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## Foreword from the Chair of the Board

In every generation, there comes a defining moment when we are called to reflect on who we are and who we aspire to be. For us at the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), that moment is lived and felt each day. It is present in the bravery of women, girls, and gender-diverse people asserting their dignity despite opposition. It is visible in communities that refuse to accept injustice as inevitable. Above all, it is rooted in our shared conviction that reproductive rights are not favours bestowed by those in power, but fundamental human rights inherent to every person.

WGNRR remains grounded in a powerful principle: when women and girls can make informed decisions about their bodies, entire societies benefit. Reproductive justice is connected to economic opportunity, climate resilience, racial equity and the right to live free from violence. At the same time, we must confront a pressing reality: access to safe abortion remains profoundly unequal. Despite progress in some regions, many women and girls in the Global South continue to face stigma, criminalisation and structural barriers that place their health and lives at risk. Autonomy and safety should never be determined by geography or income because they are fundamental conditions for justice and collective wellbeing.

Throughout the year, our members and partners have worked tirelessly in different contexts and communities. Because of their efforts, people who are often left out of important decisions are now being heard and taken seriously. We are deeply grateful to our staff, partners, and donors whose trust, solidarity and sustained support make this work possible. Your collaboration is a resolute stand for reproductive rights, affirming that dignity, autonomy and justice are not negotiable under any circumstance.



*I want to invite all of us to build strong partnerships across countries and regions, transforming solidarity into practical action through meaningful engagement with our network. When we invest in grassroots leadership and stand alongside those closest to the struggle, we strengthen the very foundations of change. Together, we can influence systems, expand access, and advance reproductive rights where they are most needed.*

**Nur Hidayati Handayani**  
Chair, Board Member

## ***Letter from the Executive Director***

The year 2025 has reaffirmed the power and urgency of feminist collective action in advancing reproductive justice worldwide.

In a global context marked by democratic backsliding, shrinking civic space, and intensified attacks on bodily autonomy, WGNRR has continued to stand as a convening force for grassroots movements, young feminists, and national partners across regions. Our work has centered on amplifying marginalized voices, strengthening cross-movement solidarity, and holding governments accountable to their commitments on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Over the past year, we have deepened our advocacy on safe abortion access, menstrual health and dignity, and the intersections of digital rights and reproductive justice. Through global campaigns, coordinated Days of Action, and strategic engagement with multilateral spaces, WGNRR has ensured that feminist demands remain visible, grounded in lived realities, and shaped by those most affected. We have also invested in movement strengthening—supporting member organisations with tools, political analysis, and platforms to influence policy at national and global levels. Importantly, this year has been about care within movements as much as change beyond them. We have prioritized intergenerational leadership, equitable partnerships, and the well-being of activists working in increasingly hostile environments.

WGNRR's strength lies in its network—diverse, bold, and uncompromising in its commitment to reproductive justice. As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission: to build a world where every person can exercise their reproductive rights with dignity, autonomy, and freedom from discrimination. We hope 2026 will usher in new growth and strengthened solidarity spaces.

WGNRR is not only a network; we are a bridge. The road ahead is complex. Gains are fragile. Opposition is organized. But so are we.



***As Executive Director, I am deeply proud of what this network has built — and even more hopeful for what we will build next. Our collective voice is powerful because it is rooted in lived experience and sustained by solidarity.***

***In solidarity,***

*Debanjana Choudhuri*  
**Debanjana Choudhuri,**  
Executive Director



## Co-Creating Rights-Based Tools: Adolescents' Rights and Responsibilities

Rather than designing tools for young people, we worked with them—creating spaces where legal experts, child rights advocates, and youth leaders could critically reflect, question, and co-create.



On June 3, legal experts and SRHR advocates gathered for a roundtable discussion on the Adolescents' Rights and Responsibilities Fact Sheet. Together, they unpacked a draft legal analysis and consent matrix, examining its alignment with national and international laws, identifying gaps, and exploring advocacy entry points. The conversation laid the groundwork for a rights-based, legally sound resource that could withstand scrutiny while remaining responsive to the realities faced by Filipino adolescents.



During the June 5 consultation, young advocates engaged with legal content on minors' consent under Philippine law. They provided inputs on language, tone, visuals, and key SRHR topics to make the fact sheet more youth-friendly. They also reached consensus on effective formats and distribution strategies, ensuring their feedback directly shaped advocacy tools to advance their rights.

These consultations reaffirm WGNRR's belief that youth voices are not only valuable but essential in shaping the movement for SRHR and justice.

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Alliance of Magnanimous Youth Leaders, Children's Rehabilitation Center, Commission on Human Rights, Dakila MMR, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Filipino Freethinkers, Kaisa Ka, Maguindanao Alliance of Youth Advocates, PANTAY, Partido Manggagawa (PM) Kabataan, Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN), Salinlahi Alliance for Children's Concerns, Save the Children Philippines, Youth for Reproductive Health Awareness (YouRHealth), Young Advocates for SRHR (YAS)

## Engaging Youth in Policy Advocacy

In line with our commitment to engage and capacitate young leaders in advancing adolescent SRHR and justice in the Philippines, WGNRR and partners held “Know the Bills, Shape the Future! – A Youth Briefing on the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancies (PAP) and the Decriminalization of Abortion Bill” on September 30, 2025, at UP Diliman. The briefing fostered meaningful dialogue between young advocates and policymakers, deepening understanding of the policy landscape and key provisions of the PAP and Decriminalization of Abortion Bills.





The event was organized by WGNRR, Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN), Catholics for Reproductive Health (C4RH), Médecins du Monde (Mdm), Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP), Filipino Freethinkers, Young Advocates for SRHR (YAS), Maguindanao Alliance of Youth Advocates (MAYA), and DAKILA Metro Manila-Rizal, with support from the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR).

## Young People in Solidarity for SRHR and Justice

On May 28, young advocates, allies, and partner organizations across the Philippines gathered for the SRHR4All Festival, commemorating the International Day of Action for Women's Health under the 2025 global theme, "In Solidarity We Resist: Our Fight, Our Right!" The celebration embodied collective resistance—merging creativity, advocacy, and participatory action to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice.



Through spoken word performances by Young Advocates for SRHR, flash interviews calling for urgent reforms—including the passage of the SOGIE Equality Bill, menstrual dignity policies, the decriminalization of abortion, and the defense of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)—and a solidarity dance, participants demonstrated shared commitment to reproductive and gender justice.



