



Respect, Protect, and Fulfill Sexual Health and Rights

DEFINING SEXUAL RIGHTS

- The right to personal autonomy and bodily integrity
- The right to a safe, satisfying sexual life
- The right to live a sexual life free of discrimination
- The right to privacy
- The right to sexual health



Gender identity



Sexual orientation



Intimacy



Reproduction



Pleasure

Components of sexual health

THE INVESTMENT CASE



Current laws against non-heterosexual orientation increase stigma and violate human rights

6.9 MILLION

6.9 million women in developing countries were treated for complications from unsafe abortions in 2012



Net savings of integrating contraceptive services with maternal and newborn health services in the developing world.

SOLUTIONS



Strong legal policies and systems to protect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all



Comprehensive sexuality education in schools



Access to care for marginalized populations



Engagement of men and boys in sexual health and rights initiatives



When sexual health and rights are violated, girls and women are unable to fulfill their potential. A world without fear, stigma, or discrimination drives equality and progress for all.

ASKS

Recognize — in policy, practice, and funding — the **central role sexual health and rights play in health equity**, human rights, and development, while ensuring the inclusion of these rights in all national policies.

Stop using criminal law to control people's sexual health and rights and adopt **appropriate laws and policies** that respect, protect, and fulfill sexual health and rights for all, including youth.

Ensure that **adequate legal systems** upholding national policies **focused on sexual health and rights** are in place and establish a high-level governmental department for monitoring and accountability.

Establish **comprehensive sexuality education** in schools.

Enforce the integration of sexual health and rights frameworks within all training programs for health providers emphasizing the importance of accessible, **stigma-free services** for all, including marginalized groups, people living with disabilities, youth, and adolescents.

Ensure that abortion is **safe, legal, accessible, and affordable** and that post-abortion care is available.

Engage men and boys in sexual health and rights initiatives.

RIPPLE EFFECT

