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This report

This is the 22nd annual report for Reproductive Health Matters (RHM).

RHM was established on 31 October 1992 as a twice-yearly journal for in-depth analysis of reproductive health matters written by and for women’s health advocates, researchers, service providers, policy makers and others. Since 1994, RHM has been registered in England as an independent charity. From its beginnings, RHM has been actively working to fulfil its aim to promote laws, policies, research and services that meet sexual and reproductive health needs and respect, protect and fulfil sexual and reproductive rights.

RHM in 2014

In 2014, RHM’s office in London had five staff (2 full-time and 3 part-time); there were also seven editorial teams publishing editions of RHM in translation based in Beijing, Cairo, Lima, New Delhi, Recife, Bobo Dioulasso and Moscow. RHM’s editorial advisory board in 2014 was comprised of 34 members and its trustee board of 5 members, based in 22 countries in all world regions. (See Appendix 3 for details)

RHM’s staff, boards, authors, peer reviewers and readership are part of the global community of SRHR leaders in research, policymaking, service provision and advocacy who are working in their countries and at regional and global level to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights and put into practice improvements in law, policy and service delivery at country level.

23 years of independent publishing and knowledge dissemination

RHM has been an independent charity for 23 years.

- We maintain an inter-disciplinary focus that enables a wide range of voices to be heard.
- We have the editorial freedom to address controversial issues.
- We hold annual editorial meetings at which current issues are analysed and debated, both in order to inform board members’ work in the field and as a means of determining journal themes and priorities.
- We work with and support seven editorial teams in the global South who publish translated editions of RHM papers which are free to their readers, crossing important language barriers.
- We provide a free publication platform for authors, which is especially important for those who are young, students, from smaller NGOs and from the global South and countries in transition, who comprise the majority of RHM’s authors.
- We provide substantial editorial support to many of our authors.
- We offer donor-supported subscriptions to over 3,500 groups and organisations in the global South, including those in middle-income countries, who were excluded in 2012 from free access to the WHO HINARI programme.
- And we participate actively in the sexual and reproductive health and rights field.

"Thank you for always sending us your publication. It has been very resourceful to our staff. Keep it up!"

Moses Doka, Ministry of Health, Uganda
RHM publications in 2014

RHM 22(43) May 2014 – Population, environment and sustainable development
Fertility is declining rapidly all over the world and globally is almost at replacement level; only 18% of countries, the very poorest, still have high fertility. In fact, in a growing number of countries, fertility has dropped below replacement level. Even in China there is discussion about whether to roll back the one-child policy. Yet listening to some environmentalists, you could be forgiven for believing that population growth remains the biggest problem facing the world, and that reducing fertility is all that matters. Globally, the combined problems of population, environment, development and sustainability are on the agenda of global agencies, governments, scientists, business, NGOs and activists in a wide range of fields. In 2005, the World Summit set out three mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development: economic development, sustainable development and environmental protection. Seven years later, the 2012 Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development drew huge numbers and generated fierce debate, including among SRHR advocates, and now the global discussion of what should happen post-2015 is in full force. Progressive organisations are calling for the need to achieve equitable and sustainable development. About half the theme papers in this journal issue address a wide range of topics related to sustainable development, and how it relates to the need for sexual and reproductive health and rights. They cover the role of poverty and food security, the youth population boom in the global South as a catalyst for social change, fertility decline and women’s views on contraceptive use, and integrated population, health and environment programmes. The other half cover policy and programmes for contraception and abortion, while non-theme papers address anti-homosexuality legislation in Africa, the effectiveness of HIV treatment as prevention, and FGM.

RHM 22(44) November 2014 – Using the law and the courts
People from all walks of life seek justice and redress from the law and the courts and invest a great deal of hope in the law. As the papers in this journal issue show, human rights lawyers and many others in our field turn to the courts when their political leaders and parliaments let them down. But the courts may also let people down, which can lead to a cycle of appeals and challenges to decisions that require a huge level of commitment, time and resources. What emerges plainly from the papers in this journal issue is this: that the law by its very nature is adversarial. This is worth pondering long and hard before considering why and how to take it up. Using it as a big stick yourself can reap great benefits, as happened in Colombia, and it is exhilarating, but alone it does not solve the problem. Moreover, having the law used against you can be devastating and cause huge setbacks. Hence, even as the authors of the papers in this journal issue are writing about using the law and the courts to seek justice and redress – and to protect and fulfil human rights – they also open a window on the complicated and messy world of politics they have encountered in doing so. The papers in this journal issue are almost entirely about using the law and the courts at the local and national level from the perspective of advocates for abortion rights, and in a few cases from a sexual rights perspective, and at the international level from the perspective of advocates for sexual and reproductive health and rights, mainly those involved in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, but also in two cases those working with young people’s issues.

RHM 22(44) Supplement – Expanding access to medical abortion
This open access supplement, begun in 2013, funded by the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research, was near completion at the end of 2014. It covers the role of pharmacy workers in providing medical abortion pills safely; assessing the role of auxiliary nurse-midwives and community health volunteers in providing medical abortion services in rural areas; what mid-level providers themselves think about their ability to provide medical abortion vs. the views of physicians; training of medical students; perceptions of quality of care of women receiving medical abortion in abortion clinics; and a cost analysis of different approaches to provision of medical
abortion care. The 14 original research papers are from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, India, Mexico, Nepal, South Africa, Turkey, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Most of the studies featured in the supplement were part of a research initiative on social science and operations research to expand access to medical abortion that was supported by the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) from 2009-2014 via a grant from an anonymous donor. These studies were selected competitively from among research proposals that aimed to address a significant gap in their contexts and had the potential to result in programmatic or policy change. Several others were submitted to RHM independently and included in the supplement in the second half of 2014.

