

Annual Report

2022

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Message from the Director

The year 2022 marks the end of our 3 years strategic plan 2020-2022. It's also a year marked by severe rollbacks on sexual and reproductive rights and justice, such as the overturn of Roe vs Wade, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and related global cost of living crisis, and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. In such a tumultuous year, we are proud that the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Africa (WGNRR Africa) has continued to advance and promote sexual and reproductive health and rights and justice for all.

As a feminist organization, we are all too aware of the persistent impact of gender inequalities, ongoing sexual and reproductive rights violations as well as wider global social injustices in accessing health care which continue to plague our efforts of creating more equitable, just and sustainable societies where all people, especially women and girls in all their diversities, can fulfill their right and bodily autonomy to decide about their sexuality and reproduction. Of critical importance is the need for a collective effort to effectively challenge these injustices.

With that conviction in mind, WGNRR Africa in collaboration with its grassroots members and partners has worked hard over the past year to take an active role in the movements at different levels to challenge status quo and create enabling societies where women and girls in their diversities can have social, political and economic power and resources to make autonomous decision on whether, when and how many children they have.

As we look back on 2022, we are heartened by the context below: Despite the severe rollback on reproductive rights and justice over the past year, WGNRR Africa's board and staff members together with the many grassroots organizations we support, have continued to contribute significantly to address cultural, social, economic and political barriers faced by marginalized communities.

We are particularly proud of our work in addressing the barriers to SRHR of adolescents and young women in their diversities for them to fully access equitable and right-based SRH information and services; enjoy societies that promote responsible sexual behavior and fully respect bodily autonomy and integrity and; understand the necessity of reducing unwanted pregnancies and related maternal deaths.

Specifically, in the past year, WGNRR Africa's work strengthened the ability of young people to lead their SRHR agenda in their communities; and supported meaningful engagement of young people in policy development and implementation processes. Young people's leadership aimed at ensuring that State actors and the general public take affirmative measures to promote, protect, and fulfill the health and rights for all people. It contributed to remove discrimination, stigma, and gender inequalities in fulfilling SRHR.

As the context above unfolds, and considering that WGNRR Africa strategic plan 2020 - 2022 is coming to an end, it brings an unprecedented opportunity to rebuild—really and to reimagine—how our society can equitably serve all people to fulfill their sexual and reproductive health and right in 2023 and onward. It's up to us to decide whether we will continue supporting systems that only benefit a few, or envision a brighter, more just and equitable future? The choice is ours!



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About us

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Africa (WGNRR Africa) is a grassroots-led feminist network that connects and strengthens movements for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and justice. We work to ensure SRHR are respected and fulfilled as universal and indivisible human rights of all people, with an emphasis on the most marginalized communities.

Our Vision

WGNRR Africa envisages an Africa where all people can exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights and fulfill their needs.

Our Mission

We connect and strengthen movements for SRHR and justice. Through critical analysis and strategic actions, we connect partners and allies, build knowledge and skills for coordinated advocacy and campaign actions, promote networking and alliance building, and share resources for the advancement of SRHR and justice for all. We believe achieving this goal requires transformative social change. We work within rights, justice, and feminist frameworks.

Our Values

Our guiding principles are non-discrimination, respect, equality, transparency, accountability, and inclusivity. We are committed to equality for all genders and we value diversity. We are self-reflective and independent from political, governmental, and religious affiliations.



Overview of our ending Strategic Plan 2020 – 2022

The overall goal of the 2020-2022 strategic plan was to enhance capacity of members, partners and stakeholders in developing and implementing effective strategies that amplify voices of grassroots and communities for increased recognition of SRHR, access to SRH information and services, reduction of preventable maternal deaths, and counter related barriers and rollbacks. To achieve this, our activities and actions over the 3 past years spanned on 3 key programmatic areas namely -Sexuality and Gender Relations, Young people's Leadership in SRHR, and Preventing Maternal Deaths.

