018, 18 blog posts were published from SRHR practitioners, academics and activists. The SRHM blog provides a unique and dynamic platform for sharing timely knowledge and ideas with a wide audience in an accessible format.

TOP 5 BLOGS



Sexual health and sexual rights: celebrating World Sexual Health Day



The right to safe abortion in South Africa: a clinician's experience



SRHR voices from AIDS 2018



SVRI: advancing research on violence against women and violence against children in LMICs



Imagery, visibility and disability

We would like to warmly thank **Maria Halkias**, who stepped down as RHM Communications Manager in May 2018, for her dedication and hard work on communications.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

SRHM shares knowledge to influence and link research, advocacy and policy. SRHM plays an important role as a source of objective, well-researched data and evidence.

The list below highlights a few examples of how RHM articles are reflected in a broad variety of channels: media outlets, university programmes, regional advocacy groups and UN-funded briefs. While knowledge generation and transfer are essential in advancing SRHR, knowledge must be translated into action through policy and practice. This is one area that SRHM intends to focus on in the coming years and under its strategic direction in 2019-2022.

RHM IN THE MEDIA



'MARD' fights for women doctors facing harassment

Following the publication of "[Experiences of Sexual Harassment of Women Health Workers in Four Hospitals in Kolkata](#)" [15(30): 2007], an initiative was launched in 2018 by the Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors (MARD) team to encourage female doctors to come forward with complaints of sexual harassment in the hospital.



Taking a Life-Course Approach to Women's Sexual Health

The RHM paper "[Gender norms as health harms: reclaiming a life course perspective on sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)" [24(48): 2016] shows that older women tend to withhold information about their sexual health needs or do not seek out sexual health services which impacts sexual wellbeing as a key component of SRH care.



Mumbai hospitals' darkest secret on family planning revealed

Research article "[Identifying disrespect and abuse in organisational culture: a study of two hospitals in Mumbai, India](#)" [26(53): 2018] has obstetricians from government-run hospitals in Mumbai confessing to coercing women into sterilisation after their second child. Chillingly, so-called 'consent' is usually obtained when they are in labour.



Self-managed Abortion Highlights Need to Decriminalize Abortion Worldwide

Most of the world's decades-old abortion laws don't reflect the advent of the abortion pill, and they permit the punishment of people who end their own pregnancies and non-medical providers. Written by two authors of "[Understandings of self-managed abortion as health inequity, harm reduction and social change](#)" [25(54): 2018]



Managing sexual and survival risks: the impact of inequity and stigma on Jamaican MSM and trans women

[Two qualitative studies](#) [25: 2018] highlighted the heightened vulnerability of Jamaican men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender (trans) women to HIV. These groups are at higher risk of infection as a result of various socioeconomic inequalities.

RHM IN ACADEMIA

London School of Economics, Sexual and Reproductive Health programmes: Design, Implementation and Evaluation

[“Sexual and gender-based violence against refugee women: a hidden aspect of the refugee “crisis””](#) [24(47): 2016] is listed in the 2018/2019 reading list for the above course which forms a part of various masters programmes.

Book: Comparative Human Rights Law

The paper [“Abortion Law, Policy and Services in India: A Critical Review”](#) [12(24): 2004] has been cited in a 2018 Oxford University Press publication, ‘Comparative Human Rights Law’. The book sets out cross-cutting themes which shape the ways judges respond to challenging human rights issues including the death penalty, abortion, housing, health, speech, education, and religion. It has also been cited in the book ‘Governance Feminism: An Introduction’ published in 2018.

Book: The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu

The paper [“Registration and monitoring of pregnant women in Tamil Nadu, India: a critique”](#) [20(39): 2012] has been cited in a 2018 publication, ‘The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu’. The book gives an insider’s view of 50 years of Dravidian rule in Tamil Nadu written by the Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister (Atal Bihari Vajpayee) during 2003-04.