## Young People Bridging Cultural Traditions

The Maguindanao Alliance of Youth Advocates (MAYA) commemorated May 28 with the support of WGNRR through their initiative, *Syaka among ka Bityala ta sa SRHR*. The gathering created a safe and respectful space for dialogue where participants explored how cultural traditions and community values can coexist with conversations on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice.



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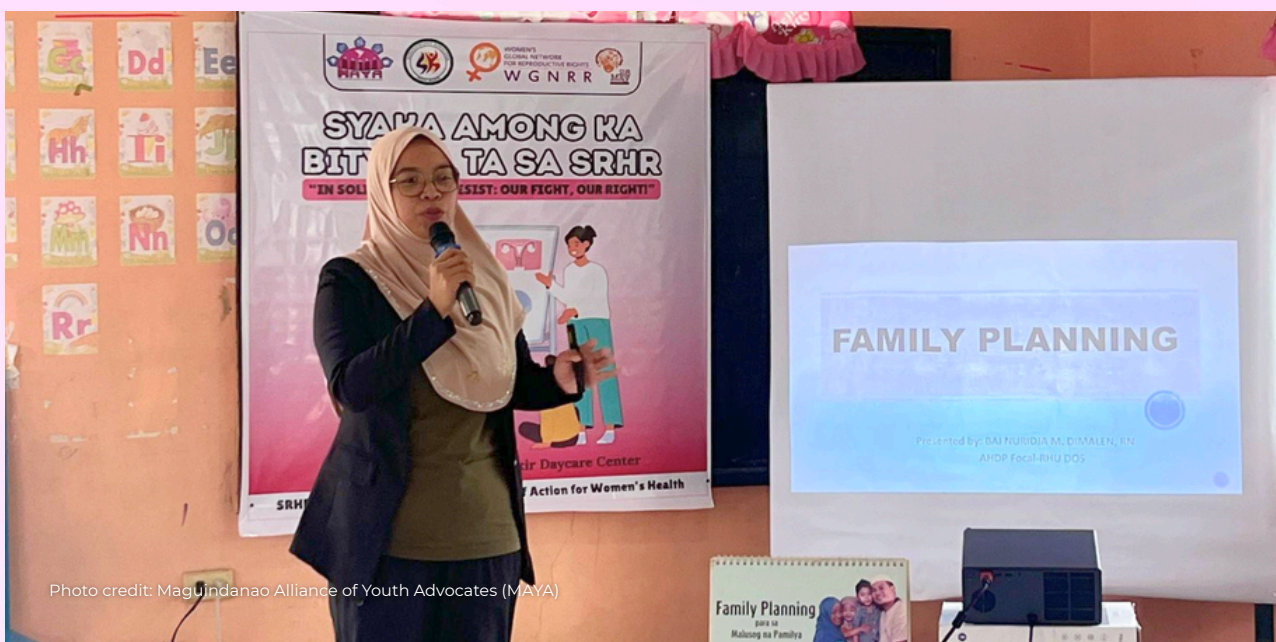


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## People's Access to SRHR Information & Services

On April 28, participants gathered to examine People's Access to SRHR Information and Services, critically assessing barriers that limit equitable access. Activists, researchers, service providers, students, and grassroots organisations identified systemic gaps while also highlighting community-led best practices. The discussion reinforced a central principle: SRHR information and services must be inclusive, accessible, and grounded in diverse lived realities.



## *Policies on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Justice*

The following day, April 29, conversations turned toward Policies on SRHR. Young leaders and advocates unpacked ongoing challenges in implementing comprehensive sexuality education and examined the legal landscape surrounding abortion in the Philippines. The workshop produced clear priority strategies, defined policy targets, and strengthened collaborative pathways for advancing legal and policy reforms.



## Intersectionality of SRHR and Climate Justice

By June 19, the dialogue expanded further—exploring the intersection of SRHR and Climate Justice. Participants underscored that climate change is not separate from reproductive health realities. Integrating SRHR into climate action, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian response was recognized as essential to protecting rights, improving health outcomes, and building resilient and equitable communities.





# Towards Reproductive Justice: Championing Safe and Legal Abortion

Across regions and contexts, the struggle for safe and legal abortion remains central to achieving reproductive justice and advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. In 2025, WGNRR advanced a coordinated global advocacy agenda—strengthening health systems in Benin and pushing forward abortion decriminalization efforts in the Philippines—while championing safe and legal abortion as a fundamental human right. Through strategic convenings, high-level dialogues, policy consultations, and movement-building initiatives, we strengthened partnerships, influenced policy debates, and amplified feminist leadership, linking grassroots action with institutional reform to drive sustainable change worldwide.



# ***KALEIDOSCOPE***

## *RECLAIMING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (SRHRJ)*

WGNRR is part of the Kaleidoscope Initiative, a transnational Global South feminist collective advancing access to safe abortion through health systems strengthening. The consortium—composed of the Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women, Global Fund for Women, Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights, and the Mobilizing Activists around Medical Abortion Network—works with country partners in India, Nepal, Benin, and Kenya to promote rights-based access to sexual and reproductive health and rights and justice (SRHRJ), with a particular focus on comprehensive abortion care.

Through collaboration with civil society, governments, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders, Kaleidoscope works to ensure that the priorities and leadership of women and girls are reflected in policies, laws, and health systems that shape access to safe abortion services and information. Guided by four core strategies—movement strengthening, capacity building, linking and learning, and mobilizing for influence—the initiative advances evidence-based advocacy and strengthens accountability in health systems.

Over the next five years, WGNRR will focus its work in Benin, partnering with national organizations to strengthen health systems, expand access to comprehensive abortion and post-abortion care, and advance feminist, rights-based approaches to reproductive health.

In 2025, WGNRR deepened its commitment to advancing safe and legal abortion through Kaleidoscope Initiative. Grounded in solidarity and shared leadership, the initiative seeks to expand access to safe abortion services through sustained health systems strengthening and rights-based advocacy.

From April 1–5, 2025, consortium members and country partners convened in Nepal, co-hosted with the Family Welfare Division of the Government of Nepal, to officially launch the Kaleidoscope Initiative. The gathering served as a strategic space to co-create plans, finalize country-level actions, and reaffirm a collective vision for advancing safe abortion within broader SRHR and justice frameworks.



Building Momentum in Benin, from July 26–31, 2025, WGNRR convened partners and advocates to deepen collaboration and amplify advocacy on safe abortion. The visit began with a Feminist Brunch organized by ODAS Centre in Cotonou, gathering more than 30 feminist organizations to center self-care as a political act and a pillar of activism. Conversations highlighted movement building, feminist learning, and co-creation of campaigns focused on safe abortion and strengthening public health systems.