In year 2022 our priorities focused on specific key result areas of each programmatic areas of our strategic plan as follows;

1. Increased recognition by network members, partners, the rights-based community and governments that sexual and reproductive rights are Human rights

2. Increased recognition of young peoples' sexual and reproductive rights as human rights";

3. Increased capacity and ability of young people to influence the availability of and access to youth-focused/youth-centered SRH information and services.

4. Increased actions undertaken by WGNRR, its members, partners to support youth-led campaigning and advocacy on SRHR issues.

5. Reduced number of deaths and morbidity from unsafe abortions and associated stigma and discrimination.

6. Increased recognition by key stakeholders the woman's ability to terminate a pregnancy to the full extent of the law.

7. Enhanced the ability of partners and allies to advocate and campaign for abortion harm reduction approach, and universal access to post abortion care.

Key highlights of 2022

In 2022 WGNRR Africa's activities contributed to the enhancement of partners and allies implementing effective strategies that amplify grassroots voices to: -Increase the recognition of SRHR as a human right issue; - counter rollbacks and barriers faced by young people in fulfilling their sexual and reproductive rights; -create an enabling social and legal environment to reduce maternal deaths due to unsafe abortion.

The key achievements for 2022 include

Strengthened skills of more than 204 youth SRHR activists on stigma reduction and SRHR opposition monitoring and countering.

Increased understanding of 100 CSOs representatives on the role of social services in fulfilling SRHR for all.

Created spaces for collective advocacy to improve meetings maternal and reproductive health outcomes of women with disabilities

Increased participation of grassroots activists in influencing East Africa Community Sexual and Reproductive Health Bill 2021.

Improved collaboration and knowledge sharing among grassroots CSOs in national, regional and global networking forums.

Specific achievements under each strategic key result areas:

Program Area 1: Sexuality and Gender relations



As of 2022, WGNRR Africa work focused on just one objective of this programmatic area as highlighted below:

Objective 3: “Increased recognition by network members, partners, the rights-based community and governments that Sexual and reproductive Rights are Human Rights.”

1. Policy Influencing:

WGNRR Africa supported and participated in 3 high level advocacy meetings with key decision makers in Tanzania (Prime Minister’s Office – Labor, Youth, Employment and Disability - PMO-LYED), the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups - MCDGWSG, the President's office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) , the Head of States and other key development partners) to advocate for the improvement of maternal and reproductive health needs of women and girls with disabilities; and enhance gender equality to fulfill SRHR for all in Tanzania. **These activities reached more than 300 national decision and policy makers, law enforcers and development actors in Tanzania.**

Key direct outcomes from these activities include:

- ❖ Bold commitments by the Tanzania head of state to improve the conditions of PWDs, incl. their maternal and reproductive health needs.
- ❖ **Commitment by the PMO-LYED to ensure the WGNRR proposed code of ethics for public and private health care services to persons with disabilities 2020 inform different national disabilities policies and guidelines currently under review.**

Also, WGNRR Africa Regional Director and the Youth SRHR Program Officer facilitated a session in the national dialogue on the causes, impact and solutions to “crime in romantic relationships to enhance gender equality and SRHR fulfillment in Tanzania. In this session attended by 75 delegates from different sectors and officiated by the Minister of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special groups; the WGNRR Africa experts demonstrated how crime in romantic relationship affects equal access to sexual and reproductive health for women and girls, and why it’s important to not dissociate the fight for gender equality and the one for SRHR. The direct outcome from this dialogue is:

❖ The MCDGWSG has taken a number of recommendations formulated by participants to inform the new National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children in Tanzania.



2. Networking



WGNRR Africa's Program Manager facilitated two workshop sessions for 60 participants at the TGNP Zonal Gender Festival in Same/Kilimanjaro/Tanzania and 40 CSOs representatives in Mwanza/Tanzania to build their skills on strengthening social services enables the fulfillment of SRHR, and – inclusive and collective advocacy strategies to ensure people with disabilities (PWDs) are not left behind in accessing SRHR information and services, respectively. Direct outcomes from these sessions include:

- ❖ Increased awareness of the participants on how health, education, infrastructures and implementable policies support the advancement of sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- ❖ Participants increased awareness of gender diversity and committed to inclusive advocacy strategies in their routine activities to ensure inclusivity and equity in access to SRHR information and services.

