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THE WGNRR 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VOICES
OUR ACTIONS
OUR FUTURE
SRHR & JUSTICE FOR ALL!

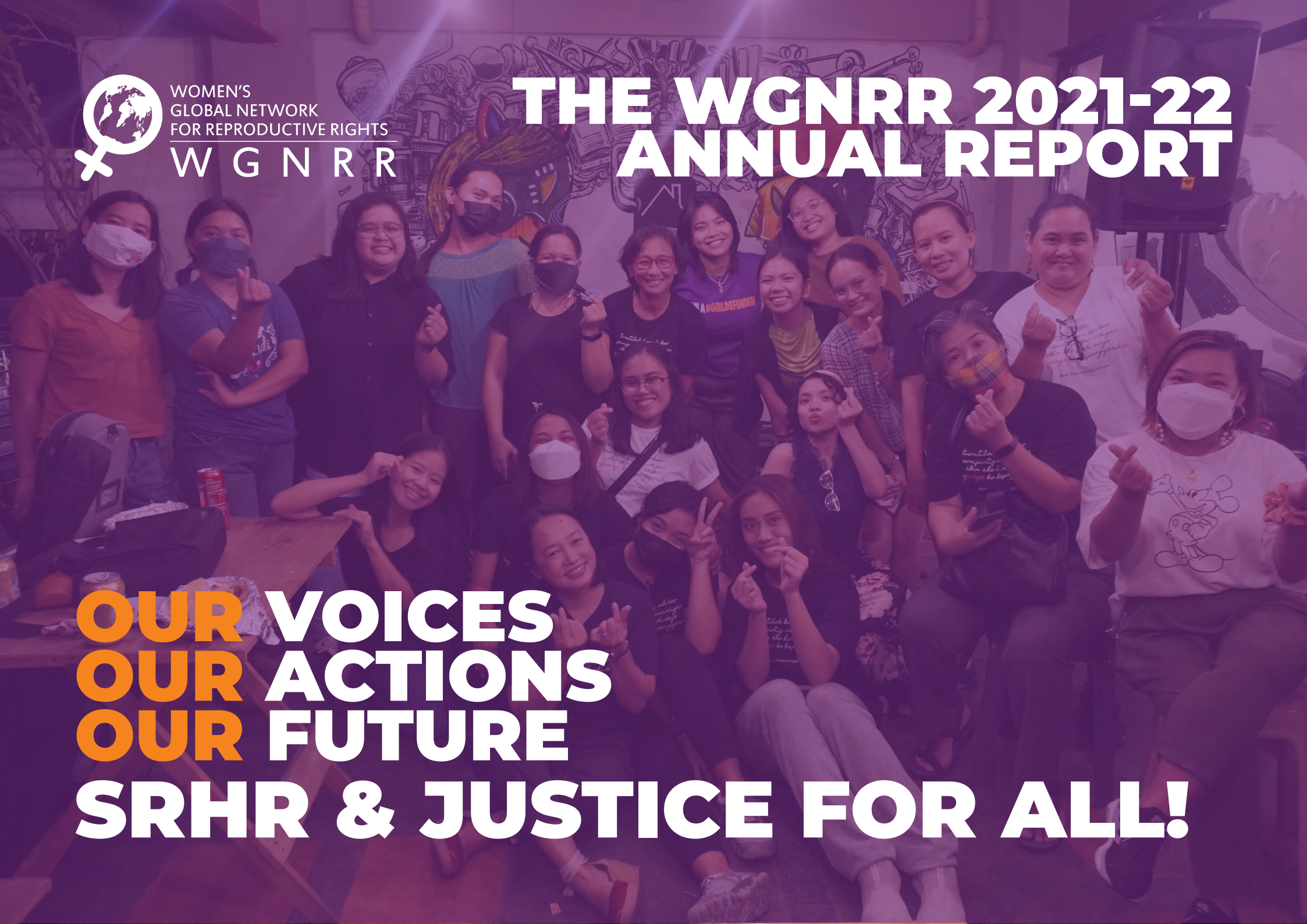


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ABOUT WGNRR

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) is a southern-based global network that builds and strengthens movements for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice. Our work is grounded in the realities of those lacking economic, social, and political power.

Through critical analysis and strategic actions, WGNRR connects members and allies, builds knowledge, organizes campaigns, and shares resources. WGNRR works to realize the full SRHR of all people, focusing on the most marginalized. We believe that achieving this goal requires transformative social change. Therefore, we use a human rights, justice, and feminist framework to advocate and campaign for the changes in social norms, legal frameworks, policies, and resource allocation required to realize our vision.



ED'S REFLECTIONS



Marevic Parcon
Executive Director, WGNRR

Dear partners and allies,

As we look back on the two past years, we were confronted with extraordinary challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic that exacerbated gender and social inequalities, jeopardizing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) on a global scale.. We navigated years of uncertainties testing our resilience, both individually and collectively. While we faced the uncertainties of the global pandemic, we also faced the unprecedented attacks and regressions on SRHR everywhere!

The attacks and regressions are not deterrents to us but instead, fuel our resolve and we became stronger and louder working in solidarity with movements across the world. We celebrated our movement's milestones toward transformative change and the realization of #SRHR4ALL. The power of our collective actions resulted in considerable progress towards the achievement of SRHR. In the midst of the pandemic, we have seen

advancements in abortion access and legislation at the national level. At the global and regional levels, we collectively engage in SRHR accountability mechanisms holding institutions accountable.

One of the most inspiring aspects we've seen was the increased participation and leadership of young people within the SRHR movement. Their perspectives and energy infused new life into our collective efforts. It's clear that they are instrumental in shaping the future of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Looking ahead and as WGNRR marks its 40th journey in promoting and advancing SRHR and justice, we will persist and continue to navigate the challenging landscape for the full realization of SRHR and bodily autonomy for all. With our remarkable achievements and our unwavering dedication.

Together, we can shape the just future that ensures #SRHR4All.



BY THE NUMBERS 2021-2022

GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS



15 CAMPAIGNS

including "My Body, My Choice," "Safe Abortion is a Human Right," "Break the Stigma," and "Youth Voices for SRHR." These campaigns engaged individuals from countries worldwide, including Kenya, India, the Philippines, Brazil, and more.