Research findings are only the first step in bringing about programme and policy change. Attributing impact to the findings of a single study is difficult as most changes happen as a result of multiple factors. Dissemination of study results has to be followed by specific strategy and action related to translating the knowledge into implementation and advocating for change. Most of the researchers featured in this supplement have continued to work with their study findings and with others in their countries in order to effect such change.

RHM in Arabic being distributed at the 2014 governmental conference of the Population Conference in Cairo
RHM editions in translation

The seven RHM editorial teams who publish journal articles in translation have produced a varied set of editions in 2014, which they report below. The Chinese team translated selected articles and all abstracts from the English editions on New development paradigms post 2015 for health, SRHR and gender equity, and Population, environment and sustainable development. The Spanish language team have also been working on the theme of new development paradigms, with some other recent articles. The Russian and Hindi language teams published papers from the May 2013 English journal on young people, sex and relationships. The Portuguese edition included papers from the supplement on pregnancy decisions of women living with HIV as well as the edition on young people, sex and relationships. The Arabic team published one edition on maternal mortality and one on young people, sex and relationships.

The shift to online-only publication was a question of ‘when’, rather than ‘whether’, so the timing for this move was reviewed in consultation with the editors of RHM in translation. The situation varies from one language zone to another. The Brazilian team has argued for some time that journals in Portuguese are predominantly read online, so they made this transition already in 2014. Similarly, the Lima-based Spanish edition in production in 2014 will be published online only, freeing up funding for social media work. The editor of the Chinese edition is sure that the journal can be disseminated successfully on the internet.

However, the editors of both the Hindi and Arabic editions were concerned that many among their readership have uncertain access to the internet, and they have continued to argue for the value of their print editions. The Russian team also considers that the print edition still adds value, so we have delayed their switching to web-only as well.

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           | No. 43 Population, environment and sustainable development |
| Arabic    | No. 17 Maternal mortality  
           | No. 18 Adolescent sexual and reproductive health |
| Spanish   | No. 8 New development paradigms post 2015 for health, SRHR and gender equity |
| Hindi     | No. 8 Sexuality, gender and young people’s rights |
| Portuguese| No. 7 Reproductive intentions of women living with HIV and the challenges to health policy |
| Russian   | No. 6 Young people: view of sexuality and relationships |

Over 12,500 printed copies of the four translated editions still in print were distributed to their readers in 2014.
We have been exploring with Elsevier various ways in which translated papers could be linked with the RHM originals. It has proved too complex and expensive to do this individually, in part because the contents of each translated issue are selected according to their relevance in each particular language zone. We have now agreed that PDFs of the most recent issues of translated editions will be uploaded onto a new page on the RHM-Elsevier website and work on this was begun in late 2014, to be completed early in 2015.

Existing websites and pages devoted to RHM in the seven languages will be maintained, with links to the RHM-Elsevier website. This will make the translated papers more accessible and visible and will support the transition to online-only publication.

It was also agreed that the teams would seek to register their editions with ISSN National Centres as a first step to obtaining DOI numbers for each of the translated articles. So far, the Arabic, Hindi, Portuguese and Spanish editions have obtained ISSN numbers.

As in previous years, almost 20% of RHM’s total budget in 2014 was devoted to these language editions, covering translation and editing of papers, print production and distribution, websites which provide open access to current and past issues, increased attention to social media, and taking these journal issues to conferences and meetings.

RHM in Chinese (Beijing)

We have published two issues of RHM 21(2), November 2013 and 22(1), May 2014. Each edition included nine papers translated in full as well as round-ups and abstracts of the remaining papers. Readers can read and download the editions from these websites:

- Modern training platform for Chinese family planning and reproductive health (http://jsw.e-health.org.cn/jsw/firstpage/dzpk/rhm-1.htm)

We have also published some translated RHM abstracts in each issue of the Chinese Journal of Family Planning and Journal of Reproductive Medicine to introduce RHM. The two journals belong to our National Institute of Family Planning. The circulation of the Chinese Journal of Family Planning, which is distributed to almost every family planning service station in the township in China, is over 30,000.

The National Population and Family Planning Commission and Ministry of Health have combined into one body, known as the National Health and Family Planning Commission. We have sent the Chinese RHM editions to the relevant officers.

Distribution of 5,000 print copies to subscribers up to now has consisted largely of family planning, public health and research institutes and clinics, social science centres, universities and administrative offices. We have been updating the names and details and especially email addresses of the readers of the Chinese RHM.

As part of our preparations for the change to web-only publication, we have written a letter to all print subscribers to advise them of the changeover and a list of the themes of all back issues, which
they can access. We also plan to send out a publication alert to all readers to tell them when a new edition has been posted on the web. We shall also communicate with youth organisations, NGOs, women’s organisations, policy makers, government departments, and groups we didn’t know about before to invite them to read our edition.

Many readers have thanked us for sending them RHM in Chinese for the past several years and said they have found it very helpful for their teaching and research.

“I always pay special attention to this journal. I have transferred part of the articles to our journal Fertility Regulation. The journal has been sent to all the Mother and Child Health Care and Family Planning Services of counties in Hubei province. And we shall continue to do this!”
(A director, Scientific Research Division, Health and Family Planning Commission, Hubei province)

**RHM in Arabic (Cairo)**

Our aim has been to link the Arabic RHM journal to current reproductive health issues of interest in Egypt, and to build strong partnerships with national and international NGO initiatives and other groups working on these issues. We inform everyone about RHM who asks for help in finding articles and also media people who want to write about the issues, sharing RHM articles. Although we have begun some collaboration with groups in other countries in the region, Egypt is our first priority; we are not yet part of any regional movement.