RHM IN ADVOCACY

Understandings of self-managed abortion as health inequity, harm reduction and social change

The paper [“Understandings of self-managed abortion as health inequity, harm reduction and social change”](#) [26(54): 2018] was shared amongst the advocacy group, Sexual and Reproductive Justice Coalition, based in South Africa. The hope is that the concept and practice of self-managed abortion will be explored more seriously in relation to the South African context and other contexts where women and girls and those with diverse gender identities who have unsupported pregnancies find themselves.

RHM IN POLICY MAKING

WHO REPORT: Self and user-initiated interventions for sexual and reproductive health and rights: Meeting on the ethical, legal, human rights and social implications of user autonomy in sexual and reproductive health

[“Perspectives of displaced Syrian women and service providers on fertility behaviour and available services in West Bekaa, Lebanon”](#) [25(Supp 1): 2017] was referenced in this WHO meeting held in March 2018. The paper contributed towards understanding SRHR in humanitarian settings.

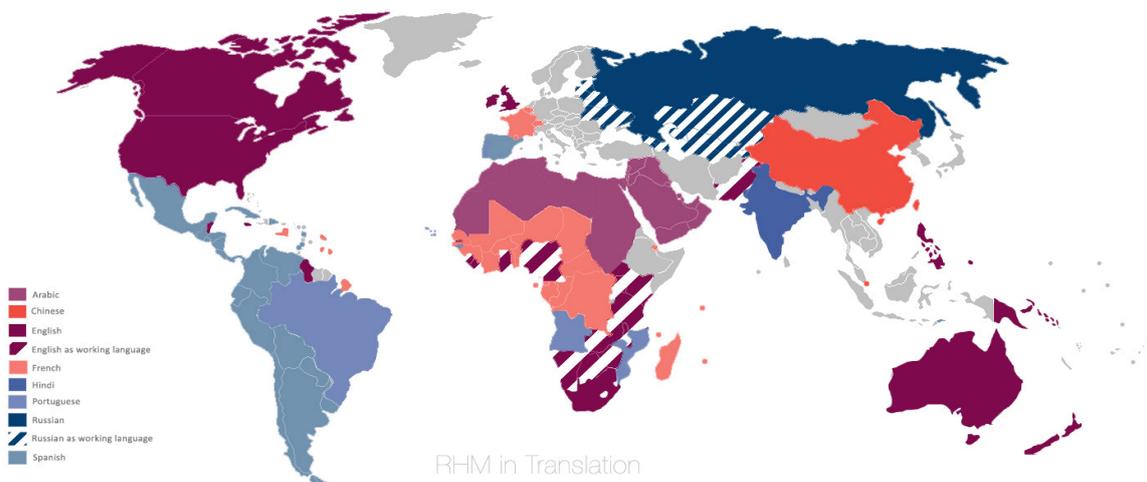
UNHCR Report: Sexual violence against men and boys in the Syria crisis

[“Sexual Torture of Men in Croatia and Other Conflict Situations: An Open Secret”](#) [12(23): 2004] was cited in this United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) report published in October 2017. It has also been cited in a book published in 2018 entitled ‘Sexual Violence Against Men in Global Politics’ which engages a diverse set of questions and offers analysis on the incidences of sexual violence against men using both new and existing data.

EXPANDING GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

Publishing in eight languages, we ensure that SRHR knowledge is generated and disseminated globally, and that our policy dialogues reach a worldwide audience.

In 2018, RHM partnered with five local organisations to produce journal editions in Chinese (2), Arabic (2), French, Spanish, Hindi, and Russian. Partner organisations select articles based on their relevance to their location or regional context for translation and publication. By building capacity and partnering with local organisations, SRHM ensures that the next generation of researchers, policy makers, service providers and especially advocates from the Global South is well equipped to address SRHR issues locally and globally. In 2018, RHM also conducted a comprehensive assessment and re-strategising of the language editions towards a more regional organisational presence as a journal, knowledge hub and platform for dialogue and action on SRHR.



RHM IN ARABIC (CAIRO, EGYPT)



The 23rd and 24th issues of RHM in Arabic were in production in 2018, with publication in early 2019. These were translated editions of the RHM 2017 publications, *“Humanitarian crises: Advancing SRHR”* and *“Gendered bodies and reproduction in the Arab countries and Turkey”*.