On July 29, WGNRR, together with the Coalition des Jeunes pour l'Avortement Sécurisé (COJAS-Bénin) and the Collège National des Gynécologues Obstétriciens du Bénin (CNGOB), officially launched the Kaleidoscope Initiative in Benin through a Regional Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue. Government leaders, civil society actors, health providers, donors, and community representatives identified systemic barriers and co-created pathways toward meaningful health system change.



“We are meeting in a spirit of collaboration aimed at strengthening health systems in implementing countries.”

**Regina AHO,**  
*Coordinator of the Kaleidoscope Initiative at COJAS-Benin*





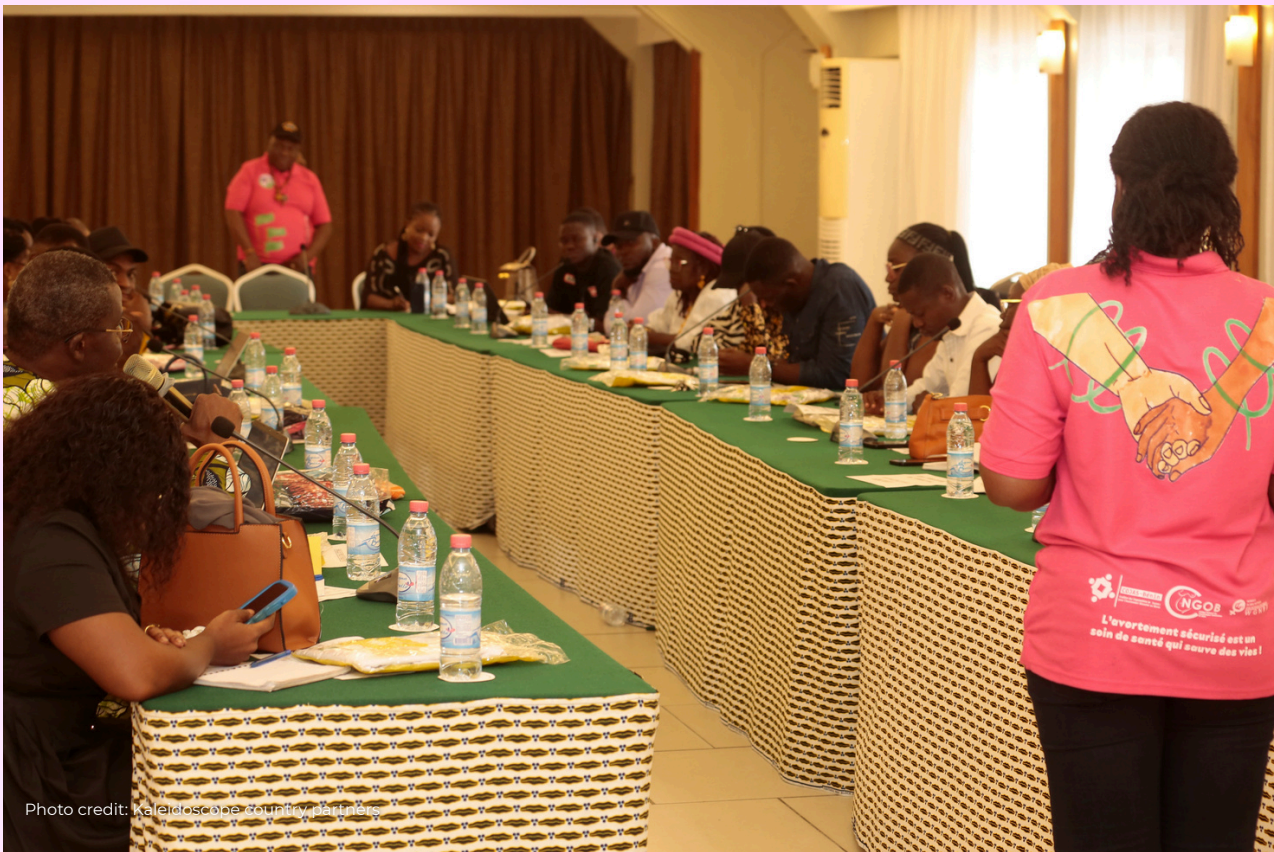
High-level advocacy marked a significant milestone. Meetings with Huguette Bokpe Gnacadja, President of the Institute of Women, and with Mariam Chabi Talata, Vice President of Benin, secured government interest and opened discussions on potential 2026 budget allocations under the Ministry of Health. These engagements signaled growing political will to invest in reproductive justice and strengthen collaboration between state and movement actors.



The week concluded with a strategic alignment meeting among WGNRR, Global Fund for Women, and the Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), hosted at the COJAS-Bénin office. Partners reviewed the roadmap, assessed government and departmental support, and reinforced coordinated action to advance comprehensive abortion care.



In commemoration of International Safe Abortion Day in September, Kaleidoscope country partners, including the Collège National des Gynécologues Obstétriciens du Bénin (CNGOB), the Coalition des Jeunes pour l'Avortement Sécurisé (COJAS), and WGNRR, organized community and institutional engagement activities in Benin, convening 30 key stakeholders from the Ministry of Health and civil society. These dialogues amplified advocacy for safe abortion, strengthened feminist solidarity, and reinforced multi-stakeholder commitment to advancing access to safe abortion while bolstering health systems and protecting reproductive rights nationwide.



The year culminated on December 6, 2025, with the Kaleidoscope Collective's annual review and planning meeting. Partners reflected on persistent health system gaps and adopted four guiding strategies for 2026: movement strengthening, capacity building, linking and learning, and mobilizing for influence—laying the groundwork for coordinated, sustained impact.



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## Advancing Transformative Post-Abortion Care (PAC) Policy in the Philippines

In February 2025, WGNRR, together with Catholics for RH (C4RH), Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN) and WomanHealth Philippines, convened a multi-sectoral consultation to review the current Post-Abortion Care (PAC) policy, AO 2018-000, and identify actionable recommendations for strengthening reproductive healthcare in the Philippines. The event brought together civil society organizations, government agencies, healthcare providers, and community leaders to collaboratively examine persistent barriers in accessibility, implementation, and monitoring.



