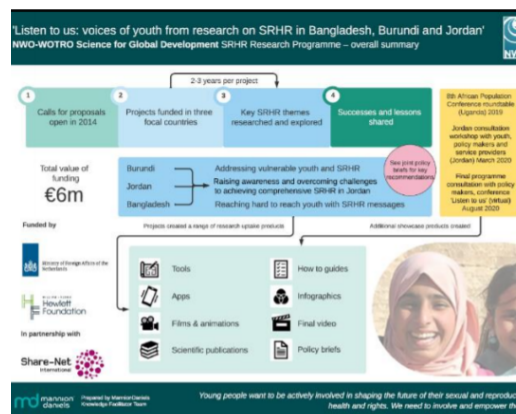


# Knowledge Facilitator for the sexual and reproductive health and rights research programme

The Dutch research body NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development has recently supported 12 research projects in Bangladesh, Burundi and Jordan focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). MannionDaniels was selected as the Knowledge Facilitator for the project and collaborated with the research partners and NWO-WOTRO to share knowledge and translate research policy into actions.

## Outputs included:



## Summary Film

MannionDaniels produced a short video about the overall SRHR research programme, with key findings, highlights from each country, reasons for undertaking the research, what they showed, common messages across the projects, and take-home messages. Watch the video [here](#)



### Reaching hard-to-reach youth with SRHR messages in Bangladesh

#### Policy Brief

Prepared by MannionDaniels, Knowledge Facilitator Team, August 2020

#### Executive Summary

Young people in Bangladesh remain highly vulnerable with regard to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) with limited access to information and services. Programme partners and implementers need to understand what young people want and the extent of stigma which exists on SRHR issues. In this context the five NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development supported research projects were conducted in Bangladesh in 2015-2016. The projects aimed to overcome barriers to accessing SRHR information by young people, overcoming stigma, stigma and violence. The studies developed innovative educational tools using digital platforms and psychodrama.



The project results revealed a limited understanding of young people of their own bodies, pervasive stigmatisation and misconceptions about SRHR issues, and reality of parents and teachers to engage on the topic. These factors were barriers for young people to understand and manage their SRHR issues.

The recommendations are below:

#### Create a safe space for youth

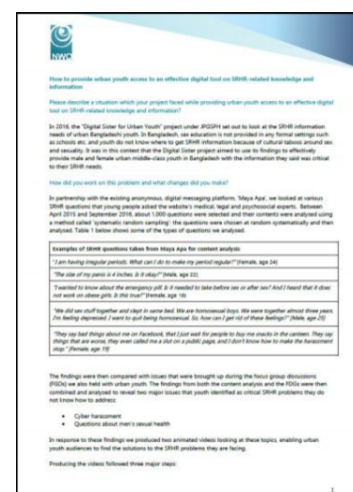
In designing effective interventions to address the challenges of SRHR among young people, the study results indicated the strong need to create a safe space for youth which is reliable, accessible, anonymous, and available. Young people preferred practical skill-based knowledge, delivered through digital platforms ensuring anonymity and privacy and designed attractively with visuals.

## Joint Policy Briefs

Each country had general messages emerging; these have been captured by the three joint policy briefs. The briefs were developed based on the review of the individual project policy briefs, other relevant documents and publications, and the knowledge facilitation activities held such as the 8th African Population Conference.

## Infographics

MannionDaniels produced three country infographics. These captured the key messages from the respective policy briefs. They visually conveyed the insights found in each country by the project teams



## How-to-guides

The project teams gained valuable practical lessons learnt that are useful for other researchers and practitioners working on SRHR in similar contexts. MannionDaniels captured some of these common lessons in the How-to-Guides.

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Concrete products such as the policy briefs, infographics and the how-to-guides are important but the MannionDaniels team found that the **process** is equally important – conferences/workshops, preparing for conferences/workshops, and providing opportunities for interaction with implementors and policymakers are critical features of meaningful research uptake.

## Activities included:



### The 8th African Population Conference (APC) policy round table event in Uganda

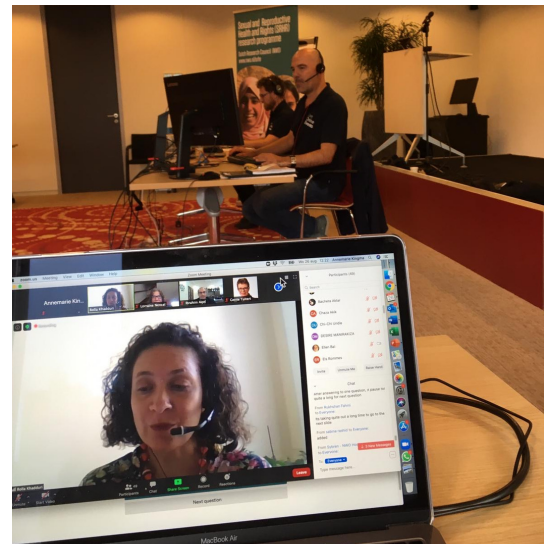
The round-table event highlighted the three research projects in Burundi in a broader regional context and made clear the relevance of the findings to the other countries in the region. The event also brought together different stakeholders and their findings and messages together formed key policy recommendations on the topic.

### In-country workshop including consultations with policymakers, service providers, and youth in Jordan

The Jordan SRHR research teams - together with health service providers, youth, representatives from the media, and policymakers from relevant national institutions - all engaged actively in discussions about SRHR services, access to SRHR information, and online portals.



### Final online conference



The final conference took place virtually over two days. On day one of the conference, researchers and young people involved in the 12 research projects came together to share their findings, reflect on their learnings. During day two, the researchers were joined by members of NWO-WOTRO International Advisory Committee, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Share-net International hub members. The researchers shared key findings and spoke about policy recommendations for youth SRHR.