“The Arabic edition of RHM is of great importance to the Arabic-speaking region, where reproductive health studies, publications and services have lost ground to other priority issues related to turmoil, violence and armed conflict and basic research is underdeveloped. In addition, funders have

prioritised other issues related to democracy and human rights above health, and specifically, reproductive health issues. We are working on increasing dissemination and visibility of the Arabic edition, and building links with other organisations in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and Tunisia across the region. We have started to engage with the Etijah Institute’s activities with communities. This includes programmes working with refugees, and on gender-based violence, as well as drawing on research published in the journal for training of health care providers in the centers related to Etijah in collaboration with the Ministry of Health primary health care centers.

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PARTNER INSTITUTION: Etijah Foundation, Egypt

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Print run: 600 copies per issue

RHM IN CHINESE (BEIJING, CHINA)



Two issues of Reproductive Health Matters were translated into Chinese in 2018: issue 51, “*Humanitarian crises: Advancing SRHR*” and issue 53, “*Disrespect and Abuse in Maternal Care: Addressing Key Challenges*”.

The articles in issue 51 stress that conflict and displacement increase women’s vulnerabilities, and the provision of reproductive health services is a priority in the early stages of a humanitarian crisis. Issue 53 aims to explore what research is needed to promote a culture of more respectful care for pregnant women. China should not be absent in this process, considering its huge population and its tense provider-patient relationships.

RHM in Chinese editions are available online on three key websites, the National Population and Reproductive Health Science Data Center, the Publishing House of Chinese Journal for Family Planning and the Modern training platform for Chinese family planning and reproductive health.

EDITORS: Mengchun Jia

PARTNER INSTITUTION: National Research Institute for Family Planning, China

WEBSITE: <http://www.e-healthdata.cn/healthdata/szkyl/index.jhtml>

Online only

RHM IN PORTUGUESE (RECIFE, BRAZIL)



“The tenth issue of *Questões de Saúde Reprodutiva* on “*Violence, a barrier to SRHR*” was published online in early 2018. Articles selected for translation seek to articulate current analysis and the pertinence of the themes for the Portuguese-speaking community and for the regional realities in Latin America, reinforcing the existing dialogue in the political and academic field. The online edition reaches a much larger and more diverse audience than the one reached by the print publication, including academics and feminists, especially within the SRHR movement, but also in the social sciences and professionals and health managers. The articles

are used in academic research and teaching activities and to support professional and political debates.

“In the context of Brazil and other Portuguese-speaking countries, the most important opportunity is to provide free access to articles on subjects that are generally only published in English and in restricted access journals. RHM in Portuguese allows young students of public universities and activists of social and popular movements to have access to up-to-date reflections and analyses on important themes for expansion and qualification of sexual and reproductive rights in their countries. Thus, it offers a small but important contribution to the democratization of knowledge.”

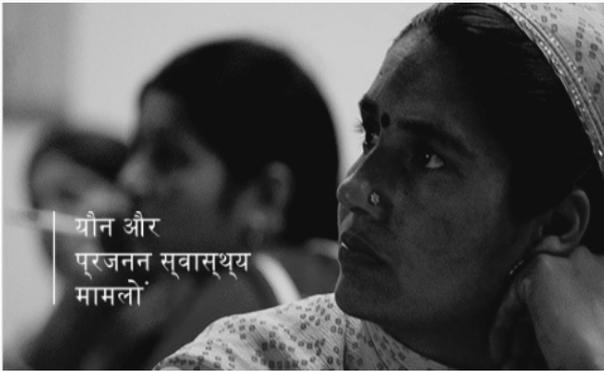
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RHM IN HINDI (NEW DELHI, INDIA)



"In 2018, CREA celebrated its tenth year of publishing the Hindi edition of RHM. The theme for the tenth edition was "*Disability and Sexuality: Claiming Sexual and Reproductive Rights*". Women, girls and trans persons with disability are one of CREA's focal constituencies and CREA is working to structural exclusion of this group from the mainstream work on sexuality and to build conceptual understanding around disability issues. Participants in CREA training have always shown keen interest in reading RHM articles as there are few theoretical and research and evidence-related articles, especially on sexuality and disability in Hindi.