# POST-ABORTION CARE IS ESSENTIAL!



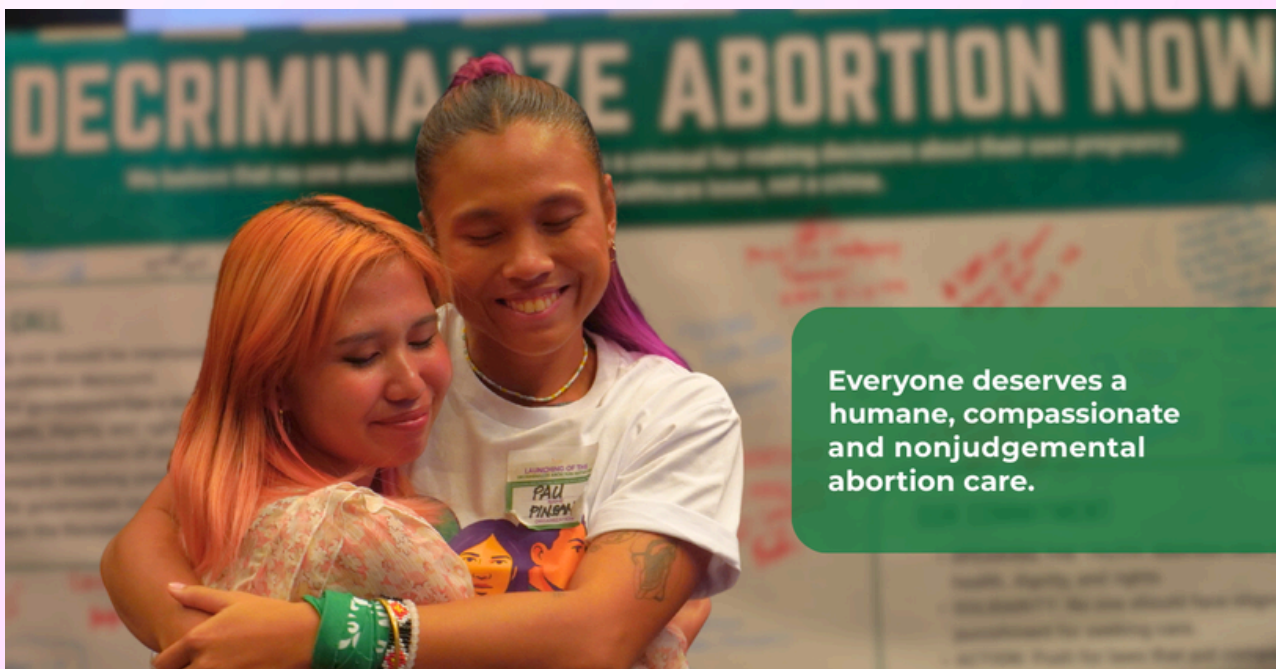
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## Strengthening Women's Reproductive Healthcare: A Policy Brief Review and Recommendation Following Multi-sectoral Consultations on Humane, Non-Judgmental and Compassionate Post-Abortion Care

The recommendations presented in this policy brief were developed through an extensive and collaborative consultation process involving stakeholders from multiple sectors.

## Advocating for the Decriminalization of Abortion in the Philippines

The fight to decriminalize abortion in the Philippines remains urgent, as legal restrictions continue to endanger the health, autonomy, and rights of women and pregnant people. In 2025, WGNRR deepened its commitment to this struggle by fostering collaboration, strengthening knowledge, and amplifying the voices of advocates, experts, and communities. This year's initiatives reflect a strategic, multi-pronged approach—combining legal, policy, and movement-building efforts—to challenge barriers, shift narratives, and lay the foundation for meaningful reform.



On June 9, WGNRR joined PINSAN, legal scholars, human rights lawyers, policy experts, and legislative drafters in reviewing and strengthening the proposed Abortion Decriminalization Bill. Participants aligned the draft with constitutional and human rights standards, addressed strategies to navigate cultural and religious opposition, and prepared recommendations for a more robust legislative submission.



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On June 30, a multisectoral dialogue brought together legal and medical experts, youth advocates, women’s organizations, and health activists to advance abortion decriminalization efforts in the Philippines. Participants reflected on the draft Decriminalization of Abortion Bill and strengthened collective, rights-based messaging on bodily autonomy. A participatory workshop addressing common anti-abortion arguments equipped advocates with practical tools for informed and respectful engagement in support of reproductive justice.



The movement for reproductive justice reached a major milestone on September 29, 2025 with the official launch of the Decriminalize Abortion Network (DAN) in the Philippines, co-organized by WGNRR as part of the PINSAN steering committee. Held in conjunction with September 28 International Safe Abortion Day, the event brought together civil society organizations to adopt a shared Basis of Unity, affirming their commitment to advancing abortion rights.



# RED INK FOR LETTER AND LIBERATION

Reshaping menstrual narratives of menstruators

Sine Pop, 14 St Mary, Quezon City, Metro Manila

May 28, 2025 | 8:30AM to 12:00NN



## Championing Menstrual Health and Dignity

WGNRR continues to champion Menstrual Health and Dignity (MHD) as a core component of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice in the Philippines. Through national advocacy, multi-sectoral collaborations, and public engagement, the organization works to raise awareness, transform narratives, and influence policy, ensuring that menstruators' experiences, needs, and rights are recognized and addressed. This year, WGNRR's initiatives spanned awareness campaigns, participatory learning sessions, and policy-focused consultations, creating spaces for dialogue, reflection, and action toward equitable menstrual health for all.



# SANG POUR SANG

## DIGNIFIED MENSTRUAL HEALTH: A KEY STEP TOWARDS REALISING SRHR FOR ALL

“Dignified Menstrual Health: A Key Step Towards Realising SRHR for All” is a project under *Sang Pour Sang (SPS)*, led by WGNRR in the Philippines with the support of Fòs Feminista and the French Development Agency (AFD). The initiative advances menstrual health and dignity as a critical component of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Through coordinated national efforts with partners across the country, WGNRR works to strengthen policies on Menstrual Health and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), while reframing menstruation as a matter of rights, equity, and justice.

At the core of SPS is a commitment to transforming harmful social norms and dismantling stigma surrounding menstruation. Through workshops, bootcamps, consultations, and both online and offline campaigns, WGNRR creates inclusive spaces where menstruators learn about their rights, non-menstruators are engaged to challenge misinformation and myths, and advocates build confidence and skills to lobby for dignified access to menstrual health. These efforts move menstruation from silence and shame into public discourse and collective action.