Program Area 2: Youth Leadership in SRHR



In 2022 WGNRR Africa activities were under following objectives:

Objective 1: Increased capacity and ability of young people to influence the availability of and access to youth-focused/youth-centered SRH information and services

1.1. YouCAN I project



The Youth Collective Actions Now to advance SRHR of young people in East Africa (YouCAN I project) aimed at strengthening alliances among youth led/focused CSOs in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda to break social, cultural and legal barriers obstructing the fulfillment of young people's sexuality, bodily autonomy and integrity in East Africa.

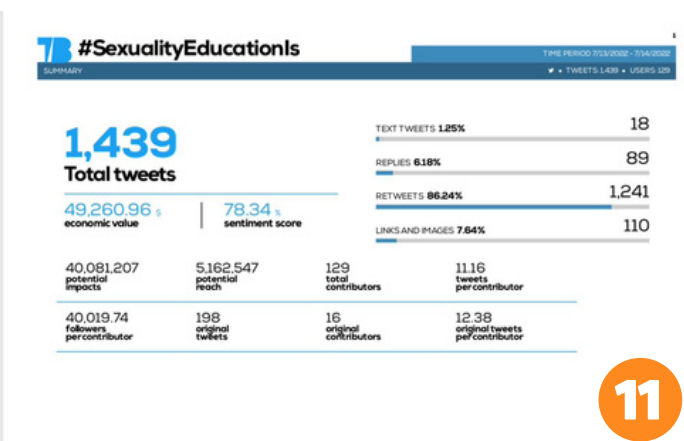
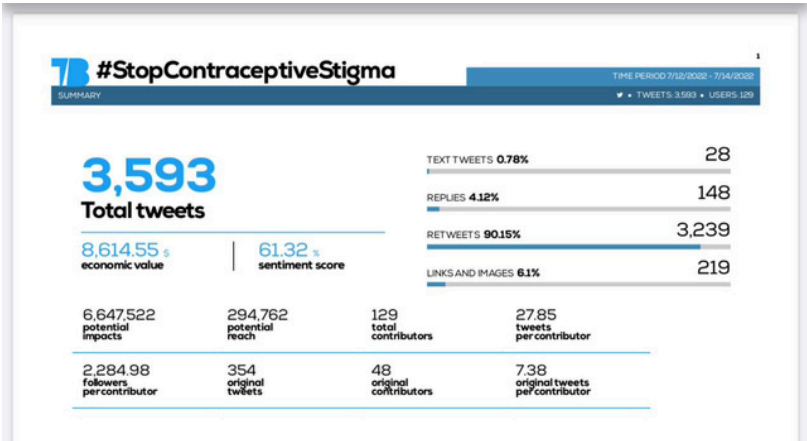
Over the past 12 months WGNRR Africa has increased knowledge, skills and ability of more than 204 young people to become frontline anti stigma champions who implemented several strategies to: -destigmatize the narrative around young people's access to comprehensive sexuality education, contraceptives and safe abortion; - influence the enactment of the #EACSRHBill2021 and - meaningfully participate in national, regional and global SRHR policy discussions to bring on the table their agenda.

A total of 7,995,004 beneficiaries were directly and indirectly reached by YouCAN project advocacy and campaigning activities undertaken by the trend frontline anti-stigma champions

The table below summarizes the partners' step-down activities reach per country:

Country Partners	Tanzani a (Dar es salaam) + WGNRR Africa's reach	Tanzania (Mwanza)	Kenya	Uganda	Total
Direct	356	104	60	270	790
Indirect	27,457	7550	5,458,459	2,500,748	7,994,214

*Two case studies of twitter analytics showing number of people reached indirectly by Kenya partners' social through 2 social media campaigns can be accessed [here](#) and [here](#)



The key outcomes and impact of YouCAN I project include:

❖ Enhanced leadership and activism of young people in influencing SRHR related policy processes in their respective countries and in the East Africa community to ensure that young people's SRHR needs and concerns are heard and taken care of in policy development, implementation and decision making .

