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This Report

This is the ninth annual report of Reproductive Health Matters (RHM). It covers the calendar year 1 January - 31 December 2001, which is also the financial year of the project.

Objects of the Charity

"To advance education for the public benefit concerning all aspects of the reproductive health and reproductive rights of women worldwide, in particular by the production of regular publications in this field."

There were no major changes or additions to the policies of the charity in 2001.

Organisation of the Charity

In 2001, the charity consisted of the staff (the editor and promotion/publications manager), a finance officer, five consultants and a voluntary international Board of Trustees/Directors of five people and a voluntary international Editorial Advisory Board of 39 people. (See Appendix 1)

Summary of Activities in 2001

In furtherance of the charitable objects, in 2001 RHM produced and distributed two issues of the journal *Reproductive Health Matters* (Volume 9, Numbers 17 and 18); continued to distribute the book *Safe Motherhood Initiatives: Critical Issues*; supported the production of two issues of the Chinese version of the journal by the National Research Institute for Family Planning in Beijing, China and the production of the fourth Arabic edition of the journal by New Woman, Cairo, and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies; organised a conference for 25 participants at Bellagio, Italy on the implications of health sector reforms for sexual and reproductive health services, to take place in February 2002; negotiated a new contract with Elsevier Science to publish the RHM journal and terminated the contract with publisher Blackwell Science Ltd; increased subscriptions substantially through the negotiation of a bulk order from UN Population Fund; and did a thorough review and updating of the RHM mailing list.

THE JOURNAL

"By and for young women and men"

Volume 9, Number 17, May 2001

This issue of RHM is about the sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents and young people. It is the longest-ever issue of *RHM* and the one that has attracted the most submissions to date. A majority of the papers are by young women, while the co-authors of most of the rest include at least one younger colleague. In addition, in several cases, the young people who were the subjects of the paper were asked to review and amend what was written about them. Originally, we announced the theme of this issue as 'By and for young women'. However, in more ways than one, the papers are about adolescent boys and young men, sometimes in their own voices but more often from the perspective of the girls they know and have sex with. Hence, this issue is also for and about young men.

The experience of youth, especially in developing countries, is described here with some eloquence. As a whole, the papers are a stunning exposé of precisely what is meant by gender differences between men and women. Perhaps the most important message of these papers is that, far from being a *tabula rasa* in whom beliefs and behaviours can be inculcated where nothing was before, adolescents and young people are engaged in expressing and living out the social and sexual mores that they have already learned from those around them. Although traditional gender roles have been challenged and in many instances cast off by millions of women and men around the world to a greater or lesser extent, these papers are a reflection of how deep gender differences still go.

Adolescence is said to be a period of transition from childhood to adulthood. For some, that transition takes place overnight, while for others it may last six to eight or more years. From a global perspective, the diversity of experience of adolescents is such that the only thing they may have in common is belonging to the same age group. This journal issue reflects some of that diversity. The adolescents in these pages are sometimes married, sometimes single; some are in school, others have had to drop out; some are economic migrants, some are apprentices; some have had children, others have had abortions; some are not yet having sex, some have experienced sexual abuse and coercion, some enjoy their sexual lives; others have been forced by poverty to sell sex.

The consequences for adolescents and young people of belonging to a higher or lower socio-economic class, living in a rural versus an urban area, in a developing rather than a developed country, are significant. We don't like to think of debt-bonded sex workers, or any sex workers for that matter, as teenagers, but many of them are. The lives of the least advantaged, such as street children, AIDS orphans or young refugees, have little in common with the privileged lives of middle-class adolescents, particularly those from the most developed countries. Yet when it comes to sexual and reproductive health matters, being young usually means having less information and fewer rights than one needs and greater uncertainty and embarrassment.

THE JOURNAL

"Images of sexuality and reproduction" "Services: meeting women's needs"

Volume 9, Number 18, November 2001

The papers in this issue on the theme of 'images of sexuality and reproduction' were all written before 11 September. They range from papers on men's and women's images of the reproductive body in Brazil, to perceptions of homosexuality and adoption policy in Brazil, the images used to sell genetic tests for risk of breast and ovarian cancer in direct-to-consumer advertisements in the US, to dealing with the link between young men's fears of semen loss and unsafe sex in India and young men's attempts to adorn their penises to enhance sexual pleasure in Indonesia and elsewhere in southeast Asia. Each in its own way gives new insight into how people think about sexuality and their bodies, with perceptions that do not always bear any relation to science or medicine.

