



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**

THE WORLD TODAY

25
MILLION 25 million unsafe abortions take place each year due to **restrictions on access and stigma**

72
COUNTRIES 72 countries around the world **criminalize same-sex sexual acts**

SOLUTIONS



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



Comprehensive sexuality education in schools



Protection of sexual rights of marginalized groups



Involve boys and men to respect, protect, and fulfill sexual rights

THE INVESTMENT CASE

\$6.9
BILLION

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



Providing girls and women in developing regions with necessary **sexual and reproductive healthcare** would prevent 67 million unintended pregnancies



When girls and women have the right to control their own bodies, sexuality, and fertility, it transforms gender relations and increases their ability to live happier, healthier, and more fulfilling lives.

ASKS

Recognize – in policy, practice, and funding – the **central role that 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 abortion is **safe, legal, accessible, and affordable** and that post-abortion care is available for all who need it.

Engage men and boys in sexual health and rights initiatives.

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.

RIPPLE EFFECT