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We call upon the EAC to incorporate sexual health rights and reproductive rights in the (EAC SRH) Bill and ensure the right to bodily autonomy and integrity is protected, fulfilled, and respected” (Youth organizations’ Memo and position statement to the East Africa Legislative Assembly, June 2022).

❖ Strengthened in/cross-country and sub-regional synergies among Youth led/focused organizations for learning and sharing around youth SRHR and gender issues for an integrated advocacy approach. A typical example is the creation of national and sub-regional alliances, i.e the #EastAfricaPamoja4SRHR and EAC SRH Bill Tanzania actively mobilizing and supporting the enactment of the EAC SRH Bill.

Objective 2: Increased recognition of young peoples’ sexual and reproductive rights as human rights

To increase the recognition of Young people's SRHR as human rights, WGNRR Africa and partners deployed a number of strategies including commemoration of May 28 and meaningful participation in both national and regional advocacy spaces and networking forums to ensure that the SRHR needs and priorities of young people are on the menu of these gathering.

2.1. May 28 and other partners' campaigns



To commemorate May 28 – International day of action for women's health WGNRR Africa and partners mobilized communities to #ResistAndPersist continuing rollbacks, shrinking civic space, and proliferation of false narratives that disenfranchise marginalized communities and negatively impact women's and young people's health and rights; and combat the multiple crises young people and women face by calling their governments to recognize that #SRHRisEssential and central to all crisis responses.

In Dar-es-salaam, WGNRR Africa brought together 150 students from 4 Dar-es-salaam-based universities to reflect on the role of young people in countering stigma toward youth A2CSE, A2C and A2SA/cPAC.

❖ **As an outcome 150 students committed to join the anti-stigma movements initiated by WGNRR Africa and became Youth SRHR ambassadors in their respective universities.**

2.2 Participation in advocacy spaces and networking forums

We were active in national and regional advocacy spaces and networking forums to influence, share, learn and strategize for the advancement of Youth SRHR. These include:

2.2.1. The virtual Regional Youth Leadership Summit: This was a virtual conference that gathered representatives from 38 youth-led organizations working on SRHR, gender based violence, HIV/AIDs, Sex work, and disability issues in East Africa to share and learn best practices in countering stigma around their fields of work. Participants shared best practices, challenges and strategies to counter them.

❖ **As an outcome, participants agreed on common strategies and intersectional approaches to addressing stigma affecting young people's SRHR and gender equality in the region.**

2.2.2. The Hivos & EAC Pamoja4SRHR Live Webinar to interrogate the merits of the EAC SRHR Bill: During this webinar WGNRR Africa Regional Director provided a clear and insightful indication of how the bill would improve access to SRHR for young people. Among many indications, he clearly mentioned that the Bill will provide a framework for the advancement and protection of SRH needs for all; establish a better accountability system in alignment with the global and international human rights standards. He also highlighted how the Bill will catalyze many other processes such as putting in place necessary structures, facilities, resources, and stable supply chain management which will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs targets in the EAC region.



The Bill if passed can help the improvement of sexual health behavior and knowledge among young people, can help slow the spread of STIs including HIV infection, as well as reduce unplanned pregnancies—allowing thus for a healthier generation of families which will contribute to our community's economy and social-cultural stability. LET'S #PASSEACSRHBILL"

2.2.3. *Regional Youth Convening in Kigali/Rwanda:* In this networking forum, the WGNRR Africa Youth SRHR program officer shared best practices on the power of digital advocacy to increase support to the ongoing EAC SRH Bill tabled at the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). Also, the convening provided a platform for youth advocates from across East Africa to build their skills on advocacy, accountability, use of score cards and other advocacy tools to push for effective implementation of policies and monitoring of the SRHR opposition. It was also a platform to connect and strengthen grassroots youth activists advocating for reproductive justice and agree on strategies to monitor and counter SRHR opposition in the Africa region.

and achieve their dreams, at the other. The forum provided a platform for open discussion between duty bearers and rights holders on how to improve social and economic conditions to enable young women to exercise their bodily integrity.