"The new edition on Disability and Sexuality will be able to fill some gaps especially for Hindi speaking activists who are working on disability, SRHR, gender and sexuality. Many activists, especially those who are part of social movements and working for sexuality education, disability, young people's health and SRHR issues but cannot get access to Hindi reading material, can benefit from this edition. Many of CREA's partners have been using this for awareness raising and talking about issues related to SRHR and women. Articles have been used in two of CREA's Institutes, specially Sexuality Gender and Rights Institute and Abortion Gender and Rights Institute to talk about SRHR and also building capacities of activists and government officials participating in the Institute."

EDITOR: Shalini Singh

PARTNER INSTITUTION: CREA, India

WEBSITE: www.creaworld.org/publications/reproductive-health-matters

Online only

RHM IN FRENCH



In 2018, RHM coordinated the French translation of the 2017 publication "*Humanitarian crises: Advancing SRHR*", which will be published online in 2019.

RHM continued its search for a partner in the francophone region to take ownership of publishing a French edition of the journal on an ongoing basis. Discussions were initiated with a Moroccan institution and with a view to developing new activities on a broader and reciprocal basis.

SRHM will continue to ensure that evidence is more accessible and transcends language barriers in global SRHR debates.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters

WEBSITE: www.srhm.org

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RHM IN RUSSIAN (MOSCOW, RUSSIA)



“The Russian Association for Population and Development (RAPD) published the ninth Russian edition of RHM on the theme of “*Knowledge, evidence, practice and power*”, choosing this theme in response to the growth of conservative and even retrogressive SRHR policies in some countries. It is important to identify key current and forthcoming challenges which civil society, NGOs and human rights advocates are facing and to seek to counter this retrogression. It is important for Russian-speaking medical professionals to better understand and be prepared for hidden or invisible attempts to diminish human rights, especially for women,

underserved, and vulnerable populations and youngsters.

“Readers include professionals, scientists, and journalists from the Russian Federation and Post-Soviet countries with a dense Russian-speaking population, including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Georgia, Moldova, Lithuania, Armenia, Latvia etc. In less than two months following publication, more than 2000 people downloaded the issue from the RAPD website. The journal was promoted on Facebook, Vkontakte, and through listserves, and leaflets were distributed at professional conferences and seminars on federal and local levels.”

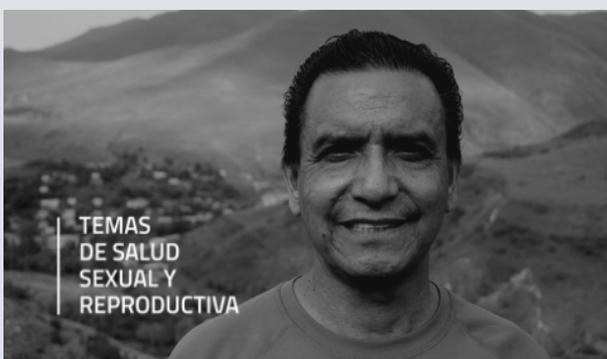
EDITOR: Lyubov Erofeeva

PARTNER INSTITUTION: Russian Association for Population & Development, Russia

WEBSITE: www.ranir.ru/prz

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RHM IN SPANISH (LIMA, PERU)



“The tenth edition of *Temas de Salud Reproductiva* presents publications on the advances and challenges for advancing sexual and reproductive rights in the context of humanitarian crisis worldwide and with publication in early 2019. It provides a useful resource to address relevant needs in the current humanitarian crisis in the Latin-American region, such as prevention and response to sexual violence, abortion and post-abortion care, maternal and infant care.