ORGANIZATIONS MOBILIZED



100 ORGANIZATIONS & INSTITUTIONS

collaborated including United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Human Rights Watch, Global Fund for Women, and more.

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS



10,000,000 SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

social media engagements and interactions, including likes, comments, shares, and hashtag usage, to promote dialogue and raise awareness on SRHR.

ONLINE AND OFFLINE EVENTS



60 EVENTS

including webinars, conferences, panel discussions, and concerts, to engage and educate audiences on SRHR topics.

PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED



2,000+ PARTICIPANTS

activists, advocates, and community members globally through capacity-building activities, online campaigns, and events. Participants represented countries such as Kenya, India, the Philippines, Brazil, Nigeria, and many more.

STATEMENTS PRODUCED



11 IMPACTFUL STATEMENTS

on addressing SRHR issues, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities.

PUBLICATIONS



10 PUBLICATIONS

including advocacy zines and toolkits such as the YP in Quarantine Volumes 1 and 2 (2021), "Pasya Advocazine: SRHR in the time of COVID-19" (2021), Timeline of Feminist Activism for SRHR in the Philippines (2022).

ARTS-BASED ADVOCACY



"PASYA" MUSIC ALBUM

launched in 2021 as part of its advocacy efforts for safe abortion rights. The album features original songs campaigning for decriminalizing abortion in the Philippines produced by Filipino artists, songwriters, storytellers, and safe abortion advocates.



OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Through advocacy and campaigns, capacity building, and networking & strategic partnerships, we worked to contribute to the global effort to achieve SRHR and justice for all people through the four program areas:





PRIORITY AREA 1: STRONG AND FOCUSED ACTIONS FOR SAFE ABORTION RIGHTS





During this reporting period WGNRR made significant strides in promoting safe abortion rights through advocacy, campaigns, and stigma reduction activities, both globally and in the Philippines. The campaign generated increased awareness, engagement, and support for safe abortion rights.

Advocacy and Campaigns for Safe Abortion Rights

WGNRR campaigns delivered key messages on the importance of decriminalizing abortion, ensuring women’s autonomy and dignity, addressing abortion stigma, promoting access to safe abortion services, and advocating for comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education. They aimed to increase awareness, understanding, and acceptance of safe abortion as a fundamental reproductive right.

Gains and Activities in the Philippines

In the Philippines, WGNRR achieved significant milestones in promoting safe abortion rights. An online rally led by PINSAN on May 28, 2021, garnered support from 104 individuals and 51 organizations, reaching approximately 4,000 people on Facebook. This rally was a testament to the growing support from women’s rights organizations (WROs), civil society organizations (CSOs), young people, and individual advocates, all contributing to decriminalizing abortion campaigns in the Philippines.

Additionally, a call to reject the anti-abortion bill filed in Philippine Congress gained support from 51 organizations and 145 individuals. The change.org petition for the decriminalization of abortion in the Philippines witnessed a significant increase of 4,000 signatures, reaching a total of 29,000 signatures by December 2021.

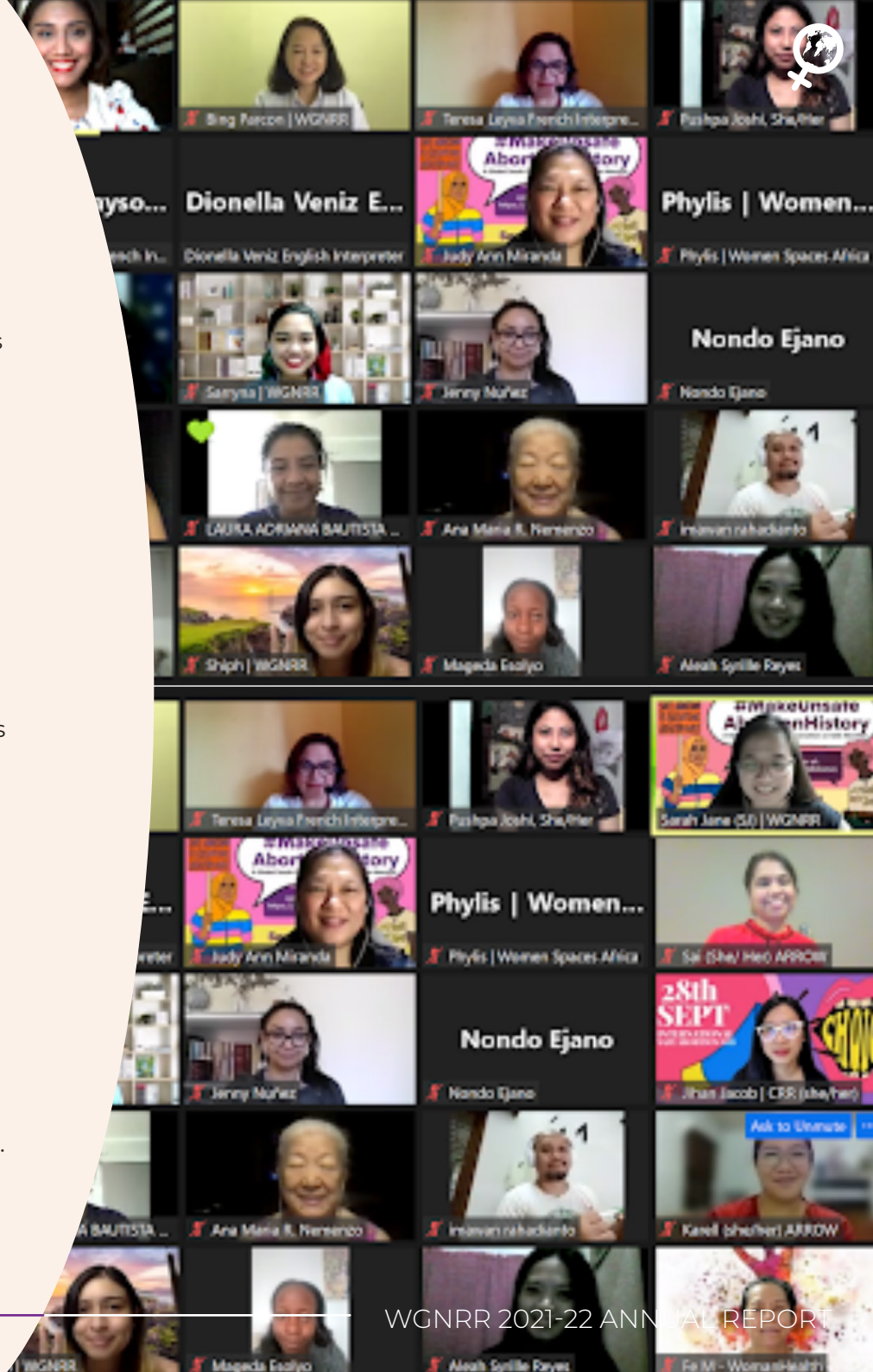
WGNRR also conducted knowledge-building sessions on women-centered, rights-based post-abortion care (PAC), benefiting 202 individuals from healthcare education/ facilities. Notably, attitudinal changes toward abortion were observed among 189 participants, including medical students, women’s rights organizations (WROs), and health service providers, following their involvement in Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) sessions. These sessions had a profound impact, leading to the streamline of dialogues on abortion stigma in activities by partners in the Philippines.