Objective3. “Enhanced actions undertaken by WGNRR, its partners and allies to support youth-led campaigning and advocacy on SRHR issues”.

3.1. *The Binti Makini Festival :* In this forum essentially attended by adolescents, young women and gatekeepers to commemorate 16 days of activism, WGNRR Africa Program Manager elaborated on how women and girls engagement in leadership defeats many barriers caused by gender biases and elevates transformational role models in workplace, at one hand; and the WGNRR Africa Youth program Officer demonstrated how gender and sexuality education empower women to fulfill their SRHR



“The societal attitudes toward our (adolescents girls) sexuality and the gender roles assigned to women, spoil us the opportunities to achieve our dreams and become equal partners in our society” (Ashura, one of the festival participants)

Program Area 3: Preventing Maternal Deaths



Unsafe abortion claims the lives of 34,000 African women annually, making it a matter of life and death for women, while these deaths are preventable. In the last year WGNRR Africa and partners worked to advocate for the removal of social-cultural and legal causes of unsafe abortion. Activities implemented include:

3.1. CAPART project

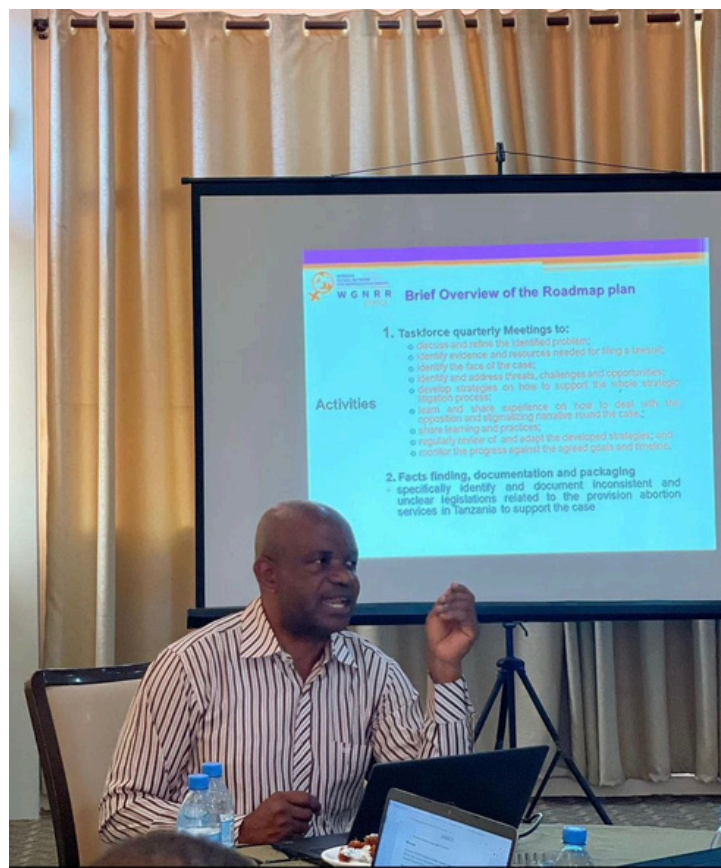


The Collective Action to Protect and Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in Tanzania (CAPART project) focused on increasing knowledge and skills of reproductive rights defenders about strategic litigation as a complementary advocacy strategy to support ongoing advocacy efforts aimed at improving the legal and policy environment to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality resulting from unsafe abortion in Tanzania.

Activities implemented under this program have contributed to build skills of 21 reproductive rights defenders to understand strategic litigation as a concept and a viable strategy to protect and advance reproductive health and rights.

Key direct outcomes of this initiative include:

- ❖ Collective commitment to advocate for the harmonization of inconsistency and confusion among laws and policies around access to termination of pregnancy in Tanzania.



3.2 The MimiCare Mobile Application project.



MimiCare project is a technological innovation to increase access to SRH information and services among women and girls in Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania. Through an end-to-end encrypted mobile application users will access life-saving scientifically proven and contextually accepted SRH information, and will be connected and referred to a local qualified healthcare providers to access services.