The consequences of fundamentalism for women's lives is described in this journal issue in a statement on 11 September 2001 by Women Living Under Muslim Laws, many of whom have directly experienced terror and the devastation that goes with it, which forms part of the report on violations of women's bodies and lives in Afghanistan.

This journal issue also offers a collection of papers on a second, unplanned theme, the theme of women's reproductive health needs and how much health services still need to improve in order to meet those needs. These papers are about a breast cancer survivors' movement in Ukraine, women's experience of giving birth in hospitals, birthing centres, at home and in the forest in Bangladesh, Benin and Laos, the extent of unmet need for family planning and other reproductive health care in India, involving men in antenatal education in Turkey and finding out from local communities how they view female genital mutilation in Guinea, in order to develop effective community-based campaigns. In opposition to extremists who are calling for the violence to spread, these papers are about promoting health and valuing women's lives. One paper provides a model for the provision of integrated reproductive health care in a hospital-based clinic serving poor women in Brazil, a government-funded service that was closed down after eight successful years due to health sector reforms in favour of private sector provision. One paper reviews research methodology for studying gynaecological morbidity in resource-poor settings and another – importantly – comprehensively reviews the evidence on whether male circumcision should be promoted as an intervention at a population level to reduce the risk of HIV transmission and concludes that it is no substitute for condoms. One from India is on providing the Copper-T 380A IUD as an alternative to female sterilisation, one is on infertility management among migrant Ghanaian women in Amsterdam, and there is a special report from the International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2000, in Durban.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

Safe Motherhood Initiatives: Critical Issues

This book was first published in 1999. A second edition was printed in 2000 and demand for it remained steady throughout 2000 and 2001. By the end of 2001, all remaining copies were committed for ordering and the book will be put onto the RHM website in full in 2002.

Beyond Acceptability: Users' Perspectives on Contraception

This book was published in 1997 for the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. The Department of Reproductive Health and Research at WHO put the full contents of this book on their website, with a link to the RHM website and on the RHM website to the book.

RHM IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Chinese

Since 1997, the National Research Institute for Family Planning in Beijing, China, have published a Chinese version of the journal twice a year that includes the editorial, selected papers in full, abstracts and selected Round-Up items from each English language issue of RHM. In 1998, their translation and editorial committee was expanded. To date they have published and distributed 2000 copies each of RHM 6 through RHM 17, mainly in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, about six months after the English version each year.

Arabic

In 1998, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies in Egypt began to produce an annual version of the journal in Arabic, containing a selection of full-length papers from previous issues, distributing 1000 copies of each.

EDITING FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The RHM editor was contracted by GTZ to edit the 100 page book *Sexually Transmitted Infections among Adolescents: The Need for Adequate Health Services* by Karl Dehne and Gabriele Riedner, for the World Health Organization Department of Child and Adolescent Health. Two chapters from the book were first published in the RHM journal issue on young people – RHM 9(17) May 2001 – with the permission of the authors and GTZ. The book will be published by WHO in 2002.

OUTREACH AND IMPACT

The following indicators of the outreach and impact of RHM's publications are outlined in the following pages:

- Audience and authors
- Indexes that include the RHM journal
- Editorial support to authors and editors
- Number of papers accepted/rejected for publication
- Number of papers published about developed vs. developing countries and with an international focus
- Number of peer reviewers by region
- Requests to distribute, translate, reprint and post articles on websites
- Letter of appreciation
- Distribution figures – including paid subscriptions, book orders and numbers of groups in developing countries receiving the publications free, including the RHM journal in Chinese, Arabic.

Audience and Authors

The journal's audience and authors continue to come from among the following in both developing and developed countries:

- health ministries, health departments, heads of women's health and maternal and child health, family planning services, policymakers, agencies and donors
- clinicians, family planning providers and associations, and other reproductive health service providers
- researchers in a broad range of biomedical and social sciences
- women's health advocates, groups and organisations, and the leadership of a broad range of other women's organisations
- non-government organisations focusing on health, population and related fields such as development and human rights
- university, medical and other libraries, resource and information centres, national and international professional associations, training courses and institutions in: law, medicine, sexology, demography, public health, women's studies, social sciences, anthropology, ethics, development and midwifery.
- journals, journalists and authors in the field and in health-related fields.