“This topic was particularly relevant for Latin America, where we are witnessing mass displacements of populations due to natural disasters, internal wars, and political conflicts such as those experienced by the Venezuelan population that migrates massively to the south of the continent as well as the Honduran and Guatemalan migrants that travel northward. This situation of exodus puts migrant populations at greater risk and confronts them with the impossibility of accessing services that guarantee their universal right to health and life.”

EDITORS: Ruth Iguñiz-Romero

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“RHM was built on a model of creating a respected peer review journal that has a commitment to be used in advocacy – it is a good model. The bringing together of solid public health research with more directive advocacy contexts and with women at the centre ... toward the way the world should be moving...”

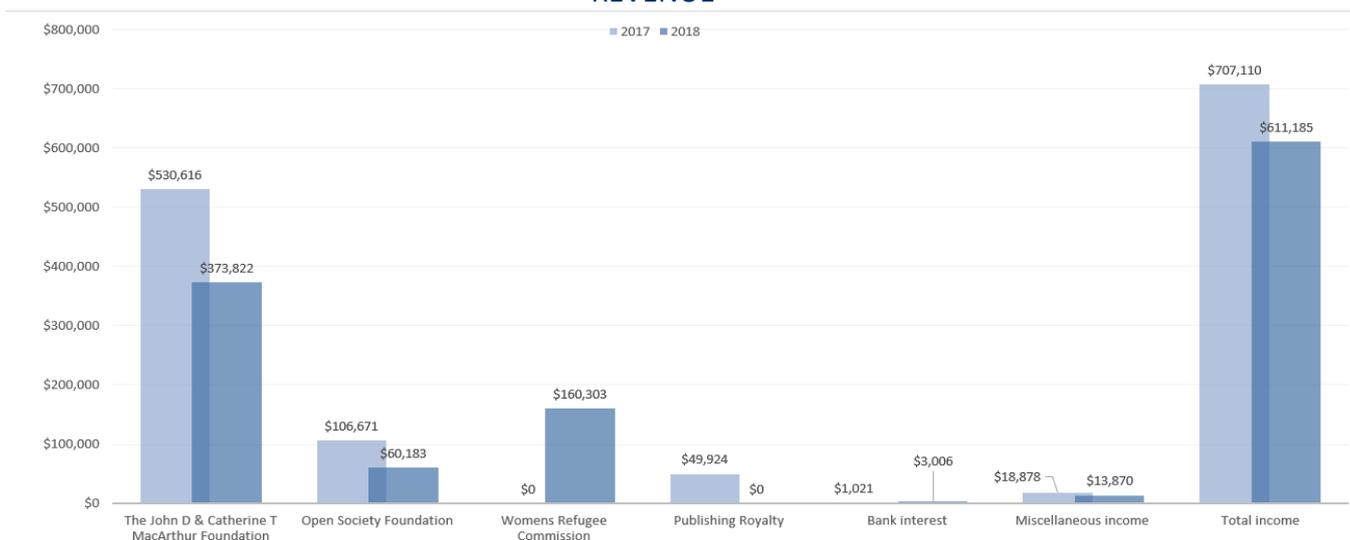
Interviewee in our 2018 strategic analysis

EFFECTIVE ORGANISATION

SRHM strives to be an organisation with sustained and strengthened institutional and financial sustainability in order to maintain our core mission, vision and values.