Activities conducted under this project in 2022 were mostly about building the project buy-in among different stakeholders including the government, the group of experts in SRHR, health care providers and the community of users. Specifically we were able to build the buy-in from the Ministry of Health (MoH), the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG),

the Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians of Tanzania (AGOTA), and the representatives of marginalized communities including young people, people with disabilities, female sex-workers and poor women.

The immediate progresses of this project in the past year include:

- ❖ **The set up of an advisory committee to monitor and inform the whole application development process.**

- ❖ **Increased knowledge of WGNRR Africa staff on data protection which resulted in an internal development of the organization's data protection policy.**

3.3 Networking and alliance Strengthening

WGNRR Africa has joined different key allies in different national, regional and global platforms to share and learn best practices and strategize on how to prevent maternal deaths due to unsafe abortion.

3.3.1 Joint advocacy meetings in Morogoro/Tanzania:

WGNRR Africa has participated in strategic quarterly review meetings of the Coalition to Address Maternal Mortality and Morbidity due to Unsafe Abortion and its Complications (CAMMAC). Our participation contributed to the development of the CAMMAC policy brief, its strategic plan 2023 – 2025 and its one year (2023) Operational Plan. Throughout the interventions WGNRR Africa brought the ongoing EAC SRHR Bill campaign on the agenda of CAMMAC successfully.

These efforts have resulted in the submission of the policy brief to the Members of Parliament and representatives from Tanzania Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs

3.3.2 The Learning Summit to Bridge the Gap on Reproductive Justice in Africa (Naivasha/Kenya):

WGNRR Africa joined Ipas Africa Alliance in Nairobi/Kenya and other key SRHR stakeholders in the Africa region at this summit to reflect on collective experience, technical learning accruing from programme implementation, and further refine collective approaches to programme delivery, with the ultimate aim to reach more girls and women in Africa with more effective and quality services. At this regional gathering, WGNRR Africa shared its experience in advocating for the Tanzanian state accountability to fulfil reproductive rights, strategies and opportunities to look at moving forward. The key outcomes of this meeting include:

❖ **Collective agreement to adapt and refine approaches in implementing projects in the region.**

❖ **Building of strong network and partnership opportunities for an enabling environment for abortion care at national and regional levels.**

3.3.3 The UN High-level Political Forum on the SDGs 2022 (virtual):

WGNRR Africa participated in the "I Resist, We Persist - Advancing human rights to Safe Abortion" - a UN High-level Political Forum 2022 side-event. The panel brought together Global South voices that deliberated, discussed and condemned the backlash on human rights of women, girls and pregnant person's reproductive autonomy. The panel was co-organized by Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), & Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative Global South (SAIGE). Our Regional Director highlighted the importance of bottom-up approach in implementing SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 5 (Gender equality). At this forum WGNRR Africa called upon global leaders to place grassroots women and young people at the center and in the forefront to achieve SDGs 3 and 5 in Africa. WGNRR Africa presentation can be accessed [here](#).

3.4 September 28 campaign

WGNRR Africa joined its global partners to co-host a number of sessions of the "Eight Before 28th": A Global South-led eight-day-long twitter rally from September 20th – 27th to commemorate #Sept28 Safe abortion Day organized by WGNRR Global.

The rally provided a platform for organizations to learn and share different community stories of struggle, hope and gains for the right to safe abortion access worldwide. It highlighted demands and actions taken by global south-based organizations and advocates in demanding to keep abortions safe and legal amidst setbacks in SRHR progress and work towards #BuildingSafeSpacesForSafeAbortion be it online or offline.

❖ The activity resulted in the development of creative materials for September 28, and have strengthened CSOs visibility and engagement on social media.



3.5 The International Family Planning Conference

As the world reconvened, WGNRR Africa joined the 3,600 global partners at Pattaya, Thailand to learn and share research innovations and address global challenges to achieving universal health coverage and access to family planning products and services. The conference demonstrated the power of community in advancing the goals of family planning and SRHR, and highlighted the importance of continued collaboration and engagement to achieve these goals. During this forum, WGNRR Africa participated in the ARROW's SAIGE Convention parallel event where we highlighted the challenging situation of access to safe abortion in Sub-Saharan Africa and its impact on African society.



