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# MARSA SEXUAL HEALTH CENTER

**HUMANITARIAN ADVOCATES PROGRAM**



**Marsa** is a nonprofit sexual health center providing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and education in a safe, non-discriminatory, confidential and inclusive environment. We serve anyone who walks through our doors, including youth and LGBTQ individuals.

## OUR APPROACH

**Direct services:** We provide STI testing and counselling, medical consultations, referrals, psychosocial counselling, and education and training of healthcare providers on SRH.

**Outreach and campaigning:** We work to raise awareness around SRH, particularly among youth and at-risk populations.

**Advocacy & research:** Through our research, data and expertise, we are able to advocate for improved access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights in Lebanon and throughout the region.

## OUR ASKS

**There is a critical need to increase access to comprehensive, quality SRH services to all, without discrimination.**

- Access can be improved through greater investment in local capacity, provider training, free or low-cost services and SRH education and advocacy.

**The international community must do away with “one size fits all” approaches and engage and involve local NGOs.**

- Donors, international NGOs and UN bodies should commit to include local actors in the design, implementation and evaluation of SRH programs, including research and data collection.
- Collaborating with local organizations can ensure programming is tailored to local needs, sustainable and more widely accessible. Partnering can also ensure that knowledge and knowledge production is preserved at the community and local level.

## ENGAGE WITH US

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