Global Activities

WGNRR co-coordinates the September 28 International Safe Abortion Day campaign that mobilizes campaigners from all over the world to continue to push back regressions, abortion stigma, and legal restrictions including criminalization of abortion. The activities that took place in 2021-2022 generated support for ongoing campaigns in countries where women and persons in need of abortion are still endangered by unsafe abortion, threatened with criminal punishment, and subject to stigma in the absence of progressive laws and services that recognize safe abortion as a public health necessity and a fundamental human right. The mobilizations include online rallies, offline and in-person events, conferences, cultural performances, focus groups, dialogues and a huge social media mobilization throughout the month of September, peaking towards September 28. The social media outreach counted in millions of online users participating in online discussions with the hashtags **#MakeUnsafeAbortionHistory** **#SafeAbortionRegardless** **#Sept28**. WGNRR hosts the September 28 website <http://www.september28.org/> that as it has in the past years, served as a central platform for collecting information on international actions and joint online mobilizations.

Key Moments

- ◆ The launch of the Pasya Music Album on April 30, 2021, received positive local and international feedback. Featuring songs addressing the decriminalization of abortion campaign, the album garnered several hundred followers and subscribers, along with significant media coverage.
- ◆ Various VCAT sessions organized by The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Sexual Health Empowerment project, Médecins du Monde Philippines, and Movement Accelerator Project engaged 49 medical students, 68 participants in the Power-Up session, and 30 health service providers, resulting in increased knowledge and attitudinal changes regarding safe abortion and abortion stigma. Initial discussions were held with Women on Web to set up a safe abortion hotline in the Philippines to provide better support and information for individuals seeking safe abortion services.
- ◆ Decriminalization of abortion has been gaining ground in the Philippines. Due to mobilizations During the 2022 national elections, abortion became an electoral issue where presidential candidates expressed their stance on the issue. Some national candidates support women's bodily autonomy and others expressed **full support** for the decriminalization of abortion.





Moving Forward

To strengthen the advocacy and campaign efforts for safe abortion rights, it is imperative to develop a clear campaign strategy and transition campaign activities to a proactive approach rather than a reactive one. Furthermore, we are committed to continuing and greatly enhancing our coordination and communication with partner organizations, as they are critical drivers of the advocacy and campaign. This strategy is pivotal to achieving more impactful efforts.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

WGNRR organized an online international exchange last March 16-17, 2021 inviting seven (7) safe abortion rights activists from Argentina, South Korea, Thailand, Honduras, Poland, and USA who shared lessons they have learned in the campaign to decriminalize abortion, as well as effective strategies that the Filipino activists can adapt. Among the speakers were Ruth Zurbriggen of Soccoristas En Red, Marta Alanis of Asociacion Civil por el Derecho a Decidir, Kim Na Young of Center for Sexual Rights and Reproductive Justice (SHARE), Supecha Baotip of TamTang, Grecia Lozano of Somos Muchas, Urszula Grycuk of Federa, and Marlene Gerber Fried of Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program. This was attended by 58 Filipino SRHR Advocates and 3 international participants from Argentina, Indonesia, and Japan.



PRIORITY AREA 2: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SRHR

Accountability for SRHR is of utmost importance in ensuring the realization and defense of the right to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, information, and services. It involves holding governments, institutions, and stakeholders accountable for their commitments and actions related to SRHR. Seeking accountability addresses the persistent gaps and challenges, including the denial of access to essential services, discrimination, violence, and human rights violations.