Indexes that Include the Journal

The journal is abstracted/indexed in *Contemporary Women's Issues*, *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*, *Current Awareness in Biomedicine*, *Current Contents*, *Excerpta Medica (EMBASE)*, *Feminist Periodicals*, *Health Promotion Information*, *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences*, *Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex and Reproduction (website only)*, *List of Free Materials in Reproductive Health*, *Ohio Database of Women's Studies*, *Popline*, *Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS)*, *Research Alert*, *Social and Behavioral Sciences Index*, *Social Planning/Policy and Development Abstracts (SOPODA)*, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, *Sociofile*, *Sociological Abstracts*, and *Studies on Women Abstracts*.

Editorial Support to Authors and Editors

It has been an important part of RHM's editorial policy from the beginning of the project to provide editorial support to authors whose papers would not be recommended for publication by a 'standard' peer review. Hence, RHM's peer review guidelines ask reviewers to make detailed suggestions as to how a paper might be improved to aid the author to bring it up to a high standard. The editor also offers detailed comments alongside the peer reviews and often gives substantial help with copyediting in order to achieve this goal. For RHM 17, this occurred with twelve of the papers and for RHM 18, with nine of the papers.

The open review process, in which both reviewers' and authors' names are made known to each other, supports this process, in that more constructive and detailed suggestions are made than in many other peer reviews, the opportunity for exchange between authors and reviewers is created (and not uncommonly takes place) and the tone of reviews is always supportive and helpful rather than negative, even when critical and even if the reviewer does not recommend publication.

RHM continues to support the membership in the European Association of Science Editors of the editor of the *Croatian Medical Journal*.

Requests to Distribute, Translate, Reprint and Post Articles on Websites

The following are examples of requests to distribute, translate, reprint and post on websites articles from the RHM journal and books to colleagues:

- The authors of an RHM journal article from GIRE (Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida) in Mexico City wrote to say:

"I wanted to let you know that we are translating the article into Spanish; please let us know of any legal technicalities that we should be aware of. We were asked to translate it by the September 28 Campaign for the Decriminalization and Legalization of Abortion in Am Lat and the Caribbean, who want to put it on their web site and in another publication, which I understand is a newsletter."

- A staffperson at the Agency for Health Services and Technology Assessment in Montreal, Canada, wrote the following:

"I came across an article published in the year 2000 in *Reproductive Health Matters*: Bastian, Hilda (2000). A consumer trip into the world of the DALY calculations an Alice-in-Wonderland experience. 8(15): 113-6. As a researcher in Health Technology Assessment I am often confronted with cost-utility assessments. The article by Bastian is one of the most enlightening articles I read in years and I would like to distribute it to different colleagues... in public health and health technology assessment... I am asking you if you do allow me to scan the article and distribute it by email... I got the article through our documentation centre."

- The Swedish Project coordinator, Umeå University, Epidemiology, Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Sweden asked permission to reprint:

– Ellsberg M, Liljestrand J, Winkvist A. The Nicaraguan network of women against violence: using research and action for change, RHM 10 (Nov 1997) pp 82-92.

- The University of Toronto, Faculty of Law Library asked permission to post the following articles on their Women's Human Rights Resources website at www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/mainpage.htm:

– Rosalia Sciortino, The challenge of addressing gender in reproductive health programmes: examples from Indonesia. RHM 6 (1998), pp.33-44.

– Susanna Rance, Safe motherhood, unsafe abortion: a reflection on the impact of discourse. In: Safe Motherhood Initiatives: Critical Issues (1997) pp.73-84.

- Anita Hardon, Contesting claims on the safety and acceptability of anti-fertility vaccines. RHM 10 (1997), pp.68-81.

- The Population Council in Bangkok, Thailand, wrote the following:

"The Kunming Medical College, China and the Population Council, Bangkok office are jointly preparing a selection of articles on Reproductive Tract Infections to be translated into Mandarin for publication as a reader. This reader will be distributed free to health professionals working in the RTI field in China. We would like to request your permission to include the following articles:

– Perceptions of Reproductive Tract Morbidity among Nigerian Women and Men, by Adepeju A Olukoya and Christopher Elias, Reproductive Health Matters, Vol 4, No 7, May 1996, pp. 56-65.

– In Search of Truth: Comparing Alternative Sources of Information on Reproductive Tract Infection, by Aysen Bulut, Nuray Yolsal, Veronique Filippi, Wendy Graham, Reproductive Health Matters Vol 3, No 6, November 1995, pp. 31-39."