Our team believes that making a difference in regard to reproductive health issues in Egypt is to depend on the evidence from relevant experiences in the world and the evidence from local studies, so this translated journal, with selected relevant articles, represents a very important resource for all of us in our team who are working in different fields in Egypt, to try to get benefit from the journal. All the translated papers are uploaded into the “Arabic Documentation Center” at the Population Council, Cairo, as well as on the Etijah Foundation’s RHM website, where we are based.

Some of the collaboration initiatives that are already up and working include:
- work with the population and family planning sector in the Ministry of Health, in the expansion and updating of the National Guidelines for Family Planning in Egypt and Integration of FP and MCH, to create an integrated/expanded package of RH services, including post-abortion care, reproductive tract infections, and screening of reproductive age women for anaemia, as well as task shifting. As the RHM journal is very rich with articles covering all these issues, we are generating from the journal evidence-based data on relevant issues as well as policies that have an impact, shape messages and support relevant programmes.
- distributing copies of the Arabic RHM widely inside the Ministry of Health and using it in seminars on programmes and policies.

We have registered an ISSN number for the Arabic RHM: ISSN 2356- 864X.

**RHM in Spanish (Lima)**

The Spanish language team in Peru have implemented a promotional campaign in 2014 in order to promote RHM in Spanish online. We have also distributed past editions at meetings, conferences and the forum on sexual and reproductive rights at the XIII Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Meeting in Lima in 2014, whose participants were mainly feminist and reproductive and sexual rights
activists, academics and social leaders. We distributed 1,000 copies of a brochure with information about the new electronic version of *Temas de Salud Reproductiva en Español*. People received a printed copy of the Spanish edition and registered to receive the journal and other news from us. As a result we have 274 new subscriptions: 98 from Peru, 168 from other countries in Latin America and 8 from elsewhere.

We have also launched a fan page in Facebook, linked to our website, which had 233 followers at this writing: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Temas-de-SALUD-reproductiva/1506002799653727?ref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Temas-de-SALUD-reproductiva/1506002799653727?ref=ts).

**RHM in Portuguese (Recife)**

For the last two years, the Brazilian RHM has been edited by Curumim Gestação e Parto, a feminist NGO located in Recife. In 2014, we published the seventh edition of RHM in Portuguese on "Reproductive intentions of women living with HIV and the challenges for health policy". These papers were taken from the RHM supplement on pregnancy intentions of HIV positive women and the 2013 issue on young people, sex and relationships.

Worldwide, HIV-positive women face a number of obstacles to meet their reproductive intentions. The articles presented here discuss this issue from the perspectives of women themselves and of existing policies and health services. We tried to keep a balance between theoretical and empirical analyses and between the global and local levels, while reserving space for articles on the Brazilian situation. The last four articles introduce the theme of sexual and reproductive health of young people from the perspective of sex education (in the formal education system and social networks) and the side effects of contraceptive use.

This seventh edition marks the beginning of a new phase of the journal, as we decided to publish online only from 2014, in line with the publishing environment in Brazil, where the majority of journals are already online only as well as open access. The method of dissemination has also been...
changed and is being done by social media, with a Facebook page and Twitter, and by more regular email outreach on sexual and reproductive health and rights subjects.

Revista Questões de Saúde Reprodutiva is already available online through a link on Curumim’s web page http://www.grupocurumim.org.br/site/revista.php. The launch on the web and the promotion on social networks came somewhat later.

RHM in Hindi (New Delhi)

The eighth issue of RHM in Hindi, published in November 2014, is centred on the theme of “Sexuality, gender and young people’s rights” and is based on the May 2013 RHM in English. It aims to bring the discourse on young people’s rights to its readers in the context of an increasing amount of work happening in India and South Asia on SRHR, early marriage and young people. There is a need to take cognisance of young people’s SRHR needs and rights, as well as learning from the way young people’s voices have been documented, and how young people have been an integral part of planning programmes and influencing policies.

Ten articles were translated on the topics of abortion services for young people, sexual violence faced by young people, young people living with HIV, gendered norms, (lack of) access to sexuality education, and issues of consent for access to transgender-related health, amongst others. The papers included case studies, advocacy programmes, research studies and strategic discussions from India, Bangladesh, and countries in Africa, South and North America, and Europe. Articles were selected both for their links to the understanding of larger issues, as well as relevance to Indian context, where there is a lack of resources on this theme and the subjects are new and of interest to Hindi readers.

The core distribution list is comprised of CREA Institute participants and networks that CREA has with community-based organisations in India. RHM is an integral resource in CREA’s annual Hindi training on Sexuality, Gender, and Rights. Trainee participants also receive free copies to take back to their organisations, where they are used as resource material in their work and resource centres.

We keep track of all important national conferences, and make sure that all issues of RHM in Hindi reach these spaces and are well-displayed and disseminated. We have also approached international organisations like UNFPA, Action Aid, Oxfam, FPAI to become bulk subscribers of RHM in Hindi, to distribute it amongst their partner organisations and use it in their training and as an advocacy tool.

Finally, CREA uses Constant Contact, an e-mail marketing tool, through which it now disseminates information regarding RHM in Hindi and an e-alert of the new edition to more than 8,000 people across the world. Through this, CREA has received requests for copies of the current as well as past editions.