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store for you!**

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Regardless**

Intercontinental Pattaya, 11-12 November 2022

**Safe Abortion
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Global South Engagement**



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



From August to December 2022, virtual and in-person workshops were held with Board members, staff, and partners to develop a Theory of Change and determined WGNRR's 2023- 2025 strategic plan and define organizational success. The strategic plan was co-created through the participants' visions of success for WGNRR, learnings from their experiences working in SRHR advocacy, and ideas for new activities and partnerships needed to grow our impact.

Partners from India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Tanzania, and Uganda participated in the workshop bringing in a total of 14 partner organizations, with 30 individuals, including staff. An online Reflections Survey was also developed and shared with stakeholders to highlight the accomplishments and areas of attention from the implementation of the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.

In November 12-14, 2022, the Board members and staff came together to discuss deeper the organization's current context, opportunities, and challenges. Our Theory of Change simplifies the complexity of the systemic changes addressed by our work with partners and allies by mapping out the unique pathways that connect our activities to the measurable outcomes we plan to accomplish to achieve the impact goal we are committed to. WGNRR Africa Regional Director and WGNRR Africa Board Secretary, Easter Mwanjesa joined the in-person meeting in Pattaya, Thailand.

Organization Capacity Assessment

In 2022, WGNRR Africa conducted the Organization's Capacity Assessment (OCA) to identify capacity and gaps in order to develop institutional strengthening plans to address the gaps. The OCA covered six capacity areas: 1) organizational governance, 2) strategic planning and management, 3) financial management, 4) Administration and support functions, 5) human resources management, 6) programs and services. The outcome of the OCA indicates that WGNRR AFRICA is an emerging organization with fairly rated scores in all the six capacity areas. All the capacity areas achieved a weighted score from 2.8 to 5.1 out of the highest possible score of 6.0. This simply indicates that the organization has systems in place but needs some improvements. [Here](#) you can access the full OCA report.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

An Independent website
and 5 social media
platforms

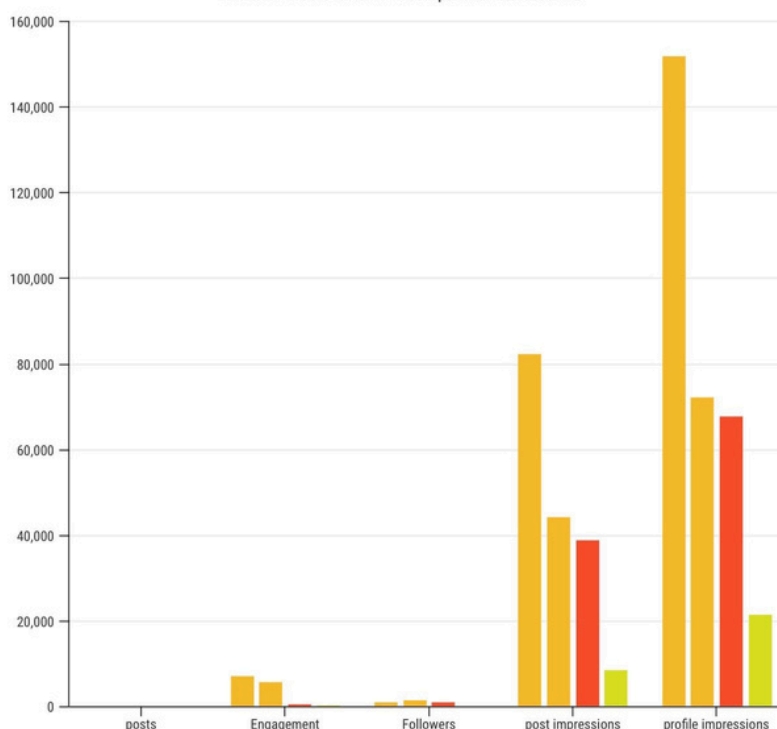


A website with a new domain name (www.wgnrrafrica.org) was created and our five social media platforms, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube were improved to strengthen our online presence and establish WGNRR Africa image by letting the audience know who we are and what we represent. Our social media platforms and our website increase our brand awareness and showcase our work and that of our partners to the large audience, and increase our visibility both offline and online.