Beyond awareness-building, SPS advances sustained advocacy and policy engagement. WGNRR collaborates with lawmakers, influencers, activists, institutions, and media practitioners to mainstream menstrual health and CSE within broader SRHR conversations. Through panel discussions, webinars, and strategic dialogues, the initiative strengthens public support, informs legislative processes, and reinforces the call for inclusive, rights-based policies that guarantee dignified menstrual health for all.

## Shifting Narratives Through Education

Our efforts began with “Red Ink for Letter and Liberation”, held in commemoration of Menstrual Health Day on May 28. The event created a bold and affirming space for menstruators’ voices—highlighting the experiences of Indigenous communities, the barriers faced in schools and workplaces, and urgent policy conversations around menstrual products and menstrual leave.



Building on these conversations, we convened “Red Thread: Transforming Narratives of Menstruators” in July 19, in partnership with Wagayway Equality. Through creative and participatory learning sessions, young people, gender-diverse individuals, menstruators, and allies from Batangas and neighboring provinces reflected on personal beliefs and societal stigma, reshaping how menstruation is understood and discussed.



## Influencing Policy for Menstrual Justice

By September, our work moved from dialogue to direct policy engagement. “From Vision to Legislation: Policy Advocacy for Menstrual Dignity”, organized with the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP) and supported by Fòs Feminista and the French Development Agency (AFD) under the *Sang Pour Sang Project*, brought together advocates and policymakers to strategize on advancing menstrual-inclusive legislation. Civil society leaders and women’s rights champions collaborated to strengthen pathways toward dignified, equitable access to menstrual health.





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**Kailangan natin lagyan ng lente.** *(We need to put things into perspective.)* **Kung ikaw ay nakakalakad or wala ka sa wheelchair, paano pa kaya sa taong may kapansanan.** *(If you can walk or you're not in a wheelchair, imagine what it's like for a person with a disability.)* **'Yong mga blind, deaf, at 'yong naka-wheelchair at 'yong mga may kapansanan sa pag-iisip.** *(Those who are blind, deaf, use a wheelchair, or have intellectual disabilities.)* **We also need to talk to mothers who are caring for children with disabilities na menstruators. Kailangan natin 'tong pag-usapan.** *(We need to talk about this.)*

**Adelaine**

*Women With Disabilities Leap to Social and Economic Progress (WOWLEAP)*





# Engaging in Feminist and Human Rights Mechanisms Within Global Advocacy Spaces

In 2025, WGNRR strengthened its presence in global feminist and human rights spaces, amplifying advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and reinforcing solidarity across movements. Through strategic participation in international convenings, we engaged policymakers, activists, and civil society leaders to exchange strategies, elevate Global South perspectives, and hold governments accountable to their human rights obligations. These global platforms enabled WGNRR to bridge grassroots realities with high-level policy discussions—ensuring that sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice remain central to global health and gender equality agendas.

## 69th Commission on the Status of Women

At the 69th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), WGNRR participated in high-level dialogues on SRHR and gender equality, while co-convening and contributing to critical side events that advanced intersectional feminist advocacy. These engagements strengthened alliances with feminist movements worldwide and reaffirmed our commitment to influencing global policy processes.



## World Health Summit 2025

In April, WGNRR joined global leaders and advocates at the World Health Summit for the session “Reimagining Access: Advancing Safe Abortion through Technology,” hosted by CommonHealth and SAIGE (ARROW). The discussion explored both the promise and risks of digital technologies in expanding access to safe abortion services, emphasizing context-specific, rights-based approaches to innovation. WGNRR’s participation underscored the importance of harnessing technology responsibly to advance reproductive justice.



## SAIGE Convention 2025

WGNRR and WGNRR Africa also participated in the Safe Abortion Advocacy Initiative - A Global South Engagement (SAIGE) Convention 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, under the theme “Reclaiming the Right to Safe Abortion – Reproductive Justice for All.” We facilitated an interactive session, “Journey to Reproductive Justice: A Collective Adventure,” using activism and storytelling to examine barriers within the abortion rights ecosystem and co-create a shared vision for collective action. The Convention further deepened collaboration with Kaleidoscope partners and strengthened transnational solidarity.



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# International Conference on Family Planning

Later in the year, WGNRR participated in ICFP 2025 in Bogotá, Colombia, from November 3–6, contributing through a poster presentation on the SRHR4AL Dialogue, and participation in panel discussions on the “Decriminalization of SRHR an Equity Issue for Adolescents In Asia”. Throughout the conference, WGNRR joined learning sessions and shared strategies and stories grounded in Global South realities, while connecting with advocates, partners, and allies from around the world.



At the ICFP, WGNRR also brought the power of activism to the global stage through the ICFP Live Stage session *“Artivism: Expression of Angst in Turbulent Times,”* where creative expression and advocacy came together to highlight the role of art in advancing SRHR and justice. The session featured a spoken word performance of the original piece *“Call Me By My Name”* by WGNRR Communications and Campaigns Officer Mariel “Mavi” Nerviol, reflecting on the experiences of women and gender-diverse individuals who have long been labeled in ways that perpetuate stigma, discrimination, and violence, while reclaiming identity, bodily autonomy, and dignity. This was followed by an interpretative dance by Cromwell Cruz, Chairperson of Young Advocates for SRHR (YAS), performed to *“XX (Double Ekis),”* a song from Pasya, an album advocating for abortion decriminalization in the Philippines. The performances were followed by a fireside conversation on the role of activism in activism, exploring how creative expression can strengthen advocacy and build solidarity across movements.



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performance



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# Learning Across Borders and Building Solidarity for Reproductive Justice

In 2025, WGNRR deepened its commitment to cross-movement learning and collective strengthening—recognizing that reproductive justice advances when advocates exchange strategies, challenge assumptions, and build trust across borders. Through regional dialogues, partner exchanges, capacity-building initiatives, and community-based trainings, we nurtured a shared ecosystem of knowledge, solidarity, and action that continues to energize the movement for safe and legal abortion.