After seven years of publication, an assessment by CREA showed that the journal in Hindi is used by a large cross-section of activists, practitioners, and organisations in the Hindi-speaking states of India who work in Hindi, including service providers; women’s health and rights advocates; policymakers, ministries and state departments for health and education; NGOs and other civil society organisations focusing on development and human rights; academics and students of law, medicine, demography, and public health; and university training courses, libraries and resource centres. The increasing demand for the Hindi RHM by grassroots organisations, civil society groups and universities has validated the need for resources in Hindi on issues of sexuality, gender and rights.
RHM in Russian (Moscow)

In 2014, the Russian Association for Population and Development (RAPD) published and distributed one issue of RHM in Russian on the theme of “Youth, relationships and SRHR”, with translated papers from the May 2014 English edition. The print run was 1,500. The edition was distributed free to readers in Russia and other Russian-speaking countries, with some copies retained for promotion at conferences and meetings. The electronic version was uploaded to the website of RAPD at www.ranir.ru/prz. The journal is being promoted using RAPD’s Facebook, RAPD’s Coalition Facebook and Vkontakte, and through listserves.

The Russian RHM has contributed significantly to increased accessibility of international scientific publications in the field of SRHR in the Russian language for specialists, policy makers, lawyers and social workers in the region. RAPD received very positive feedback on this edition from its readers and the number of recipients of the journal increased during the year.

RHM in French (Bobo Diolasso)

The RHM in French team at CRESAR were unfortunately unable to complete a fourth RHM edition in 2014, as their workload from other tasks was too great. We therefore discussed and agreed with them that they should no longer retain this contract. Following that, we put out a call among RHM board members for contacts with any French-speaking groups in the global South who might be interested in taking over this task. In a very short space of time, we heard from the Head of Department at the National School of Public Health in Rabat, Morocco, who along with several members of the Department are very interested in publishing this edition. We opened negotiations with them, and they agreed to submit a proposal, which we are awaiting at this writing.

The first three issues in French, produced in previous years, remain accessible online at (http://soburad.refer.bf/spip.php?rubrique21), as well as on the RHM website.

Important changes for RHM in 2014

- **Following on from the Editorial Advisory Board meeting in June 2013**, it was agreed in 2014 with Elsevier, RHM’s online publisher, that the journal would become web-only from January 2015. As with a previous supplement in 2012, the supplement on “Expanding access to medical abortion” was online only, and because it had been funded, was made open access. At the end of 2014, the editor negotiated a new contract with Elsevier that would allow a mix of open-access and subscription-paid papers, and decisions about how papers would be posted on Elsevier’s RHM websites began to be made. The move to online submissions and peer review of submissions was also consolidated.

- **Expansion of RHM’s remit to become a knowledge platform** was also deferred, due to concerns about limitations in RHM’s funding, which remains uncertain. RHM is going into 2015 with only one grant, from the John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation which, while generous, will not allow an expansion of staff or remit.

- **Change of editor** – The RHM editor signalled her intention to step down in 2015, and a search committee was set up to find her replacement. The job was advertised in September 2014 and interviews conducted in November 2014. A new editor was offered the position at the end of the year to start work in February 2015.
RHM online: website, social media and networking, and communications

RHM’s Online Editor put particular emphasis on building up a Twitter following in 2013, and as a result of this, in February 2014 @rhmjournal was named in the top ten tweeters on sexuality and development by the UK Guardian newspaper’s Development section. This welcome recognition for our work on Twitter in turn increased our visibility and our reputation as a reliable and stimulating source of news and views on SRHR and development issues.

She continues to use Twitter to promote the journal; to highlight individual journal papers that are topical, which may be of interest to people attending specific conferences, and that are now free to download; and to disseminate useful links to articles and organisations promoting SRHR.

She has encouraged authors who are Twitter users to promote their own papers on Twitter. For the most recent issue we identified six authors as Twitter users and were able to publicly recognise them and their work. This helps to raise the profile of the papers and their authors amongst our followers, and the journal amongst theirs. We are now actively seeking out more RHM authors who are on Twitter and encouraging them to do the same.

As of the end of 2014, RHM had over 2,000 Twitter followers, most of whom are not in our organisational database of contacts, so this platform has been extremely helpful in reaching and staying in touch with new people and organisations.

In 2014 she sent out three e-Newsletters to the global RHM community, including friends and allies of RHM, Editorial Advisory Board members, Trustees, authors and peer reviewers, subscribers and people we have met at conferences and seminars. This newsletter gives readers a flavour of the newest RHM journal issue, alerts them to supplements and summaries of research and other news on the RHM website that are available to download, and lets them know about other RHM publishing developments and news.

She also worked on an entirely new website for RHM during much of 2014, which has been designed in consultation with the whole staff, with particularly close collaboration between the Online Editor and News Editor in readiness for forthcoming changes in the RHM publishing model. The new website will be launched in March 2015 and will:

- be completely searchable so that users will be able to find items by topic across news, blogs, key topics and every part of the website;
- provide an archive of all the previous journals including the vibrant photography that has been such an important aspect of the printed journal;
- provide better links between the organisational website and the Elsevier website, where all journal back issues are hosted;
- provide a hub for our blog, SRHR news, research round ups and news about other RHM activities; and
- allow staff to add to and update the website directly.

Overall, the new website is intended to contribute to building RHM’s profile as a go-to site for SRHR news and analysis.
RHM online: indexes and websites

Online indexes/databases that include the RHM journal


RHM at ScienceDirect
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09688080

The full text of each issue of the journal and supplement is carried on ScienceDirect, a platform of more than 2,000 Elsevier journals. All RHM back issues are available, and tables of contents and abstracts are freely accessible. RHM can be purchased as part of a package of journals through an institutional subscription. ScienceDirect contains search engines in which RHM is indexed.

RHM at Elsevier
www.rhm-elsevier.com

This is Elsevier's website for all RHM's other subscribers and readers, and contains all current and back issues of the journal and supplements. All RHM's subscribers, including group, personal and supported subscribers, can access full-text articles freely, using their subscriber number. For all other visitors, the tables of contents, editorials and abstracts of each paper, and all articles from 2012 and earlier are freely available without a subscription. There are links to subscribe and to order back issues, and visitors can order a sample copy.