Letter of Appreciation

- On 9 September 2001, a doctor from Awassa, Ethiopia wrote:

"I am getting this journal for free on my own request. I am using the issues for research training and upgrading myself. By reading this journal I and my friends feel well equipped to convince decision makers and to better approach the reproductive health matters of our community. Reproductive health highly matters for the universal development of Ethiopia. So, the editor, the contributors, the publisher and supporters should feel that you are accomplishing a great mission of saving a generation and building a better future. Sincerely, Your Admirers!"

Papers, Authors and Peer Reviewers by Region

Almost all the papers in the journal in 2001 addressed sexual and reproductive health and rights issues in developing countries or from an international perspective. The regional breakdown of authors and peer reviewers in the two issues for 2001 follows with the figures from the previous year also shown for comparative purposes (Table 1)

Table 1.

	RHM 15 May 2000	RHM 16 Nov 2000		RHM 17 May 2001	RHM 18 Nov 2001
PAPERS PUBLISHED					
Developed countries	1	2		4	1
Developing countries	8	13		20	16
International	10	6		4	6
Total	20	21		28	23
PAPERS REJECTED	12	23		25	31
AUTHORS					
Developed countries	25	9		10	16
Developing countries	26	28		42	30
Total	51	37		52	48
PEER REVIEWERS					
Africa	6	10		9	4
Asia	7	9		11	4
Caribbean	0	0		1	0
Western Europe	11	13		11	7
Eastern Europe	0	0		0	1
Eastern Mediterranean	0	2		1	2
Latin America	7	12		8	6
NZ/Australia	1	1		6	2
North America	9	13		12	7
Total	41	60		59	33

RHM'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Health Sector Reforms: Implications for Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

The Editorial Advisory Board and Trustees' meeting in June 2001 devoted one day to planning RHM's first international workshop, scheduled for 25 February-1 March 2002 at the Bellagio Study and Conference Centre in Bellagio, Italy. A further two days of planning in August and September were carried out by the RHM editor with the former RHM co-editor TK Sundari Ravindran. Funding to cover costs of travel was granted by the Rockefeller Foundation in addition to the use of the Center itself. A range of published sources and experts in the topics under consideration were used to develop the agenda and decide who to invite, a balance of expertise, regional representation and interest in policy, services, research and action was sought.

In October 2001, invitations began to be sent out. The letter of invitation explains the ethos and content of the meeting:

"Health sector reforms are having an important effect on health financing, health systems and the role of the state in health service provision around the world, including in relation to sexual and reproductive health services. Yet there is only limited evidence on the effect these reforms are having on the range, quality, availability and affordability of sexual and reproductive health services and women's access to these across class, income, ethnic, rural/urban and age differences.

In order to develop a relevant research, policy and action agenda that takes account of these reforms and their implications for the future of sexual and reproductive health services, the sharing of knowledge and perspectives between those with expertise on health sector reforms and those with expertise on sexual and reproductive health matters is crucial.

Reproductive Health Matters is holding a small international conference to address these issues at the Bellagio Study and Conference Center on Lake Como in Italy in February next year. Its primary aim is to encourage the development of women-centred perspectives on the implications of health sector reforms for sexual and reproductive health services, to contribute to an agenda for work in this area that will support women's sexual and reproductive health needs, and the publication of high quality papers on these issues.

We would like to invite you to participate in this conference, which will be attended by 25 people from around the world with expertise in health sector reforms and/or sexual and reproductive health matters.... This will be a working meeting. It will consist of a half-day introduction to the issues, four half-day sessions with presentations followed by case studies and discussion, and one half-day small group/plenary discussion to draw conclusions, make recommendations, raise further questions and discuss the preparation of papers.

After the invitations for the conference are sent out, *Reproductive Health Matters* will make a call for submissions of papers on the issues outlined in the conference agenda. A submission by you, with or without co-authors, based either on what you present at the meeting or on other work you are doing in this area, would be much welcomed. However, we have decided not to make the writing of a paper for publication a condition of attending the meeting, or vice versa. Papers accepted for publication will be published in the November 2002 and May 2003 journal issues."

CONTRACT WITH ELSEVIER SCIENCE

RHM decided not to renew the four-year contract with Blackwell Science Ltd (BSL). During the course of 2001, a request to tender was sent out to half a dozen publishers; four responded with tenders. Advice was sought from editorial advisory board members, the trustees' meeting in June and other journal editors. Negotiations and discussions with two of the four publishers took the better part of the second half of the year, and a contract was agreed and signed with Elsevier Science in December 2001. Elsevier will be handling all paid and free subscriptions for the journal, bulk orders, permissions, journal typesetting and production, and making RHM a fully web-based publication, as described below. They will carry out promotion and marketing in consultation and along with the RHM office, and will send out offprints of papers to authors. RHM retains full ownership of the journal and copyright of all articles and publications, and will be handled for a service fee similar to that charged by BSL. Elsevier were particularly interested because they are in the process of setting up "Reproductive and Women's Health Resources Online" to promote a group of journals and books in this area. RHM joins journals such as *Contraception* and the *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics* in this group. This move should greatly benefit the journal and contribute to its outreach.