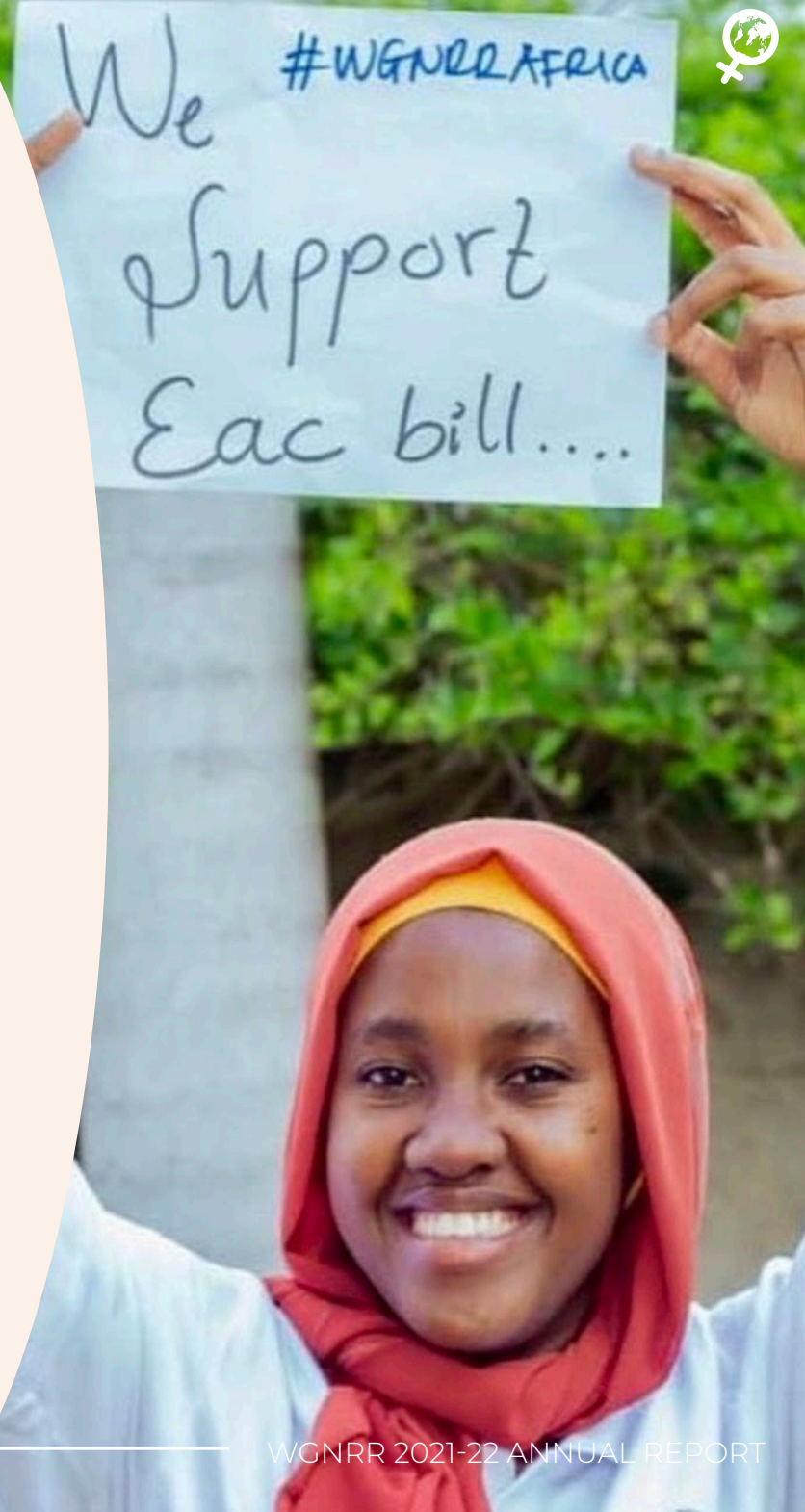
During the reporting period, WGNRR and its partners engaged in the accountability spaces for SRHR at the local, regional, and global levels. WGNRR initiated strategic advocacy, awareness campaigns, capacity-building initiatives, and collaborations with partners and stakeholders. These activities not only strengthened accountability frameworks but also improved access to SRHR information and services, addressed barriers and discriminatory practices, and empowered individuals to claim their rights.

These initiatives have made significant contributions to advancing accountability for SRHR. However, challenges remain, including resistance from conservative forces, inadequate legal frameworks, resource constraints, and social stigmatization. Lessons from these experiences emphasize the importance of sustained advocacy, cross-sectoral collaboration and movement building,

engagement with young people, and the leverage of digital platforms to amplify voices and advocate for accountability. By sharing these experiences and achievements, this report aims to inspire further action, foster cross-sector collaboration, and reinforce the critical role of accountability in achieving comprehensive and equitable sexual and reproductive health and rights for all individuals worldwide.

Networking, Advocacy, and Campaigns

WGNRR works collaboratively with partners at the national, regional, and global levels to collectively hold governments and other stakeholders accountable to their commitments for SRHRJ for all. For this reporting period, we initiated networking, advocacy and campaign activities and contributed to the regional and global spaces to ensure SRHR issues are prioritized. We closely work with Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Engagement Mechanism and contribute to the Women's Rights Caucus, International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Caucus (ISRCC), and the Women's Major Group. We submitted statements to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and Commission on Population and Development (CPD), and engaged in the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, CSW, GEP, ASEAN People's Forum.





SAFE ABORTION IS ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE

#MAKE UNSAFE ABORTION HISTORY



Safe abortion is essential healthcare!

May 28

The 2021 campaign set the stage for discussing women’s health against a backdrop of global inequality exacerbated by an ongoing public health crisis. In contexts where public healthcare systems are dismal and vaccines remain inaccessible, health systems are strained and overwhelmed. With recovery out of sight, contexts like these put women at risk of long-term negative impacts to their health, autonomy, and rights. Hence, this year’s Call for Action, “Women’s Health Matters: Ending the Inequality Pandemic and Ensuring SRHR remains essential!” For 2021, more than fifty actions coordinated by local, regional, and international organizations were documented. Proof of the success of these actions are the commitments made by government leaders, media landings, and more than seven million impressions made online, where most of these actions have taken place.

The 2022 campaign was situated in a time of uncertainty and multiple crises that directly impacted women’s and girls’ health, and, particularly, their sexual and reproductive health. Hence, in this year’s call for action, we called on SHR activists and allies to #ResistAndPersist amid rollbacks, uncertainty and crises, and assert that #SHRIsEssential and central to all crisis responses. The campaign was innovatively hybrid with more than fifty actions occurring both online and offline. Our mileage online reached 5.8 thousand mentions using the campaign hashtags, and over 23 million impressions on

social media, with thousands more reached through activities in person. Another marker of success of the mobilizations are the countless media landings from around the world.

Altogether the 2021-2022 May 28 Day of Action made over 30 million impressions online. Campaign partners amplified and occupied online spaces with May 28 activities, materials, and messages!

Advocating for the East African Community SRH Bill

WGNRR Africa has been actively mobilizing different stakeholders, including Civil Society Organisations, medical practitioners, lawyers, and governments in East Africa to support the enactment of the East Africa Community Sexual and Reproductive Health Bill (EAC SRH Bill) 2021. WGNRR Africa supported the meaningful participation of youth-led organisations in the Bill public hearing exercise conducted between 26 June and 4th July 2022. More than 46 youth-led organizations from Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya participated in the public hearing and they developed and submitted a Joint Memorandum and position statement to the East Africa Legislative Assembly to express their SRHR needs and demands. The memorandum was submitted by Binti Salha and Binti Makini Foundations on behalf of the 46 youth-led organisations from across the EAC region during the public hearing session in Tanzania.



ENGAGING THE UN CRC (CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD) FOR ADOLESCENTS' REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

In 2022, WGNRR, along with a collective of child rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) organizations, achieved a significant milestone in advancing accountability for SRHR. They submitted an NGO alternative report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC), advocating for the status of adolescents' reproductive rights in the Philippines.