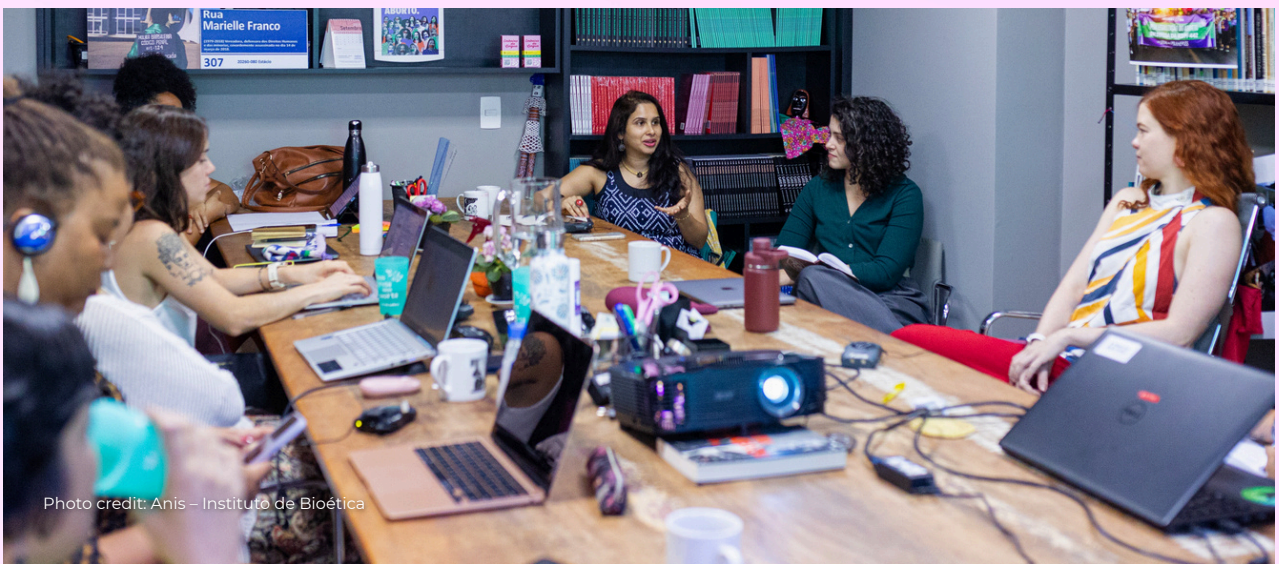
## Transnational Learning and Sharing of Strategy

This spirit of exchange was evident in a learning dialogue on Colombia's historic abortion decriminalization victory. During a film screening and discussion on the Causa Justa campaign, advocates reflected on lessons from Colombia's feminist movement and explored how those strategies could inform advocacy in the Philippines. The exchange—organized with Médecins du Monde, PINSAN, and La Mesa por la Vida y la Salud de las Mujeres—created space to translate global victories into locally grounded strategies.



## Partner-to-Partner Exchange

Movement strengthening continued through a Partner-to-Partner Exchange in Brasília, Brazil, organized by the Fòs Feminista Alliance and hosted by Anis – Instituto de Bioética. The gathering brought together organizations defending women’s and girls’ human rights to share approaches on strategic litigation, reproductive justice narratives, and evidence-based advocacy. These conversations reaffirmed the power of intersectional, community-led strategies in resisting anti-rights movements and amplifying marginalized voices.



## Values Clarification for Action & Transformation

At the national level, WGNRR co-organized a Values Clarification for Action and Transformation (VCAT) Training of Facilitators with PINSAN and Catholics for Reproductive Health (C4RH) from May 31 to June 2, bringing together 20 advocates from diverse organizations. Building on this, throughout 2025 WGNRR facilitated additional VCAT sessions in the communities, reaching around 60 participants from various organizations, regions, and backgrounds.

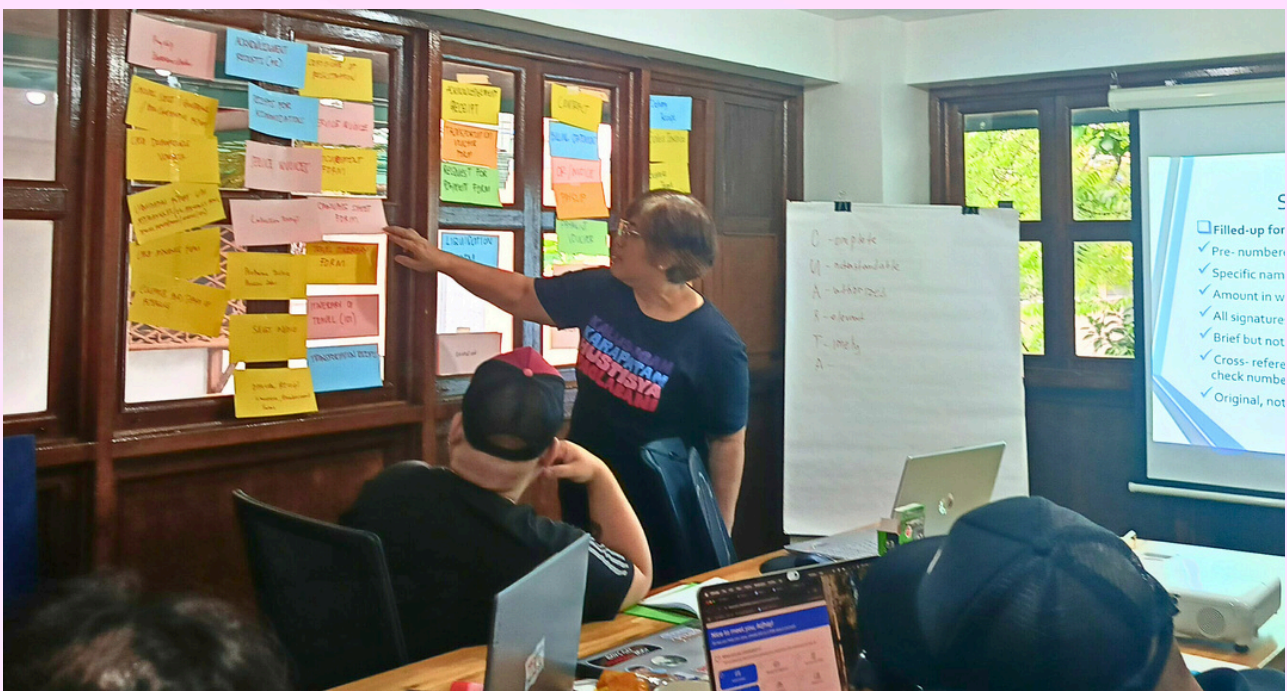


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## Financial Management Training for SPS Partners

Recognizing that strong advocacy requires strong institutions, WGNRR provided Financial Management Training for partner organizations: Alliance of Magnanimous Youth Leaders, Pioneer Filipino Trans Men, and Caloocan Young Leaders Initiative. Standing as fiscal host for the Sang Pour Sang project, the training aimed to strengthen practical financial management skills and respond to the day-to-day financial realities of organizations.





