

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

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Result area 1 - Better information and greater freedom of choice for young people Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

RESULTS

Projects made very good progress and achieved key results in the adolescent health programs targeting boys and girls. ADOHEARTS implemented by UNICEF has initiated adolescents friendly health service (AFHS) corners in the public health facilities. The AFHS corners also contribute to learning and sharing SRHR issues. The model is now being replicated by the government in a growing number of public health facilities throughout the country. It has been included in the relevant Operational Plan of the national Health Sector programme, which is also contributed to by the Netherlands through our MDTF (World Bank, #400000801). A social and behavior change communication strategy has been developed through ADOHEARTS. Partners implementing adolescent health programmes will align with the national strategy. Media advocacy is included in all projects. The Ritu Online Platform has been awarded for the advocacy and awareness reporting and its impact on the audience. One of the strengths of our programme is the fact that projects are implemented by consortia of local organisations that support and reinforce each other and are capacitated to sustain activities after the closure of the projects. Building networks or getting engaged in other existing networks is one of the priority for SRHR projects as they plan for their exit and consolidate results.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_# of health facilities that adopt and implement youth-friendly SRHR and HIV/AIDS services	NA	NA	188	27965; 28992; 29443; 27977; 400000801
ST_# of young people reached with comprehensive, correct information on sexuality, HIV/AIDS, STIs, pregnancy and contraception	0	0	289245	24861
SP_# of young people reached with HIV prevention	NA	NA	10291	29443
SP_Correct and positive SRHR mentions through different media channels (print, online and audio visual).	SRHR was not much reported through different media channels	1,000 new registered was targeted	The Ritu Online Platform alone reached over 13,000 users in Year 3. The national awareness and advocacy campaign included campaigns on mass and social media with celebrities and through Ritu's Journalist Fellows. A broad scope of media was involved, both digital and traditional: TV & radio commercials and programmes. Through the Ritu journalist fellowship programme 1,507,728 people were reached.	27827
SP_Healthy and safe sexual behaviour (including new models of female-male equality) in youth and adolescents promoted	NA	NA	This is a research project. The report of the SRHR and Young Male component of the study is expected to provide qualitative information on this particular indicator. We expect to showcase some results in the 2020 result report.	4000001827
SP_Increased network density	0 network on MHM	1	During year 3 of the Ritu project, increased commitment towards menstrual health (MH) has been achieved. At the national level, the MHM Platform, initiated and nurtured by RITU, continued to advocate towards inclusion of MH in the secondary school curriculum and budget allocation for MHM friendly toilets in schools during year three. It also played a role in the initiative of the Ministry of Local Government to develop a MHM Strategy.	27827
SP_Number health staff trained on youth friendly services	NA	NA	3866	28992
SP_Number of direct SRH services provided to young people	NA	NA	68529	400000637; 28992; 29443; 27977
SP_Number of service providers who have been trained in Youth Friendly Services (YFS)	NA	NA	2608	27977; 28992; 27965
SP_Number of young people involved in SRHR activities	18000	0	945883	27827; 24861; 27977; 29443; 28992; 27965

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

Assess achieved results compared to planning: Reasons for result achieved.	B. Results achieved better than planned SRHR projects initiated in Bangladesh by the Netherlands are all consortium projects, working together on rather sensitive issues. The projects have been planning their exit, by a.o. advocacy and mainstreaming good practices and evidence based models within the government system. Through persistent persuasion and lobby of SRHR projects/partners and our own advocacy, the government is showing more willingness to pay more attention to the SRHR needs of adolescents and young people and to initiate special programmes for them. Endorsement of the National Plan of Action for the operationalization of the Adolescent Health Strategy 2017-2030 by the GoB is one example. As a Donor Partner of the national health sector programme, the Netherlands is recognized as a persuasive contributor in bringing attention to the adolescents and the taboo issues related to SRHR.
Implications for planning.	The SRHR programs will be phased out in the current MACS period. The projects are guided towards meaningful exit planning focusing on sustainability. The Netherlands will put more emphasis on advocacy and on handing over SRHR activities to relevant donors. The Netherlands will continue to emphasise and lobby for SRHR and gender issues especially of adolescents and women after the phasing out of the SRHR programme.