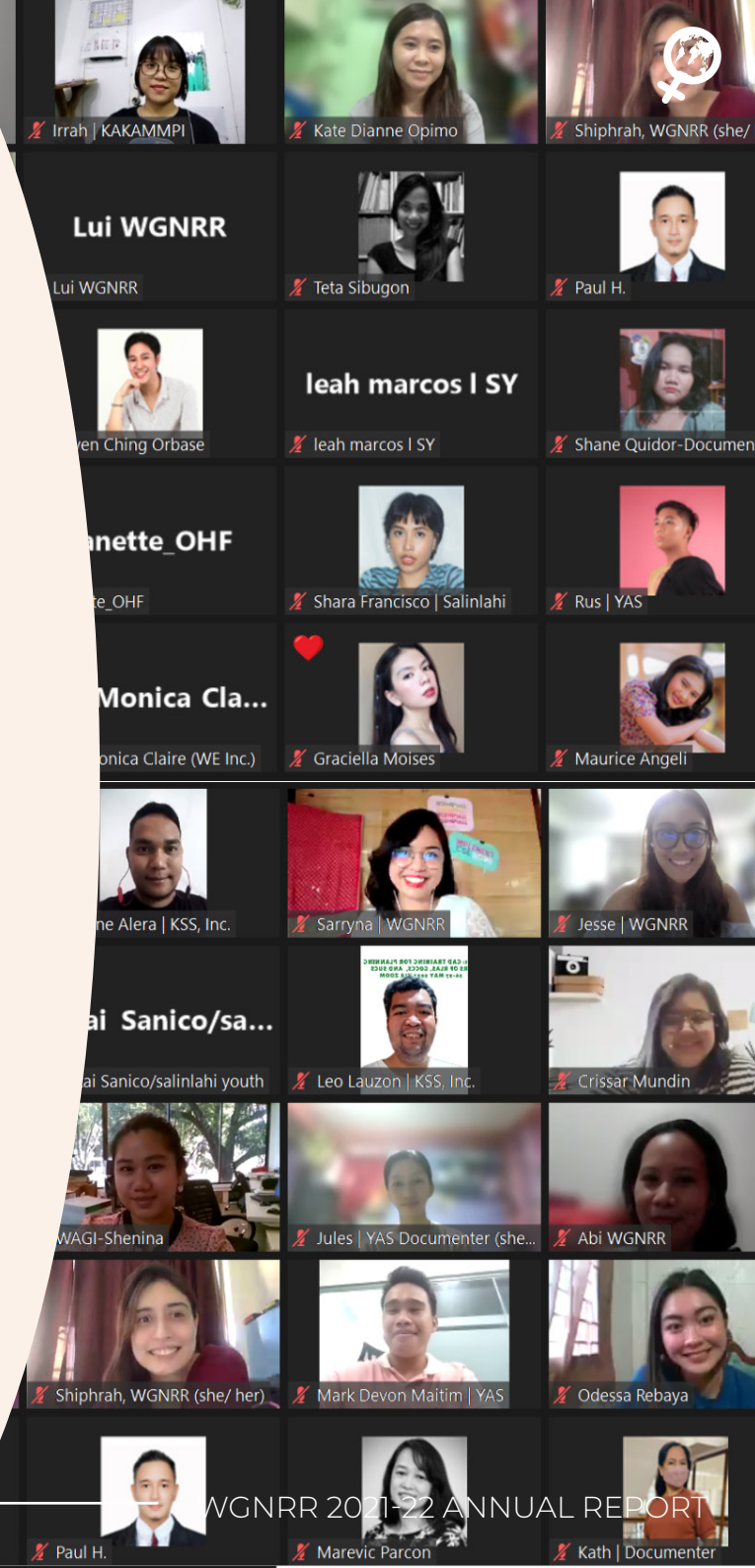
The collective, including WGNRR, highlighted the imperative for adolescents' access to modern contraception, confidential testing, HIV treatment without parental consent, and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in schools. Additionally, they called for a review of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act and, for the first time, urged the Philippine Government to legalize abortion and ensure access to abortion and post-abortion care services for adolescent girls.

In its 2022 Concluding Observations on its 91st Session, the UN CRC considered the issues raised in the joint NGO submissions. The committee's response was celebrated

as a major win for adolescents' SRHR in the country. The collective commended the UN CRC for issuing robust recommendations to advance adolescent health and for reiterating the Philippine Government's human rights obligations to ensure the SRHR of children, particularly adolescents.

As a signatory to international human rights treaties, including the UN CRC, the Philippine Government is bound by its commitment to ensuring the fulfillment of SRHR for all, especially adolescents. WGNRR, as part of this collective, pledged to hold the government accountable to its commitments and monitor its implementation of the UN CRC recommendations and other human rights obligations.

This story exemplifies the pivotal role of collective action in advocating for SRHR. The shared dedication of various organizations to hold institutions accountable for their commitments to SRHR, particularly for adolescents, serves as a testament to the power of collective action and the importance of accountability in advancing SRHR.





PRIORITY AREA 3: INCREASED YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADERSHIP FOR SRHR





Even as the pandemic was *easing*, its effect on **SRHR** remained deep, especially on the **youth**. This necessitated continued efforts to **strengthen accountability** and **address the needs** of young people



The campaigns carried out under Priority Area 3 aimed to amplify the voices of young people, empower them as leaders, and enhance their capacity to advocate for SRHR while promoting accountability. These campaigns focused on challenging abortion stigma, ensuring access to safe abortion services, improving comprehensive sexuality education, combating gender-based violence, and promoting youth-friendly SRHR services.

Gains and Activities in the Philippines

1. Young Advocates for SRHR (YAS)

WGNRR organized ten meetings with YAS to support their capacity-building and campaign activities. YAS conducted a 3-week Online Bootcamp 2021, engaging 20 young people nationwide. Equipped with the capacities to mobilize around campaigns, YAS organized activities during the International Day for The Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) and 16 Days of Activism (16 DoA), including a “Bust the Myths around SRHR” online contest. YAS published the Young People in Quarantine (YPinQ) Publication Volumes 1 and 2, which showcased young people’s experiences, calls, and demands on health and rights during the pandemic. Additionally, YAS co-organized activities with WGNRR, such as Twitter Space Fridays and the Equally Artsy Fest, which featured creative workshops on spoken word poetry, comic drawing, and songwriting for advocacy. Since

January 2022, YAS has been actively powering a project called “Batang Ina” (Young Mother), which focuses on preventing teenage pregnancy and holding regular activities since January 2022.