RHM ON THE WEB

Elsevier Science are in the process of making the RHM journal a fully web-based resource. This will include putting all out-of-print back issues up in full, free of charge, for all users; putting all in-print back issues and current issues up in full for both paying and free subscribers; including RHM's publications in their resource base "Reproductive and Women's Health Resources Online" which will have a special promotion site; including the journal in their Science Direct package of journals, which are purchased as a group by libraries and other large institutions; and including the RHM journal in Contents Direct, a service for sending tables of contents of current issues to anyone signing up to receive it. In addition, RHM has its own page www.elsevier.com/locate/rhm with the editorial policy, author and submission guidelines, subscription and order rates and other information.

At the end of 2001, preparations were being made to create an RHM information website at www.rhmjournal.org.uk where specific journal articles will be highlighted, *Safe Motherhood Initiatives: Critical Issues* will be posted in full along with abstracts in Spanish and French for all journal issues, the editorial policy, author and submission guidelines, and subscription and order rates. Other forms of information provision will be developed starting in 2002.

Papers from the journal continue to be available electronically for a fee through the Ohio Database of Women's Studies. About a dozen papers from the journal are posted on a website of the Global Reproductive Health Forum, Harvard School of Public Health. One paper from *Safe Motherhood Initiatives* is posted on a WHO web page on the financing of reproductive health interventions in Uganda. EBSCO, an international subscription agency in the USA, specialising in libraries, has a Sample Issue Page for RHM on their website. Links between RHM's website and the sites of other groups in the field will be reinstated following the change of publisher.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, ORDERS AND DISTRIBUTION

The print run for the May 2001 journal issue was 5000 copies and for the November 2001 issue to 4500 copies. In 2001, there were 3536 subscriptions, including paid and free subscriptions, an increase of 36% over the previous year.

Most journals do not get many requests for back issues, except from libraries for complete sets. The RHM journal is different in that the themes continue to be of interest and the papers are often not out of date even three to five years later. In 2001, 1012 back issues of the journal were ordered, similar to the number in 2000.

Due to a combination of subscriptions, orders for single copies, back issues, and sample and promotional copies, each journal print run is being distributed within three to four years of printing. RHM 1-5 and RHM 11 are out of print and in order to continue distributing these, disk copies were produced.

All copies of the second edition of the *Safe Motherhood* book were committed in 2001. Orders from WHO, the Interagency Group on Safe Motherhood secretariat (Family Care International) and UNICEF, among many others, were important in the distribution of this book.

Because increased subscription rates were having a negative effect on the numbers of renewals and new subscriptions in the year 2000, in spite of considerable promotion efforts, the trustees' meeting in 2000 agreed these rates should be reduced as of January 2001. This has proven to be a good decision as orders began to rise again over the course of 2001.

Developing country and student/reduced rates have brought in few paid orders in the years since RHM began. The great majority of paid subscriptions and orders continue to come from developed countries, while almost all subscriptions and orders from developing countries have been for free copies of all publications.

The list of 1500 people based in governments, NGOs, women's health groups, libraries and a range of professional associations and institutions who were sent the journal free in 2000 were sent both issues in 2001 as well. In 2001, an additional 400 free subscribers were sent the journal, including the islands of Fiji, Sao Tomé, Cap Verde and Madagascar. Continuing expansion of the free subscribers mailing list is reflected in increasing figures for Africa and Asia in 2001 (see chart). Copies of the journal also began to be used more often for promotion purposes, as had been done in the first three years of the project. Thus, RHM's publications reached organisations and individuals in 178 countries in 2001. Existing free subscriptions were automatically renewed for 2001. In future, we will ask free subscribers to contact us only if they no longer wish to receive the publication or to update our records.

The regional breakdown of journal distribution figures for the year 2001 (RHM 17, May 2001 and RHM 18, November 2001) and the Chinese and Arabic versions of the journal are shown in Table 2 and Figure 1. A breakdown of the print runs and the cumulative number of copies distributed from 1993 through 2001 are shown in Table 3.