Result area 2 - Better public and private health care for family planning, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

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To promote SRHR and provide HIV/AIDS services in humanitarian and fragile contexts, SANGJOG extended its health services provision from the initial 7 districts with two Rohingya camps. During the current reporting period, the project provided health care services focused on SRHR needs to 12,770 Rohingya refugees. The partnership between RITU's Red Orange, TNO and the local company Square Tolerities Ltd. to develop and produce biodegradable sanitary pads is ongoing. For this Square will be linked with one of the PSD tools to make the production of biodegradable sanitary pads and make them available for girls/women.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
SP_Promote SRHR, including HIV/AIDS, in humanitarian aid and fragile contexts	NA	NA	SANGJOG has been working in seven	29443
ST_Type and number of initiatives to promote private sector involvement in SRH and HIV/AIDS	0	1	4	27827

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The SANGJOG project raised awareness among three types of very vulnerable key population (VKP)- the truck drivers, the sex workers and the young people at risk of HIV/AIDS. It linked the targeted population with the government health facilities for testing and treatment. A change in attitude of both the service seeker and the providers can be seen. SANGJOG also intervened in the Rohingya refugee camps providing health services to the refugees including HIV/AIDS.
Implications for planning.	SANGJOG has ended in December 2019 and RITU will end in March 2020. The need for HIV interventions in Bangladesh is still high; scaling up HIV prevention, testing, treatment and retention in care is required. However, there is lack of attention and reluctance by the government to continue HIV interventions. Although SANGJOG is finalized, RITU will continue policy advocacy and implementation through the MHM platform.
Result area 3 - Improved access to contraceptives and medicines Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	

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Projects like SANGJOG, Working with Women, Nirapod, and UBR are either linked to a public service provider or provided family planning (FP) services directly to target population. Nirapod-2 achieved much higher result than the target due to the motivation of the Nirapod-2 community volunteers (FSG/MSG members) to refer clients. As a result of awareness sessions, household visits and mass campaigns, overall, family planning knowledge and practice among the early married girls (EMGs) of the IMAGE Plus project has improved in both the old and new areas.

The Ritu journalist fellowship programme reached an audience of 1,507,728 through their reports published in different online and off-line newspapers and features/news aired television. Total 84 reports (51 awareness rising and 36 advocacy related) and features have been published

The IMAGE plus project has developed 12 comprehensive evidence based documents, presented issue based position paper, posters, published articles, fact sheets, shared in 2 national events organized by the project and attended 3 international events.

Two researches at national and local level were conducted, new case-story video of a Changemakers from Gaibandha and a new case-story book with bilingual stories were also produced.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
SP_Number of additional users of modern family planning methods in the regions of the	NA	NA	1126	29494
SP_Number of articles published concerning SRHR	0	90	84	27827

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 3	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The achievement in increasing contraceptive use and sharing the burden of family planning between both the spouses is significant. Projects targeting women and men equally turn out to be effective in changing behavior. Inclusion and involvement of media in project activities proved to be effective in accelerating knowledge sharing among a wider audience than the targeted beneficiaries. Exiting projects intend to hand over information material to the relevant GoB stakeholders in the hope that it will be branded as GoB's and used publically.
Implications for planning.	In the process of phasing out our SRHR programme, SANGJOG has ended in December 2019. Three other projects, RITU, Nirapod 2 and UBR, will end in 2020. The projects are implementing exit plans focusing on sustainability of project results through policy advocacy and system strengthening.
Result area 4 - More respect for the sexual and reproductive rights of groups who Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	

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The National Plan of Action for the operationalization of the Adolescent Health Strategy 2017-2030 was approved by the government. Lessons from partners in Netherlands funded projects informed the development of the action plan. Engaging men and boys in SRHR and in women rights issues has always been a chosen strategy in the Netherlands SRHR policy. E.g. IMAGE Plus includes the spouses which created a positive change in the behavior within the in laws families towards the early married girls. Nirapod 2 also included (not reported in project result) Male Support Group Members to raise awareness on MR and SRHR issues among males of their communities bringing positive changes.

SANGJOG project provided HIV/AIDS services and counselling to young people through GoB service facilities as well as through health camps. Some evidences suggest that counseling can play a vital role in decreasing high-risk behavior by HIV-infected patients. BRAC JPGSPH is executing a study on SRHR of male youth and disable people. Findings will be available mid 2020.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_# of key populations having received SRHR and HIV/AIDS services	NA	NA	10291	29443
ST_Changes in laws, guidelines, and (health)policies and practices leading to decrease of barriers	NA	NA	MoHFW endorsed the National Plan of	28992
SP_Number of men targeted by positive masculinity to fight against sexual violence	NA	NA	6760	29494; 4000001827
SP_Number of people reached by campaigns and (social) media	0	0	18346	27977; 24861; 27827

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 4	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	As part of the phasing out process, all SRHR projects have developed exit plans focusing on sustainability of project results through policy advocacy and system strengthening. In 2019 two of the SRHR projects (Generation Breakthrough and SANGJOG) have come to an end. Another three projects on MHM (CSE & YFS (UBR 2), and MR/MRM and women empowerment (Nirapod 2)) will end in 2020. Achieving endorsement of the National Plan of Action of the Adolescent Health Strategy 2017-2030 by the GoB is a milestone in sustaining our efforts and results in the area of SRHR.
Implications for planning.	Advocacy for mainstreaming/system strengthening and policy implementation continues while the phasing out process will be further pursued.

* Find more information on the projects on Openaid.nl with the activity numbers listed under 'Source'