RHM at HINARI
www.healthinternetwork.net

RHM is on the Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI), providing free or nearly free access to more than 6,000 journals in biomedical and related social sciences to local, non-profit institutions in low-income and lower-middle-income developing countries. HINARI is one of the largest collections of biomedical and health literature. Up to 11,400 journals (in 30 different languages), 18,500 e-books, and 70 other information resources are now available to health institutions in more than 100 countries, areas and territories on HINARI.

RHM at Jstor
www.jstor.org

This digital archive, open to participating libraries and other institutions, contains back issues of RHM up to three years prior to the current issue and is being used increasingly to read RHM articles.

RHM in translation

Chinese:  http://jsw.e-health.org.cn/jsw
Arabic:  www.arabicrmh.org
Portuguese:  www.grupocurumim.org.br
Hindi:  http://www.creaworld.org/publications/reproductive-health-matters-hindi
Spanish:  http://www.diaessere.org.pe/temas-de-salud-reproductiva
Russian:  http://www.ranir.ru/prz/
French:  www.rhmjournal.org.uk/translation/french.php
Outreach and impact

Each year, we try to “measure” our success in a range of different ways. For 2014, as in previous years, we did this by looking at the ISI impact factor and measures of longevity of usage of articles; our ranking among other social science journals; who our audiences, authors, peer reviewers and readers are and where they come from; the range of subjects in the most downloaded articles from ScienceDirect; comments by RHM authors and readers about the journal; the extent of editorial support for the authors whose papers we publish and their peer reviewers, and the extent of coverage globally that they represent; how many subscriptions we have in all eight languages we publish; and where these subscribers live and work. We also looked at a range of measures of the extent of downloads (=usage) of RHM’s articles from the ScienceDirect website, which is used by large institutions, and those from the different readership base represented by direct subscribers to the journal in print and online, who are primarily smaller organisations and key individuals in the field. These are outlined in detail on the following pages.

Open access policy

RHM’s policy on open access has been evolving for several years. We have been reluctant to charge authors a fee for publishing their papers precisely because many of our authors are not in academic institutions that could cover Elsevier’s charges for open access. In 2013, Elsevier agreed to make all past papers available on an open access basis via the RHM-Elsevier website after a one-year embargo. Furthermore, RHM’s donor funding allows us to make all journal issues freely available from date of publication to groups and organisations in the global South and countries in transition, who receive the journal free in print and online. In addition, RHM is openly available to everyone who has access to HINARI (though free access via HINARI is now restricted to low-income countries). Lastly, all seven editions in translation are open access. In negotiating a new contract with Elsevier that started from January 2015, we have agreed to make RHM a mixed access journal, which means authors can opt to pay an open access fee if they wish, and their papers would become open access immediately, while the rest would remain behind the one-year pay wall first. Elsevier will also provide ten open access slots without a fee per year, which will help us to include authors who cannot obtain institutional funding for publishing their work.

We continue to believe that open access can also create a form of inequity, though different from that created by paid subscriptions, and that more consideration of all these policies is still needed. The bottom line is that someone always has to pay.

ISI impact factor

RHM’s impact factor rose from 1.394 in 2012 to 1.74 in 2013. The five-year impact factor covering the years 2008 through 2012 rose to 1.976, compared to 1.814 the year before.

RHM journal articles have longevity and continue to stay relevant, as demonstrated by the fact that they are cited for a median of 6.7 years after they have been published.

Ranking among social science journals

The ranking for RHM in the JCR Social Science category of Public, Environmental and Occupational Health was 49th out of 143 journals.
Audiences, authors, peer reviewers and readers

- national and international policymakers, agencies and donors in the field, health ministries and health departments, including in reproductive and sexual health, women’s health, maternal and child health, family planning and STIs/HIV;
- reproductive health service providers, including obstetrician/gynaecologists, midwives, nurses, family planning providers and associations, and counsellors;
- researchers in a broad range of specialisms and disciplines, including the biomedical and social sciences, and in non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public health schools and universities;
- women’s sexual and reproductive health advocates, groups and organisations, and a broad range of other women’s and human rights groups and organisations;
- young people’s groups and organisations, sexuality education teachers, social media users;
- NGOs focusing on health, population, development and related fields;
- university and NGO libraries, and other resource and information centres;
- national and international professional associations, training courses, academics and students, including in law, medicine, demography, public health, women’s studies, social sciences, development, sexology, nursing and midwifery;
- newsletters, journals, journalists and authors in health-related fields.

Some of the 25 most downloaded articles from ScienceDirect in 2014

This list reflects the range of issues that RHM covers and the range of interests of our readers and testifies to the enduring relevance of many journal papers.

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Comments from RHM readers and authors in 2014

“I remain a fervent reader of the Journal.” Atoh Derek Suh, BUEA Cameroon

“I have found [RHM journals] very educative, and I have extracted several ideas from them in the past which I have used in my work. I have used some ideas in the fight against gender based violence and girls’ reproductive health campaigns.”
Robert Mukwiza Sakutaha, Zambia

“Thank you so much for the ... huge educational support with all the helpful analyses of sensitive issues regarding reproductive and sexual health. We all work together [at Educare] - and make use of the access.”
Daniel Henshaw, Educare Trust, Nigeria

“These journals will help us train our young men and women around Malawi. We also work with youth on this.”
Hastings Phiri, Volunteers for Development Association in Uganda (a community based NGO working to improve the reproductive health rights and access to services among vulnerable young people located in the rural areas)

“The journals... have greatly enriched our resource centre. The issues are a valuable resource to members of staff as well as students in the area of reproductive health.”
George Mandere, Head, Department of Population Studies, Chancellor College, Malawi

“I am now working with the hard copies of the journals in some of my outreach programs. Right now, I am conducting a workshop in one of the States in North Central Nigeria.”
Umar Farouk Musa, Jos, Plateau State Nigeria.