Table 2. Journal Distribution by Region, 2001

English edition	2000	2001
Africa	885	1318
Asia	604	837
Europe	310	327
North America	274	319
Latin America	245	302
Eastern Europe	97	145
Middle East	74	127
Pacific	69	101
Caribbean	40	60
Total	2,598	3,536
Chinese edition	2,000	2,000
Arabic edition	1,000	1,000

Figure 1: Regional Distribution 2000 and 2001

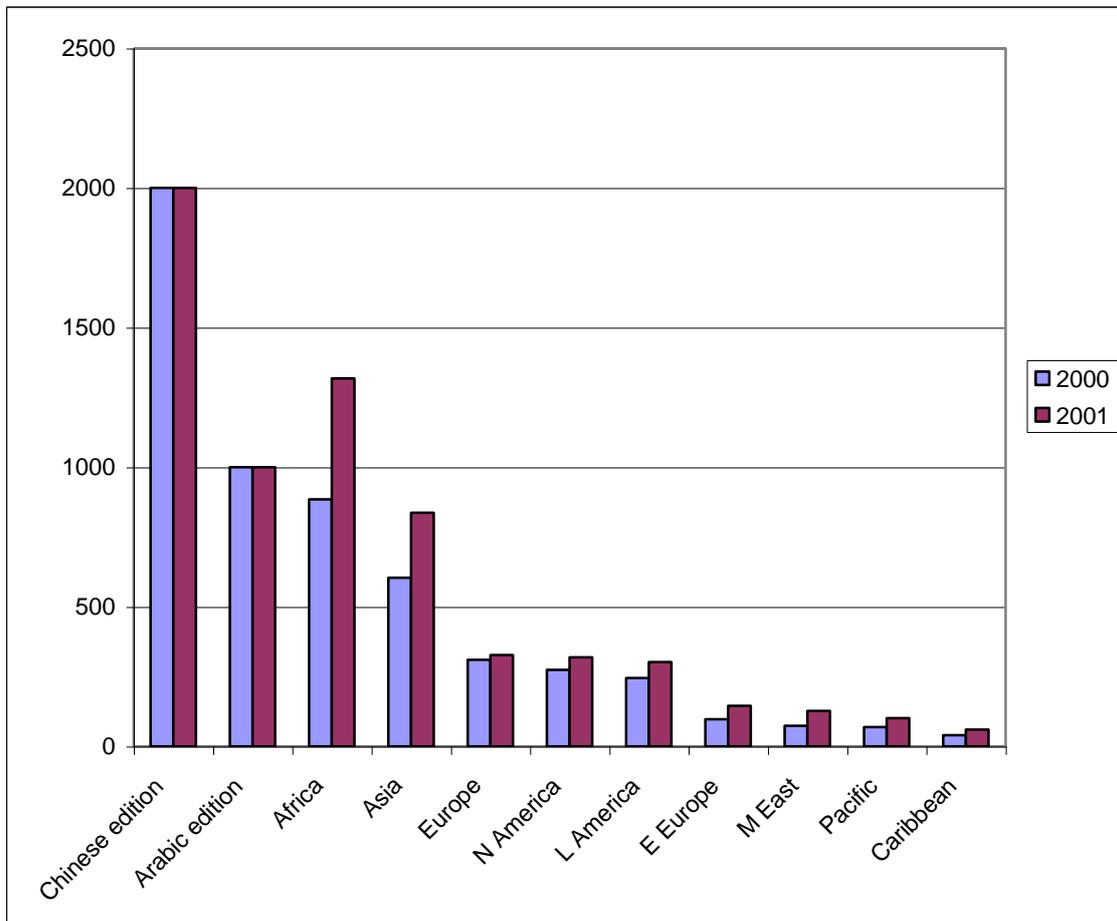


Table 3. Cumulative Numbers of Copies of Publications Distributed 1993–2001

Journal

Number	Year	Print Run		Distrib	Distrib	Distrib		Chinese	Arabic
				Orders	Promo	Total		Total	Total
RHM1	1993	4,309		1,834	2,427	4,261			
RHM2		4,279		1,961	2,282	4,243			
RHM3	1994	5,155		1,976	3,129	5,105			
RHM4		5,167		2,101	3,012	5,113			
RHM5	1995	6,186		2,164	3,991	6,155			
RHM6		6,000		2,361	3,328	5,689			
RHM7	1996	5,000		1,805	1,257	3,062			
RHM8		5,000		1,844	669	2,513		2,000	
RHM9	1997	3,000		1,727	568	2,295		2,000	
RHM10		3,000		1,817	85	1,902		2,000	1,000
RHM11	1998	2,500		1,857	617	2,474		2,000	
RHM12		2,500		1,998	206	2,204		2,000	1,000
RHM13	1999	2,500		1,442	226	1,668		2,000	
RHM14		2,500		1,484	343	1,827		2,000	
RHM15	2000	4,500		3,153	766	3,919		2,000	1,000
RHM16		5,000		3,137	484	3,621		2,000	
RHM17	2001	5,000		4,073	22	4,095		2,000	
RHM18		4,500		4,183	24	4,207			
Total		76,096		40,917	23,436	64,353		20,000	3,000

Books

Title	Print Run	Distrib
Women and HIV/AIDS (1993,1994)	8,200	8,200
Beyond Acceptability (1997)	2,000	1,951
Safe Motherhood (1999,2000)	4,500	3,635
Total	14,700	13,786

PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

RHM carried out the following promotion activities in 2001:

Advertising

- *Development in Practice* – advertising exchange in one journal issue.
- *Africa Health* – listed RHM in the Book Update section in six issues, including the offer of a free journal sample. Additionally it listed a special advertisement for *Safe Motherhood Initiatives: Critical Issues* in one issue. There were 206 respondents to these advertisements from African countries.
- *EBSCO* – listing in their scientific publications catalogue.

Brochures and Sample Copies

– The RHM brochure in PDF was distributed by e-mail to women's organisations in Australia, New Zealand, Southern Pacific, Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, Middle East, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

– Brochures were sent to members of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, including heads of teaching medical hospitals and departments of obstetrics and gynaecology in developing countries.

– Brochures for participant packs and in some cases sample copies of back issues of the journal and of *Safe Motherhood Initiatives* were sent for the following conferences:

- Annual Population Research Conference, Population Association of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP) (programme advert)
- BPAS – British Pregnancy Advisory Services Conference on Abortion Care, London, UK
- Conflict, Development and Peace Network Conference, London, UK
- Commission for Women Lawyers, Suzano, SP, Brazil