## SPOTLIGHT

# Strategic Communications and Campaigns for SRHR

WGNRR's campaigns and communications efforts are rooted in the urgent and evolving demands for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice worldwide. Through coordinated advocacy, strategic messaging, and global solidarity actions, we amplify movement voices, challenge regressive narratives, and mobilize collective action to influence policy, shift public discourse, and hold decision-makers accountable. Our campaigns serve as a powerful bridge between grassroots realities and global advocacy spaces—ensuring that SRHR remains central to conversations on human rights, health equity, and social justice.

## Defending Comprehensive Sexuality Education

As disinformation and fear-mongering escalated in the Philippines, anti-rights groups launched a dangerous campaign to derail the passage of a critical piece of legislation—Senate Bill 1979, or the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Bill. This bill aimed to address the alarming rise in teenage pregnancies across the country, a national social emergency that demanded immediate action. In the face of harmful narratives and organized attacks, rights-based organizations, including the WGNRR, remained resolute. We did not back down.



On February 5, 2025, the final day of the 19th Congress before the midterm election, the Defend CSE coalition—composed of civil society, women's rights organizations, and youth-led groups including WGNRR and partners—staged a powerful demonstration of resistance and solidarity. It was a clear declaration that we would continue to fight for every young person's right to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) that is medically accurate, age-appropriate, and culturally sensitive.

The streets of Manila echoed with powerful calls for change as over 500 advocates marched with creative placards, danced, and moved in rhythm with the beat of drums and music, transforming the mobilization into a vibrant and empowering display of unity.





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## WGNRR Calls For Urgent Passage of Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Bill

“Adolescent pregnancy remains a pressing human rights issue. For a young girl, an unintended pregnancy could mean stopping school and taking on responsibilities they should not have to bear at such a young age.”

*An excerpt from WGNRR Statement*

## Global Day to Destigmatize Abortion

In April, as part of WGNRR's Women's Month campaign and our commitment to the Global Day of Action to Destigmatize Abortion, we convened a powerful moment of cross-border solidarity. The online panel discussion, *Strength in Solidarity: Sharing Strategies for Decriminalizing Abortion in the Global South*, brought together more than 70 advocates, experts, and allies from across the Global South in a shared space of learning and strategy-building. Organized by WGNRR and co-hosted by inroads, in partnership with Anis Institute of Bioethics, ARROW, SAIGE, PINSAN, Filipino Freethinkers, WGNRR Africa, and Women on Web—with support from Safe Abortion Action Fund—the dialogue strengthened collective resolve to advance safe, legal, and stigma-free abortion.

An Online Panel Discussion

### Strength in Solidarity Sharing Strategies for Decriminalizing Abortion in the Global South

April 09, 2025 | 8:00 PM UTC+8



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*Most of the time when you look at the African context, sometimes the grassroots voice is missing in all advocacy spaces. We connect those working at the grassroots level to those working at the national levels so that the reality from the grassroots level can inform national and regional advocacy. **Together, we can address the issues or the barriers that hinder access to safer positioning.***

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WGNRR AFRICA

## Reclaiming Power: Strength in Solidarity for SRHR and Justice Women's Month Campaign

In 2025, as anti-rights narratives intensified and progressive SRHR policies faced renewed attacks, WGNRR stood firmly alongside feminist movements and social justice advocates across the globe. Through our Women's Month campaign, "Reclaiming Power: Strength in Solidarity for SRHR and Justice", we reclaimed what has always been ours: our voices, our bodies, and our right to live free from coercion, violence, and discrimination.



Beyond conference rooms and panels, we brought SRHR into public spaces. At the She Slays 2025: Girlcoded Convention in One Ayala, in partnership with The Philippine Star, our booth became a vibrant hub of learning and engagement. Through interactive games and open conversations, mall-goers, young advocates, and allies explored SRHR in ways that were accessible, dynamic, and empowering. Many expressed their solidarity not only in words but in action, contributing to sustain the movement.



The month culminated in an evening that embodied the spirit of the campaign: *Pasya Ko, Kapangyarihan! A Celebration of Stories of Power*. More than 50 advocates and allies gathered in a space where art, music, and activism intertwined. Through art workshops, shared testimonies, and acoustic performances from the Pasya music album, resistance found rhythm and color. Organized alongside Filipino Freethinkers and the Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN), in partnership with Young Advocates for SRHR and DAKILA, the gathering reminded us that movements are sustained not only by strategy—but by stories, creativity, and collective care.



## May 28 - International Day of Action for Women's Health

For nearly 40 years, May 28 has been a global day of action dedicated to raising awareness and demanding policies, services, and resources that uphold women's and gender-diverse people's right to health. Each year, the movement mobilizes around a unifying theme to reflect the current challenges and opportunities in advancing SRHR and reproductive justice.



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May 28 - International Day of Action for Women's Health

## "IN SOLIDARITY WE RESIST: OUR FIGHT, OUR RIGHT!"



The 2025 May 28 theme, **"In Solidarity We Resist: Our Fight, Our Right!"** captured the urgency and strength of collective resistance against a growing global backlash on SRHR and justice, fueled by well-funded anti-rights actors. Across regions, WGNRR and campaign partners mobilized communities, organized events, occupied digital spaces, engaged in activism, and amplified personal stories to raise awareness, foster solidarity, and demand meaningful change.

## May 28 in Numbers: A Snapshot of Our Impact



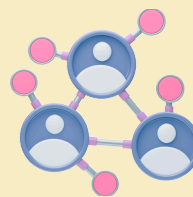
**+65 million**  
reach across platforms



**+55,000**  
online mentions



**Over 50**  
countries reached



**Over 80**  
organizations taking action

## September 28 - International Safe Abortion Day

WGNRR and its campaign partners lead the call every September 28, marking it as International Safe Abortion Day, where activists and allies collectively demand safe, legal, and stigma-free abortion care for all women, girls, and gender-diverse people. This day serves as a reminder that access to abortion is a fundamental human right and a healthcare. Activists around the world mobilize, educate, and challenge restrictive laws and policies, pushing for a future where abortion is decriminalized, stigma-free, and available to all who need it.



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# SEPTEMBER 28

## INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY

**“Safe Abortion is Life-saving Healthcare!”**



The theme for this year’s campaign, **“Safe Abortion is Life-Saving Healthcare!”** underscored that access to safe and comprehensive abortion care is both a critical component of reproductive healthcare and a fundamental human right. The campaign highlighted the urgent need to prioritize SRHR and justice—including safe abortion—within global health and development agendas as an essential pillar of gender equality and sustainable development. In 2025, our initiatives reached millions, blending engaging online content with dynamic offline activities, demonstrating that abortion solidarity is more important than ever.