2. Blackout Inequality

Blackout Poetry Making Workshop: In commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, WGNRR held the Blackout Inequality: Blackout Poetry Making Workshop on December 8, 2021. The online workshop aimed to transform violent, anti-choice, and misogynist texts into empowering blackout poetry. Participants felt empowered by using violent words against their original intentions and produced artwork addressing misogynist national leaders, abortion restrictions as gender-based violence, and empowering women to fight against violence.

3. YouCAN Project

Launched in February 2022, the Youth Collective Actions Now or YouCAN project aimed at strengthening alliances to counter stigma and discrimination faced by young people in accessing comprehensive sexuality education, contraceptives, safe abortion and post abortion care. The YouCAN project supports 10 organizations from across the East African Community in building their capacity to advocate for youth SRHR, generating and sharing evidence and information, and mobilizing campaigns all towards building enabling environments for young people in the region to claim their SRHR.

4. Linking and Learning platforms for Young people

In July 2022, WGNRR Africa organized the East Africa Youth SRHR Leadership Summit that provided a linking and learning platform for more than 38 youth representing youth-led organizations working on SRHR, gender base violence, HIV/AIDs, sex work, and disability issues to share and learn best practices in countering stigma against critical SRHR issues. A set of strategies and collective actions was agreed upon, and

participants committed to sustain such a platform to foster a regional cohesion in developing holistic and intersectional approaches in addressing stigma affecting young people's access to SRHR and gender equality.

Global Advocacy

WGNRR actively engaged in international activities to promote youth leadership and accountability for SRHR. The organization provided support for the social media training of youth-led organizations in Indonesia, Tanzania, and Nepal, collaborating with influential partners such as One Vision Alliance, Reaching the Unreached Tanzania (RUT), and YosHAN. WGNRR's participation in partner meetings and international conferences on SRHR facilitated collaboration, knowledge exchange, and global advocacy for youth-led initiatives. WGNRR Africa organized a dialogue in Tanzania, in collaboration with Binti Salha Foundation and Binti Makini Foundation, engaging over 150 university students to address youth SRHR stigma. The organization also actively participated in the ICPF Youth Pre-Conference, providing youth delegates and officers a platform to amplify young people's voices in the SRHR movement.





Key Learnings and Challenges

- 1. Strategic Planning and Governance:** It is crucial to continuously improve campaign strategies, organizational governance, and partner coordination to ensure effective advocacy and campaign implementation.
- 2. Timing and Content Considerations:** Feedback from partner organizations highlighted the importance of addressing the timing and content of the decriminalization bill to ensure comprehensive consideration of relevant issues and maximize impact.
- 3. Timely Delivery of Materials:** Delays in delivering materials and completing toolkits and resources underscore the need to adhere to timelines and address any challenges that may hinder progress.
- 4. Networking Challenges:** Overcoming networking challenges is essential for successful collaboration, theme identification, and participation in activities like the Gallery of Activists. Strengthening networking efforts can help address these challenges and facilitate meaningful engagement.
- 5.** The initiatives undertaken under Priority Area 3 demonstrated the active involvement of young people in advocating for SRHR and promoting accountability, both within the Philippines and globally. The activities encompassed monthly meetings with local networks, capacity-building workshops, online campaigns, and creative initiatives, collectively contributing to the empowerment of young people, the challenge to abortion stigma, and the facilitation of meaningful dialogues on SRHR.
- 6.** Moreover, the key learnings and challenges identified provide valuable insights for future strategic planning and improvement. By incorporating these learnings and proactively addressing the challenges, WGNRR and its partners can further strengthen young people's leadership and advance the realization of comprehensive SRHR for all individuals.



YOUTH ACTION ON ABORTION

The journey toward SRHR is a collective effort, and young people are at the forefront of this movement. YAS is a testament to the power of youth leadership in advocating for SRHR, particularly safe abortion rights.

YAS is a group dedicated to creating and promoting safe spaces for young people to learn about and advocate for SRHR creatively. Even in the face of the challenges posed by the pandemic, the current batch of YAS has been actively building their knowledge and skills in SRHR advocacy through online workshops.

In July 2022, YAS held an Advocacy Planning Workshop with 20 members on-site and three online. The workshop demonstrated the group's stronger understanding of abortion, its impact on young people, and the significance of its decriminalization.

Caroline, a remarkable 16-year-old member of YAS courageously shared her experiences

voicing her opinions and encouraging open discussions on abortion. Despite facing doubt and ostracism due to her youth and the taboo nature of the subject, Caroline bravely continued her advocacy.

During the Advocacy Planning, YAS confirmed its commitment to abortion advocacy. They demonstrated their ability to identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities in advocating for safe abortion, and subsequently developed advocacy plans accordingly. Safe abortion emerged in their Strategic Plan as one of the three Key Areas of SRHR affecting young people that YAS can help address. They aimed to improve the accessibility of youth-friendly and age-appropriate information regarding safe abortion. To achieve this, YAS planned to produce creative materials such as comics, zines, literary pieces, research, case studies, and documentaries to address and break taboos on safe abortion.

YAS provides a space for young people from different parts of the country to get involved in safe abortion advocacy, contributing to a more intersectional movement. Maurice, another 16-year-old advocate, shared how spaces like YAS provided an opportunity for a genuine representation of young people from rural areas. Her blog post on the WGNRR website emphasized the importance of including real narratives from rural areas in SRHR discussions. [[Read: "Leave No Narratives Behind: Genuine representation in SRHR discussions matter! by Maurice Angeli"](#)]

This case story of YAS's advocacy underscores the power of young people's leadership in advancing SRHR. It serves as a beacon of hope and a model for other young people working towards the same goal. Their commitment and creativity in advocating for safe abortion rights demonstrate that young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow but also today's leaders.





PRIORITY AREA 4: STRENGTHENED ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY



WGNRR remains dedicated to enhancing *capacity building* and ensuring the *long-term sustainability* of its efforts in promoting **sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)** globally



Here are some key highlights of WGNRR's capacity-building and sustainability initiatives:

◆ **Capacity Building Initiatives**

WGNRR organized an array of training programs, workshops, and knowledge-sharing platforms to enhance the capacity of its team members, partners, and grassroots activists. These initiatives aimed to strengthen skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities in SRHR advocacy.