- Health for All Network, Chester, UK
- International Confederation of Midwives Conference, Eugene, OR, USA
- International Conference on Reproductive Freedom, Finance, Civil Liberties &
- International Federation of Fertility Societies Congress, Melbourne, Australia
- IUSSP General Population Conference, Brazil
- Midwifery Today Conference, Paris, France
- A New World for Sexual Health, Royal College of Physicians, London, UK
- Population Council, Mexico – Unwanted Pregnancy and abortion: public health challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean, Cuernavaca, Mexico
- Population Council, Conference on Dual Protection, Washington, DC, USA
- PROCAARE – Second Counselling Conference in Kenya
- Public Health Policy, Health, York, UK

- Public Policy Program, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, USA
- UK Public Health Association Annual Public Health Forum, Bournemouth, UK
- UN Conference on Racism, Durban, South Africa via Women's Health Project
- Women's Health Project Reproductive Health Priorities Conference

Courses

Relevant copies of the journal were sent free for participants in the following courses:

- Centre for Sexual Health Research, Southampton, UK
- Globalization, Health and Human Rights, City University of New York, USA
- Mujer y Desarrollo, Reproductive Health Seminar, Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia, Chile
- Reproductive Health in Developing Countries course, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, UK
- Sexuality, Culture & Society – Summer Course, Netherlands
- Short Course on Gender, Health and Development, Women's Resource Centre, Trivandrum, Kerala, India
- Women's Health Project, Johannesburg, South Africa

Subscription Agency Exhibits

Sample copies of the journal and *Safe Motherhood Initiatives* were displayed by EBSCO at the following conferences:

- Medical Libraries Associations, USA
- Special Libraries Association, US
- American Libraries Association, USA
- Ontario Library Association, Canada

Special Promotions

– Five RHM board members sent in about 250 addresses of young people's groups and organisations and organisations working with young people and copies of RHM17 ("By and for young women and men") were sent to them.

– Samples of back issues of RHM15 and RHM16 were sent to 500 college and university libraries in the USA and brochures were sent to over 700 women's studies programmes at US colleges and universities, of which the Boston Women's Health Book Collective distributed 380.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE EDITOR 2001

- Chairwoman, Gender Advisory Panel, Department of Reproductive Health and Research (HRP), World Health Organization, January. In this capacity she also attended the Department's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group as an ex-officio member in February and reported to its Policy and Coordination Committee in June.
- Steering group member and abortion sub-group convenor, UK NGO Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health, London.