Partnership strengthening

In the past year WGNRR Africa strengthened its partnership with its traditional strategic partners at country and regional level, and has created new ones. At the country level WGNRR Africa has amplified its partnership with the government through the Prime-Minister Office - Labor, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities, and has strengthened collaboration with Chama cha Uzazi na Malezi Bora Tanzania (UMATI) and Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) by jointly implementing a number of projects/activities; and WGNRR Africa continued its membership to the Coalition to Address Maternal Mortality due to Abortion and its Complications (CAMMAC). At regional and global levels we strengthened our collaboration with Ipas Africa Alliance, Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV & AIDS (KELIN) and the Centre for Reproductive Rights and have continued our membership with the African Coalition for Safe abortion (ACSA). New strategic partnerships were also concluded with the Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO) with whom we mostly collaborated on advocating for the EAC SRH Bill, 2021 and the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC). Globally, WGNRR Africa continues to be part of global platforms and networks that work to advance SRHR such as INROADS and SAIGE

WGNRR Africa social media performance 2022



Key challenges

The achievements above described were not without challenges. Among the manifold challenges faced during the past year, let's mention the following:

The impact of the overturn of Roe Vs Wade

Apart from the health impact that the overturn of Roe vs Wade has brought to the health of women and girls, it also carried very negative effects on our efforts to promote and ensure bodily autonomy and integrity in the African region. The overturn of Roe vs Wade has increased negative sentiments around a abortion and other SRHR issues and was used to bolster restrictions on access to both information and services. Law/policy and decision makers and gatekeepers in countries where we and our partners operate used the overturning of Roe vs Wade as a reason to not update some of the SRHR related draconian laws that most African women and youth are exposed to. This has considerably affected our ability to influence policy and norms change in the region.

The rise of SRHR opposition

The year 2023 has witnessed the rise of a first ever well-resourced opposition to SRHR actively impeding any rights-based discourse and thought within communities, schools, public/media platforms, and legislative spaces; and threatening any progressive effort towards universal access to SRHR, especially for young people. WGNRR Africa and partners organizations and allies were subject to ever seen most aggressive attacks from these foreign groups using online petitions, paid social media influencers and radical religious voices to spark misinformation claiming that the EAC SRHR bill is an abortion, homosexuality bill, encouraging sexualization of children.

Limited and restricted funding landscape

Despite the desire of WGNRR Africa to better serve its grassroots partners and its potential to make a transformative change at community, national and regional levels, the organization still worked under a fragile funding situation. The few funding we accessed were all short term and restricted which cannot enable us to implement our work sustainably. The limited funding has affected our reach and impact, meaning that we couldn't reach all of those who most need our services.

Key Lessons

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A skillfully and comprehensive Strategic plan document is an essential tool in programme implementation as it provides the organization with a radar to guide its interventions and make them more focused, systematic and reliable. Our ending strategic plan 2020 -2023 was an asset that enabled us to be more focused.

Meet our team in 2022

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2022

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REVENUE	NOTES	2022	2022
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL
		USD	TZS
Deferred revenue brought forward		124,508	286,367,921
Funds received from donors	2	271,090	623,507,046
Deferred revenue carried forward	5	(173,552)	(399,169,772)
Funds utilized during the year		222,046	510,705,195
OTHER INCOME	3	761	1,749,794
PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE			
Hesperian Health Guides funded expenditure	4.1	1,438	3,308,143
Wellspring funded expenditure	4.2	124,837	287,125,044
Grand Challenges Canada (GCC) funded expenditure	4.3	40,992	94,281,287
Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) funded expenditure	4.4	11,501	26,451,564
Global Fund for Women (GFW) funded expenditure	4.5	44,276	101,834,475
		223,044	513,000,512
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(237)	(545,523)



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