◆ **Partnerships and Collaborations**

Through strategic partnerships and cross-sector collaborations with like-minded organizations, WGNRR facilitated resource sharing, knowledge exchange, and joint advocacy efforts, contributing to the long-term sustainability of SRHR initiatives.

◆ **Funding Diversification**

WGNRR actively sought diverse funding sources to ensure financial sustainability. This involved grant applications, fundraising campaigns, and innovative approaches to secure resources for its programs and activities.

◆ **Engagements and Meetings**

WGNRR participated in several significant events and meetings, including the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP). In these conferences they presented at panels discussing

grassroots movements, feminist philanthropy, and the importance of intersectionality in funding.

◆ **Training Workshops**

WGNRR organized skills-building workshops focused on stigma reduction, strategic litigation, and the role of young people in addressing SRHR issues. These workshops aimed to empower activists and advocates to tackle challenges and advance SRHR internationally and nationally.

◆ **Regional Engagements**

WGNRR Africa collaborated with grassroots partners in Tanzania to hold a reflection session with over 150 young people. They also conducted workshops on busting stigma and strategic litigation, empowering young people and reproductive rights defenders in East Africa.

Through these initiatives, WGNRR strives to strengthen the capacity of its stakeholders, forge sustainable partnerships, and secure resources for its SRHR advocacy work. By investing in capacity building and sustainability, WGNRR aims to empower activists, amplify marginalized voices, and make a lasting impact in promoting SRHR worldwide.



IN FOCUS HIGHLIGHTS FROM WGNRR AFRICA

In 2021 and 2022, WGNRR made significant strides in bolstering its organizational capacity and sustainability in Africa. WGNRR supported over 120 grassroots Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) across Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, DRC, and Nigeria. This support empowered these CSOs to develop and implement evidence and right-based advocacy and campaign strategies, ultimately resulting in policy changes and attitude transformation around SRHR in their respective countries and communities.

A striking example of this impact was observed in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where the participating CSOs led a national coalition that successfully influenced the

Ministry of Health to publish the domestication of Article 14 of the Maputo protocol in the national public gazette, resulting in the legalization of abortion in the country.

Moreover, WGNRR connected more than 75 grassroots CSOs advocating for SRHR in seven African countries. This resulted in the establishment of five national and cross-national networks of grassroots organizations collectively advancing SRHR in their respective countries. This amplified the voice of grassroots communities in national and (sub) regional advocacy spaces such as the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+25) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) summit.

In addition to these engagements, WGNRR Africa shared resources and communication materials with its network. These resources, including toolkits, calls for action, infographics, policy briefs, and videos, have been critical to strengthening knowledge, mobilizing communities, and raising awareness on communities' needs and concerns. These efforts have fostered local ownership of WGNRR Africa's vision – an Africa where everyone can exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights and fulfill their needs. Not only did they build toward this vision, but it had also amplified local voices to take positive actions to seek accountability for SRHR and ensure SRHR advocacy's sustainability.



2021-2022

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In 2021 and 2022, WGNRR Coordination Office Manila had consolidated annual budgets of PhP 52,690,188.68 (USD 1,033,140.95) including balances forwarded from 2020 and 2021. Total disbursements are 72% of the total funds available for the period.

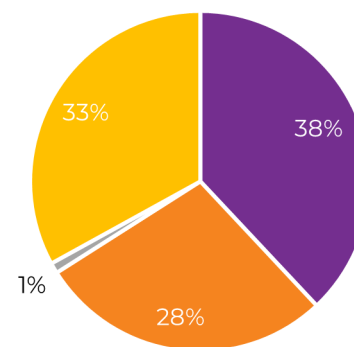
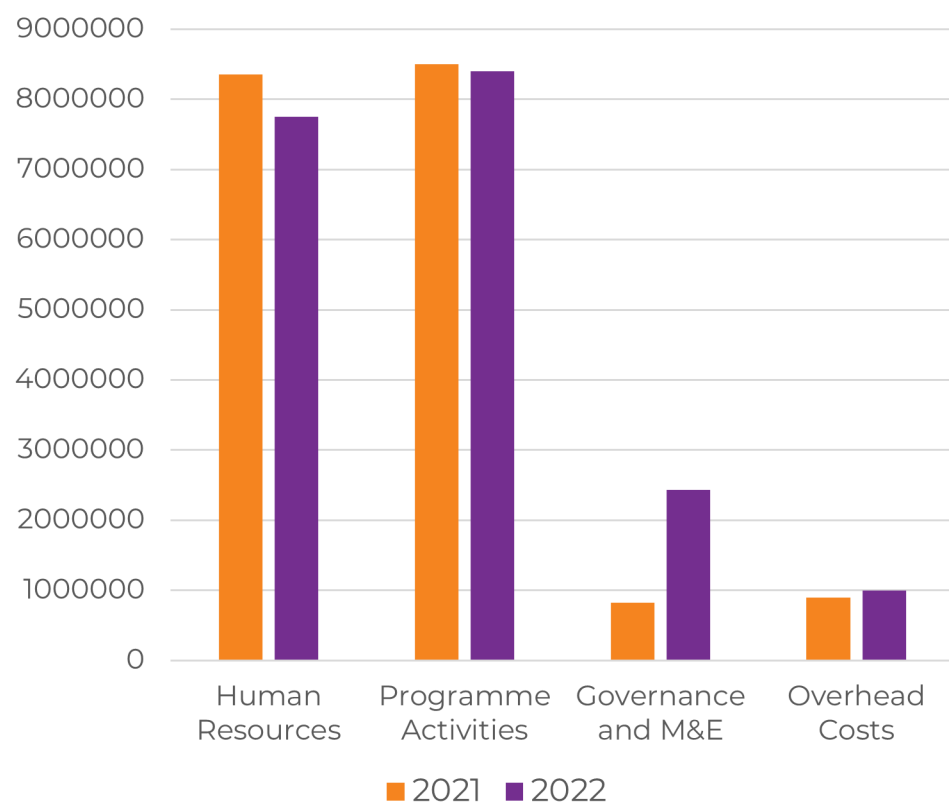
Table 1. Consolidated Schedule of Sources of Funds and Disbursements for 2021 and 2022