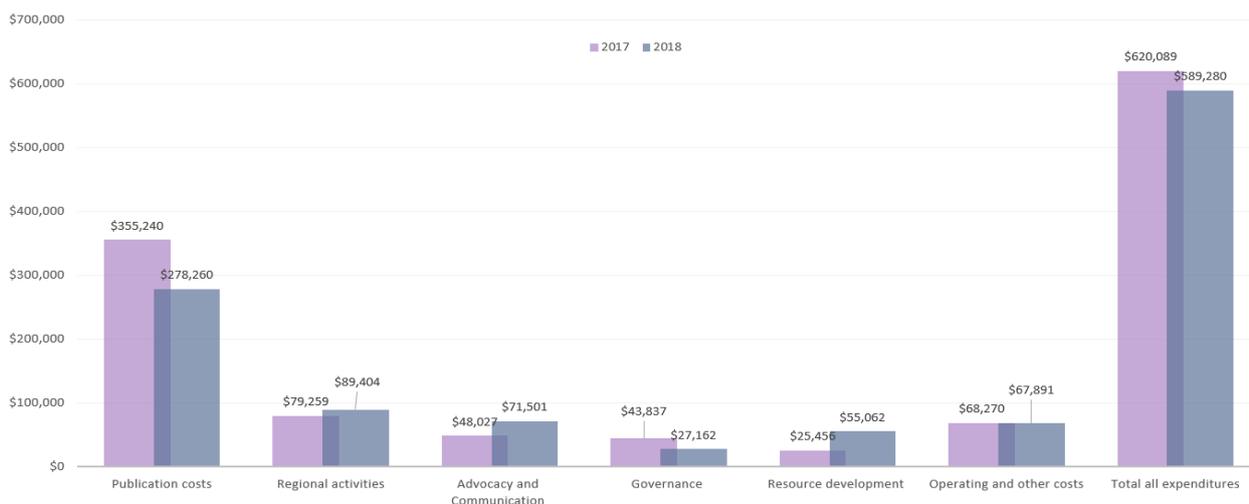
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

REVENUE



Expenditure on advocacy and communications increased by 32% in 2018, as RHM intensified these efforts. Publication costs represent 47% of costs, a decrease of \$77 000 compared to 2017 due to publishing one less issue in 2018. The major shift in expenditure was from publication costs to regional activities, advocacy and communications and regional development.

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We would also like to thank **Anissa Helie** for her hard work and commitment to RHM as she retires from the Editorial Advisory Board this year.

REFLECTIONS

In 2018, we consolidated and strengthened our vision for the future. RHM grew, to become more organisationally sustainable, with redefined goals and objectives of being “more than a journal”. We restructured our governance and leadership: separating our executive functions into a new Chief Executive and a new Editor-in-Chief role. The Board of Trustees has been renewed, the editorial advisory board was expanded, both with enriched regional, multidisciplinary, geographical, age and gender diversity. These changes were made to transform RHM into a dynamic organisation that is able to respond to the needs of the SRHR field.

CONNECTING EVIDENCE TO POLICY AND PRACTICE

While knowledge generation and transfer are essential in advancing SRHR, knowledge must be translated into action through policy and practice. This is one area that SRHM intends to reflect in the coming years and under its strategic directions in 2019-2022.

Multi-disciplinary, gender- and rights-based approaches will continue to be deepened in our journal and “more than journal” activities, in order to inspire and support local, national and international advocacy and action.

SRHM places value on the time and processes needed to produce strong scientific evidence and analysis while acting with agility and responsiveness in the face of emerging issues and events in SRHR and will continue to do so.

STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Translating the lived experience and SRHR needs of people, especially the most vulnerable, into knowledge and linking it to policy and practice is essential for effective advocacy and policy influence; to achieve this goal SRHM will expand its activities to gain knowledge and partnership with organisations, experts, researchers, advocates, policy makers and influencers.

While SRHM intends to remain an independent and objective voice on SRHR, it also needs to engage with a variety of stakeholders in the field; hence we will focus on strengthening our partnerships with various local, regional and global actors.

In order to be a relevant voice and actor in the SRHR field, SRHM can play an important role in overcoming language, cost and technological barriers to provide a platform for knowledge generation and sharing, and galvanising action. To this end, we are putting increased energy into re-strategising and renewing our regional partnerships around our language editions.

CAPACITY BUILDING

It is crucial to build the capacity of new generations of researchers, policy makers, service providers and advocates from around the world, both in the Global South and the Global North, hence we intend to invest more resources, if available, and develop effective partnerships for capacity building and mentorship programmes with local partners.

In order to maintain and further enhance our legitimacy, SRHM products must meet the criteria of objectivity, integrity, rights basis, scientific soundness, depth and rigour; and in order to achieve this, SRHM actively needs to support scientists, researchers, activists and practitioners to bring their research and writing to publication standard, paying particular attention to those working in resource-constrained settings.

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