“The copies [of RHM] are significantly relevant to my organisation as this will be used to activate reporting pattern of cases handled and to build an evidence based data bank for researchers in Nigeria.”
Oluwagbemiga Oyinlola, Medical Social Services Dept, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

“Here in my country, we lack the resources for references, besides the training and seminars on the sexual and reproductive health. As a Councillor for the youth, the periodic publication of your journal would be very useful for me and my colleagues in the Community Health Department.”
Kinley Lemo, Bhutan

“The school of Public Health... has a Master Program with specialization in Family and Reproductive Health. I am convinced that those materials would be very useful to us here, and more especially now that our students often have complexities to access online materials.”
Chrispus Mayora, Makerere University, Uganda

“Thank you so much for the CDs you are sending and thank you for the GBV Prevention Network’s subscription to the Reproductive Health Matters journal. We truly appreciate the access to these great resources as will our Network members. I think the participants (and us too) will be really excited to receive the CDs and it will wonderfully compliment the training.”
Farida Bagalaaliwo, GBV Prevention Network, Uganda

“I’ve been familiar with your wonderful journal and have used it for many years in my teaching and work”.
Dédé Oetomo, Founder & Trustee, GAYa Nusantara, Indonesia

“The three RHM copies that you sent... include topics of really great interest to my work.”
Dr Sara A Hanafy, Alexandria University, Egypt
Editorial support to authors and peer reviewers

The selection process for publication in RHM is the same for all papers, and every paper must be of a high standard or contain content that can be edited to a high standard before it is accepted.

One of the most important aspects of RHM’s editorial policy is to provide editorial support to authors whose papers have valuable and cutting edge information to share but which need editing and revision to reach a high standard of publication. This often consists initially of giving detailed suggestions on how to improve a paper prior to peer review. There are always two and increasingly three peer reviews per paper being considered for publication. Having read the peer reviews, the editor offers additional detailed comments that focus on the language, structure and/or organisation of a paper as well as content. Authors often consult both the reviewers and the editor for additional support and information. Once the content of the paper has been finalised by the authors and it is accepted for publication, detailed copyediting is done that ends with corrections to the typeset text. This mentoring policy has served to support a much larger pool of authors, including young and inexperienced authors and those whose first language is not English, all of whom may find it more difficult to get published. It has been particularly important for authors from global South countries. However, it would also be incorrect to say that developed country authors need less editorial support.

Authors of papers that are not accepted for publication are always provided with a brief review and reasons for rejection, and suggestions on how the paper might be made publishable are offered, or suggestions of where else it might be submitted if it is not appropriate for RHM.

Authors are asked to suggest at least two peer reviewers with expertise in their subject, at least one of whom should be from the country covered in the article. RHM has adhered to and continues to argue for an open review process, in which both reviewers’ and authors’ names are made known to each other. Our peer review guidelines spell out what is asked for, and are helpful for less experienced peer reviewers to work from. Now that RHM is in a web-based submission and peer review system, reviews are made available to the reviewers as well as to the authors, so that they can each see how others perceived and critiqued the paper. Reviewers sometimes ask if a colleague might also be involved, which is almost always agreed. All this encourages constructive peer reviews and the opportunity for exchange between authors and reviewers, even if a reviewer does not recommend publication.

From authors on the Supplement on medical abortion:

“We are very happy and proud to be part of this wonderful initiative”. (Pascale Petitet, Cambodia)

“You have made us proud to be part of the global work to protect women and girls” (Catherine Maternowska, Zimbabwe)

“Thanks for such a dedicated effort to make our papers a meaningful and useful piece of knowledge... and also for having given us a privileged place in RHM ‘fireplace’”. (Silvina Ramos, Argentina)

“Your detailed advice on the paper ... helped me to look to the induced abortion issue in Turkey from a different point of view and to link the issue with the importance of the curriculum in medical education.” (Sare Mihçiokur, Turkey)

“I am so pleased to have work published in [an] RHM... issue that encompasses the overall theme of strengthening and expanding access to medical abortion.” (Deborah Constant, South Africa)

“... in Bangladesh menstrual regulation with medication has become one of the core interest and the supplementary issue will be a great way of acquiring experience.” (Dr Reena, Bangladesh)
Author and regional coverage

RHM aims to maintain a balance between regions in its geographical focus and to address global issues, although different themes often attract more submissions from one region and discipline than others. In the November 2014 journal on using the law and the courts, for example, many papers came from Latin America, where this is a live issue. Within these parameters, the journal focuses more on geographical regions, countries and socioeconomic strata where the problems are greater in both developing and developed countries. Furthermore, influences today are cross-regional, and solutions and models of excellence exist in all regions. Hence, our aim has always been that information from all regions has value globally.

In many international journals, even today, papers about developing countries are commonly written by authors and researchers from developed countries. RHM’s editorial policy, almost since the beginning, has been that preference should be given to papers about developing countries written by or in collaboration with authors from those countries. This policy has steadily increased the proportion of authors from developing countries published by RHM and of peer reviewers from developing countries as well. These proportions continue to compare very favourably to those of other international journals.

All co-authors receive a free, one-year subscription and peer reviewers are given a free copy of one journal issue, as thanks for their reviews. All are invited to subscribe, including to receive free subscriptions at their institutions if they are in global South countries, and many do choose to become subscribers afterwards. Many organisations continue to send information and publications in exchange for the journal, which are used in journal Round Up and the RHM website news.