	2021	2022	TOTAL in PhP
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - Beginning	16,236,977.93	15,504,259.99	16,236,977.93
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
Total Grants received	15,972,358.69	16,949,659.46	32,922,018.15
Donations & contributions	1,591,193.25	1,235,533.46	2,826,726.71
Other sources	245,036.37	459,429.52	704,465.89
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	17,808,588.31	18,644,622.44	36,453,210.75
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	34,045,566.24	34,148,882.43	52,690,188.68
DISBURSEMENTS			
Human Resources	8,349,701.01	7,763,293.33	16,112,994.34
Project Activities	8,510,499.60	8,421,788.99	16,932,288.59
Governance and M & E	800,354.67	2,388,119.58	3,188,474.25
Office Costs	880,750.97	1,008,564.87	1,889,315.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	18,541,306.25	19,581,766.77	38,123,073.02
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - End	15,504,259.99	14,567,115.66	14,567,115.66
Add: PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT FUND, End	764,076.31	754,339.83	754,339.83
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	16,268,336.30	15,321,455.49	15,321,455.49



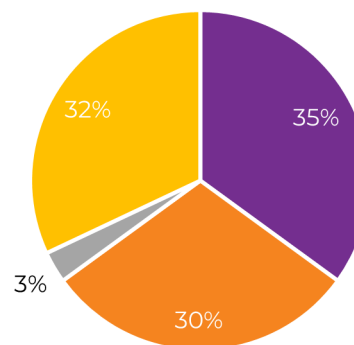
GRAPH OF EXPENDITURES

Operational Costs for 2021 and 2022 (in PHP)



Programmatic Costs 2021

- Accountability for SRHR
- Safe Abortion Rights
- Youth Leadership in SRHR
- Internal Capacity Strengthening



Programmatic Costs 2022

- Accountability for SRHR
- Safe Abortion Rights
- Youth Leadership in SRHR
- Internal Capacity Strengthening



We wish to thank all our funders and partners for the continued collaboration. With your support, we are able to undertake activities to defend & advance SRHR for all.



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Movement Accelerator Programme





MOVING FORWARD



As we approach our 40th year of mobilizing and advancing SRHR and justice for all, we have developed this strategic plan with the priorities of our partners and allies in mind.

We partnered with Relativ Impact, an impact solutions provider in the development of the Strategic Plans. The strategic plan provides overall direction and guidance for implementing our work for 2023-2025. It sets out a vision for advancing SRHR for all, focusing on abortion rights in the Global South. The plan was developed through a co-created process with the WGNRR board, staff, and key stakeholders from various countries. It is deeply informed by the priorities of grassroots, youth, and community-based organizations we work with and shaped by broader processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals, Universal Periodic Review, and Asia and Africa CPD Regional processes.



OUR APPROACH

Through co-creation with our Board members, staff, and partners, we developed a Theory of Change to determine our 2023-2025 strategic plan and define organizational success. 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.

Our Theory of Change is dynamic and will adapt as local, regional, and global contexts change. We will measure progress and track our impact to learn, adapt, and continue to fight for SRHR for all through effective advocacy. Our hypotheses for the future reflect our deep understanding of what is important to the grassroots, youth, and community-based organizations we work with.



OUR IMPACT

Our impact is seen in the accomplishments of our partners and allies. By enabling our network to reach the full potential of their advocacy capacity, collaborate effectively, and increase the dialogue on challenges and solutions in the Global South, our collective efforts will continue to advance SRHR.

The outcomes in our Theory of Change are interconnected but fall into three categories:

- 1** **Partner and Ally Capacity Strengthening:** We aim to see an improvement in our partners' and allies' understanding of current and emerging SRHR issues, their advocacy skills to leverage increased opportunities, and their confidence and motivation to work in a space that often comes with a lot of risks.
- 2** **Network Collaboration:** We aim to see strong relationships that include solidarity with wider rights and justice movements and take guidance from the realities of grassroots, community-based organizations. Over the next three years, we also plan to see the opportunities for young people, especially young women, to lead SRHR actions increase through the full integration of youth perspectives and youth-specific issues into all networks and strategies.
- 3** **WGNRR's Direct Engagement in SRHR Accountability Mechanisms:** We aim to see more SRHR references included in outcome documents and statements due to our effective accountability framework engagements.



OUR PLAN OF ACTION

Our plan of action for 2023-2025 includes the following activities:

1 Create SRHR Advocacy Tools and Resources Informed by Partners and Allies: We will organize consultations with partners and allies that inform advocacy priorities and co-create tools and resources with partners on topics such as advocacy guides, SRHR 101 modules, values clarification, and attitude transformation modules, campaign toolkits, publication templates, and digital learning tools.

2 Deliver SRHR Advocacy Training to Partners and Allies: We will implement virtual and in-person training for individuals and community-based organizations on funding proposal development, advocacy planning, opposition mapping, digital rights and security, and skills-based capacity building. We will host training boot camps designed for youth and train trainers to replicate and implement workshops for various people and organizations.

3 Invite People and Organizations to the SRHR Advocacy Community: We will map potential people and organizations to engage with, create safe spaces and platforms which are intersectional to our issues, invite people and organizations into our campaigns and activities, and offer to support their initiatives, and share newsletters, resources, and activity summaries regularly.

4 Undertake Collaborative Resource Mobilization Efforts with Key WGNRR Partners and Allies: We will monitor funding opportunities and identify potential funders, identify potential partners for sub-granting opportunities, co-create project proposals and budgets, conduct due diligence and monitor activities, and build and embed sustainable mobility strategies.

5 Organize SRHR Campaigns: We will lead the International Day of Action for Women's Health on May 28th and the International Safe Abortion Day on September 28th, scope new opportunities for campaign development, and develop youth-specific campaigns.

6 Generate Evidence and Narratives: We will identify key SRHR information in the Global South, research intersections with other social, political, economic, and environmental issues, map and learn from opposition movements and intentions, and counter fake information on abortion in social media.



As we move *forward*, we remain committed to **advancing SRHR** for all. The new strategic plan provides an actionable roadmap for the **next three years**. We look forward to working with our *members, partners,* and *allies* to achieve these objectives and continue the **fight for SRHR!**



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