Publications

- Editorial, *RHM* 9(17), By and for young women and men.
- Editorial, *RHM* 9(18), Images, reproductive health and the collateral damage to women of fundamentalism and war

Presentations/ participation in meetings

- Presentation on women, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, breastfeeding and HIV/AIDS to students, lecturers and staff, Centre for Health and Social Development (HeSo) and University of Oslo, Norway, November 2001.
- Interview for BBC World Service on abortion internationally, 16 October 2001.
- Presentation on advocacy: principles, audience and controversial issues, An International Consortium on Medical Abortion: Exploring Feasibility, Stockholm, 10-12 June 2001. Organised by Reproductive Health Alliance, London.

Professional affiliation

- Member, European Association of Science Editors

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st December 2001

Income and Expenditure	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2001 £	Total Funds 2000 £
Incoming Resources						
Grant income			308,727		308,727	435,463
less: deferred income			-69,611		-69,611	-182,224
	2	<u>0</u>	<u>239,116</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>239,116</u>	<u>253,239</u>
Subs/sales income			21,544		21,544	27,827
Bank interest		7,071			7,071	15,480
Other income			1,120		1,120	2,556
Total Incoming Resources		<u>7,071</u>	<u>261,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>268,851</u>	<u>299,102</u>
Resources Expended						
Costs of charitable activities	3		247,902		247,902	269,589
Management and Administration	4		13,043		13,043	31,848
Total Resources Expended		<u>0</u>	<u>260,945</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>260,945</u>	<u>301,437</u>
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers		7,071	835	0	7,906	-2,335
Transfers	10	<u>-7,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Incoming Resources after Transfers		71	835	7,000	7,906	-2,335
Balances b/fwd at 1st January 2001		4,324	13,820	33,396	51,540	53,875
Balances c/fwd at 31st December 2001		<u>4,395</u>	<u>14,655</u>	<u>40,396</u>	<u>59,446</u>	<u>51,540</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2001

2	Grant income	Brought	Received	Used	Deferred
	less:deferred income	Forward	2001	2001	2002
	Ford Foundation	149,669	0	149,669	0
	MacArthur Foundation	0	63,478	42,096	21382
	Rockefeller Foundation	5,765	10,311	11,361	4,715
	Rockefeller Foundation- Bellagio Conference	0	22,929	0	22,929
	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	20,040	27,482	31,540	15,982
	DFID	6,750	0	4,450	2,300
	GTZ	0	2,303	0	2,303
	Total	18,2224	126,503	239,116	69,611
2	Subscription/sales income	2001	2000		
	RHM Journal	18695	22262		
	Users' Perspectives	0	413		
	Safe Motherhood	2848	5152		
	Total	21543	27827		
3	Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	2001	2000		
	Publication costs	192257	202628		
	Promotion	23294	30027		
	Support costs	32351	36934		
	Total	247902	269589		
4	Management and administration of the charity	2001	2000		
	Costs of trustees' meetings	1803	1402		
	Staff costs	8583	22487		
	Audit	1284	1117		
	Support costs	1373	6842		
	Total	13043	31848		
10	Transfer between funds-Designated Fund				
	The Board resolved to establish a Contingency Fund which will be funded from bank interest received, and will be used in the following circumstances:				
	a) Short-term shortfall in cash where grant monies are received late.				
	b) Shortfall in grant income.				
	c) To finance charity development and organisational change.				
	At 31st December 2001 £7000 was transferred to the Contingency Fund.				
11	Restricted Funds	Balance	Balance		
		1 Jan01	31 Dec01		
	RHM	16379	14368		
	Other publications	-2559	287		
	Total	13820	14655		
12	Trustees Remuneration	2001	2000		
	Trustees-travel, subsistence, phone calls	5520	4400		

**Reproductive Health Matters
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2001**

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	<u>5,030</u>	<u>10,093</u>
		5,030	10,093
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	27,835	34,128
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>155,502</u>	<u>256,490</u>
		183,337	290,618
Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	9	1,895	4,173
Grants in advance		69,610	182,225
Other creditors and accruals		<u>57,416</u>	<u>62,773</u>
		128,921	249,171
Current Assets less Liabilities		54,416	41,447
Net Assets		<u>59,446</u>	<u>51,540</u>
Represented by:			
Restricted Funds	11	14,655	13,820
General Funds		4,395	4,324
Designated Fund		<u>40,396</u>	<u>33,396</u>
		59,446	51,540