Papers, authors and peer reviewers by region 2014

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Subscriptions, orders and distribution

As in previous years, RHM’s publications continue to reach organisations and individuals in 186 countries. Our main subscription income comes from ScienceDirect subscriptions and from UNFPA. Most paid subscriptions and orders continue to come from developed countries, while almost all subscriptions and orders from countries in the global South are supported by grants from RHM’s donors. Of our total subscribers, 84.5% are supported by grant funding.

Supported subscribers are based in governments, health services, NGOs, women’s health groups, libraries, universities, and a range of professional associations and institutions.

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Contract with Elsevier

RHM’s contract with Elsevier Ltd began in 2003. It was renewed at the end of 2014. Changes to the contract include the journal going web-only from 2015. RHM has had a productive relationship with Elsevier Ltd since it started, which has been particularly beneficial for dissemination of journal articles online via ScienceDirect. Elsevier will continue to handle subscriptions, promotion at major conferences (such as the International Federation of Gynecologists and Obstetricians - FIGO), and commercial reprint permissions. They will take over typesetting and in-house production. They promote RHM alongside other women’s and reproductive health journals in their Women’s Health stable, which include Contraception, International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Social Science and Medicine, Health Policy and the Lancet.

Downloads from ScienceDirect, RHM-Elsevier, Jstor and other gateways

As in 2013, more than a quarter of a million full-text articles were downloaded from Elsevier’s two RHM websites and from Jstor in 2014.

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ScienceDirect entitled and active accounts 2014

The number of institutional subscriptions via ScienceDirect that include the RHM journal again rose in 2014, for the sixth year running. There were 8,583 current institutional subscribers entitled to access RHM on ScienceDirect worldwide in 2014, of which about 34% were accessing RHM articles on a monthly basis.

The number of institutional subscriptions that include the RHM journal via ScienceDirect continued to rise in 2014, with users from 94 countries. Users from a further (mainly low-income) 41 countries accessed the journal via the Elsevier Health Advance website.

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Visits and web pages visited: RHM website and RHM-Elsevier website 2014

Visits to the RHM-Elsevier website (www.rhm-elsevier.com) are important, as it contains all current and back issues of the journal and supplements, and is for everyone who does not use an institutional ScienceDirect account to read and download articles.

The RHM website (www.rhmjournal.org.uk) is five years old and is due to be replaced by a more interactive version with increased functionality. Work on design and construction of the new website was ongoing for the second half of the year and the new website will go live early in 2015.

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Promotion and distribution 2014

The costs associated with sending large numbers of journals to conferences has continued to be a problem. After a shipment to the Philippines for a major regional SRHR conference in January 2014 was held up in Customs and not released, we have been cautious about sending journals in bulk. Instead, we produced two CDs of selected papers for conferences in line with their themes, one on gender-based violence and one on sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa.

Following the decision to publish the journal online only from 2015, we have been encouraging new readers to take web-only subscriptions. We have also been updating the supported subscriber list with particular attention to finding email addresses for existing subscribers.

Storage of paper journals has also become expensive. We have therefore been focusing on distribution of the remaining stock by contacting university departments and public health schools, where these could go into a resource centre or library. Some of the recipients in 2014 were:

- College of Health Services School of Public Health, Kampala, Uganda
- Faculty of Medicine, National University of Science and Technology, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Department of Community Medicine, Tanjungpura University, Pontianak, West Kalimantan Indonesia
- Family Planning Association of India, Karnataka, India
- Adolescent Friendly Health Services, Thimphu, Bhutan
- Alliance Genèe ACP pour les Droits de l'Homme, Casablanca, Morocco
- Department of Population Studies, Chancellor College, Zomba, Malawi
- Regional Institute for Population Studies, Accra, Ghana
- Uganda Private Midwives Association, Kampala, Uganda
- Center for Gender Studies, University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

More than 1,400 back issues were distributed to groups and individuals in 2014.

Journals, leaflets and CDs were sent to the following conference, meetings and training courses:

- Examining achievements, good practices and challenges: towards a strategic positioning of SRHR for all, 7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights, Manila, Philippines
- Reproductive Health Working Group annual meeting, Muscat, Oman
- Eliminating women and girls’ sexual and reproductive health vulnerabilities in Africa, African Federation for Sexual Health & Rights, Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Scientific & Technical Advisory Group meeting, Department of Reproductive Health & Research, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- 57th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Asia Safe Abortion Partnership meeting, Kathmandu, Nepal
- European Health Law Conference, Riga, Latvia
- Violence Against Women Emergency Response & Preparedness Training Workshop, Kampala, Uganda
- Challenges in Sexual and Reproductive Health, European Society of Contraception and Research, Lisbon, Spain
- International Meeting on Feminist Bioethics, Mexico City, Mexico
- Summer course for international post-graduates, University of Bergen, Norway
- Abortion – The Unfinished Revolution, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Canada
- Research Methods Course, Reproductive Health & HIV Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Call for Emerging Voices for Global Health, Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Cape Town, South Africa
- Putting People at the Heart of Development: SRHR in the post-2015 Era, Brussels, Belgium
- Medical Students for Choice, Atlanta, GA, USA

Promotion by Elsevier

Elsevier’s Marketing Department continues to send out press releases for each new journal issue and supplement, which are prepared jointly with RHM staff. These releases are circulated to journalists on their global media list.

RHM is also promoted on two Elsevier web platforms. These are:

- Ob/Gyn Advance (www.obgynadvance.com) where the May and November 2014 issues of RHM are both featured in the social science category of journals.

- Journals Consult (www.elsevier.com/electronic-products/journals-consult), which was created for non-academic hospitals, libraries, clinics and other health care organisations and institutions. It provides a subscription service with online access to a customisable selection of the most used clinical, medical and health science journals. RHM is among those journals.

The Ob/Gyn Advance Specialty bi-annual e-newsletter targets current and prospective authors, readers and members (with permission), using the internal Elsevier database as well as competitive journal targeted lists via purchase.

For conferences, RHM continues to feature on two cluster leaflets promoting Elsevier’s Social Economic Medicine portfolio.

Elsevier conducts much of its journal promotion on web-based platforms but continues to attend some high-profile conferences. RHM was promoted by Elsevier at the following conferences in 2013:

- Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, New Orleans, USA
- American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology 60th Annual Clinical Meeting, Chicago, USA
- European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, Munich, Germany
- American Society for Reproductive Medicine 67th annual meeting, Honolulu, USA
- Global Congress of Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Vancouver, Canada
Memberships

- European Association of Science Editors
- Gender & Development Network, UK
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, France
- International AIDS Society, Switzerland
- Sexual & Reproductive Health Network, UK
- StopAids, UK
- Voice for Choice, UK

Marge Berer: peer reviews, presentations and conferences attended, 2014

- Abortion in the criminal law: exposing the role of health professionals, the police, the courts and imprisonment internationally, 7th APCSRHR, Manila, 22 January
- Transformative writing: from practice to publication to advocacy to action, 7th APCSRHR, Manila, 24 January, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 27 January
- Abortion in the criminal law: exposing the role of health professionals, the police, the courts and imprisonment internationally,
- A new health and development paradigm post-2015: grounded in human rights, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium, 11 February
- Abortion internationally: law and policy, services, and how the abortion pill is changing everything, University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 14 February
- Lecture, Sexual health and human rights, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 28 February
- Peer reviews, ARROW Malaysia publications on sexual rights, maternal health, abortion and reproductive cancers, March
- Abortion in the news internationally, Voice for Choice public meeting, 8 April
- Sex selective abortions: criminalising abortions to counter discrimination against girls and women?, Voice for Choice public meeting, 8 April
- Transformative writing: from practice to publication to social change, ESC Conference, Lisbon, 29 May
- Lectures x 3: Why is abortion still so stigmatised; Abortion law and policy internationally; Value and limitations of the MDGs, University of Bergen, 23-26 June
- Everywhere you look: abortion is in the news: Ireland, Spain, UK, Amnesty International, London, 25 September
- Articles in RHM on gender and rights-based issues in SRHR, Global Health Systems conference, Cape Town, 2 October
- Publishing on health systems, policy and implementation research in sexual and reproductive health and rights: a sort-of academic journal, Global Health Systems conference, Cape Town, 2 October
- Towards a new development paradigm that promotes gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights as human rights, UNFPA expert meeting on SRHR, Madrid, 28 October
- Moderator, Panel on Sexual and reproductive health and rights in the next two decades: priorities for the future and the need to think differently, EuroNGOs Conference, Madrid, 30 October
- People at the heart of development SRHR in the post-2015 era, Be-cause, Brussels, 28 November
Marge Berer, voluntary political/advocacy work in the field

- International Consortium for Medical Abortion – Steering Committee member, 2002-present.
- International Campaign for Women’s Right to Safe Abortion – Advisory group member, Co-coordination of international activities for 28 September – International Day of Action for Decriminalisation of Abortion, and responsible for posting news, information and solidarity requests on the Campaign listserv.

Lisa Hallgarten: presentations and conferences organised and attended, 2014

- Organised and facilitated a meeting for 90 academics, activists and sexual health service providers, entitled Demonising Women’s Choices, which addressed challenges to abortion rights on the grounds of sex selection and fetal anomaly, London, April 2014
- Participated in an international discussion workshop on abortion, Lisbon, June 2014
- Participated in a conference on female genital mutilation looking at clinical, psychological and political approaches to the practice, London, October 2014
- Presented on the UK abortion situation at a seminar on reproductive rights in Europe, organised by El Fem (Women’s Section, European Left, European Parliament), Berlin, November 2014.
Appendix 1

RHM blogs 2014

http://bererblog.wordpress.com/
http://rhmatters.wordpress.com/

January
Sex-selection and abortion, key events & best articles
Lisa Hallgarten

Jabs for the boys: it’s time for HPV vaccination for all
Marge Berer

March
May the force go with you! Dily Cossey rallies the troops at the Sexual Health Awards
Lisa Hallgarten

Innovative protestors shed light on ‘abortion tourism’
Lisa Hallgarten

April
Repeat abortion: is it really a problem?
Lisa Hallgarten

Reflections on the recent arrest in London of two people for female genital mutilation (FGM)
Marge Berer

May
HIV prevention with PrEP – cost, power and sexuality: questions still to be addressed
Sian Long

‘The death of a woman due to pregnancy complications is not only a biological fact; it is also a political choice’
Lisa Hallgarten

July
The future as envisioned by WHO for the post-2015 agenda: a serious regression from its long-standing commitments on sexual and reproductive health and rights
Marge Berer

August
UK organisations and others send message of solidarity to Ireland: RHM calls for solidarity with groups in Ireland campaigning for reproductive rights
Lisa Hallgarten

Are women in the UK clueless about contraception?
Lisa Hallgarten

November
Disappointing decision on HPV vaccination for boys (UK)
Marge Berer

December
Support for universal vaccination of all boys aged 12-13 against human papillomavirus
Letter to the UK Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation
Marge Berer and Lisa Hallgarten

Equitable policy to attain universal reproductive health: the example of Cuba
Jonathan Broad
Appendix 3

RHM editor and staff

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Online editor
Lisa Hallgarten

News editor
Siân Long

Promotion/administrative manager
Pathika Martin

Finance officer
Paula Hajnal-Konyi

RHM in Translation Editors 2014

Chinese
Bilian Xiao, Mengchun Jia, National Research Institute for Family Planning, China

Arabic
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