## September 28 by the Numbers: Our Collective Impact



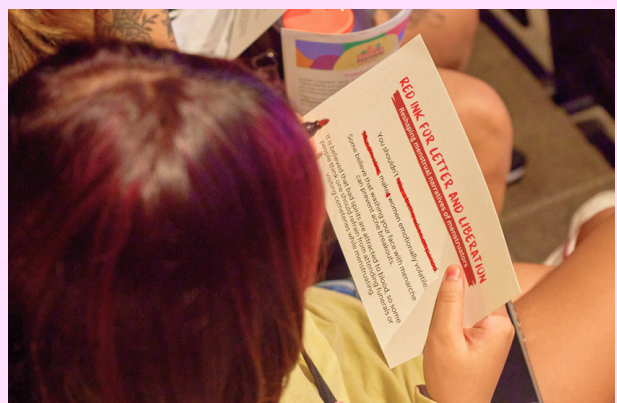
## Artivism: Creative Resistance for SRHR and Justice

Artivism, the use of art to advance advocacy, remains a strategic approach of WGNRR to convey messages, spark dialogue, and mobilize action on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and justice.



In 2025, initiatives like *Pasya Ko, Kapangyarihan! – A Celebration of Stories of Power* during Women's Month created nights of solidarity where art, music, and activism converged through performances and collective reflection.

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To transform narratives on dignified menstruation, workshops featured red ink poetry inspired by black-out poetry and creative bracelet-making for self-expression and empowerment.

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Advocating for bodily autonomy, decriminalization of abortion, and policy change, WGNRR co-organized film screenings like *Sunshine*, where participants, advocates, duty bearers, and youth engaged deeply with issues affecting their bodies and rights.

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The May 28 campaign also incorporated activism through mask-making workshops, spoken word performance, solidarity dance, gamified Equality Feud, and interactive period pop quizzes to mobilize collective action.

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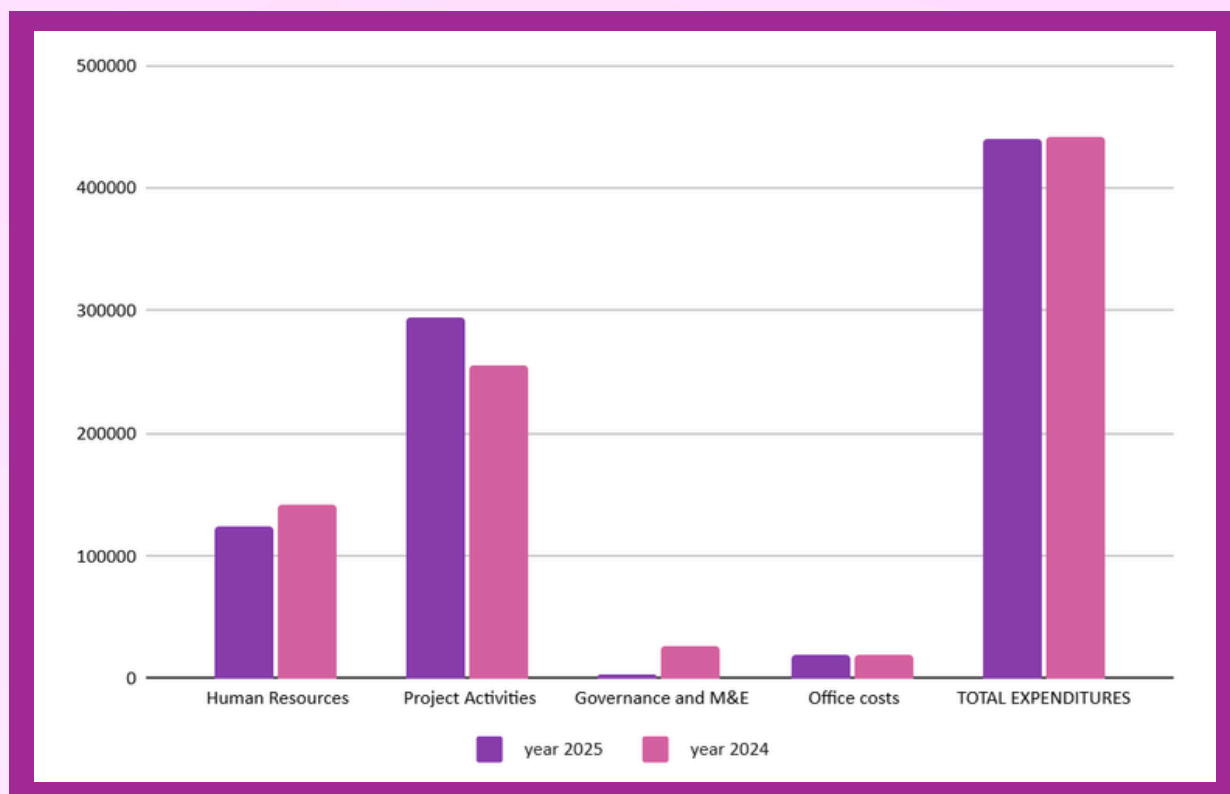


# Financial Report 2025

<b>Consolidated Schedule of Sources of Funds and Disbursements for 2025 and 2024</b>		
	<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>Year 2024</b>
OPERATING FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	\$298,871.00	\$279,498.94
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>		
Total Grants received	\$496,351.69	\$420,536.15
Donations and Contributions	\$17,976.32	\$24,624.48
Other Sources	\$1,377.35	\$15,826.43
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$515,705.36</b>	<b>\$460,987.06</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$814,576.17</b>	<b>\$740,486.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Human Resources	\$124,507.98	\$141,352.38
Project Activities	\$294,086.99	\$255,060.83
Governance and M&E	\$2,796.40	\$26,302.45
Office costs	\$19,223.61	\$18,899.52
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$440,614.98</b>	<b>\$441,615.19</b>
<b>OPERATING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$373,961.20</b>	<b>\$298,870.81</b>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	\$2,929.43	\$4,884.23
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$376,890.63</b>	<b>\$303,755.05</b>

## WGNRR Comparative Expenditures for Years 2025 and 2024 in US Dollars

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As attacks on sexual and reproductive health, and rights (SRHR) and justice intensify, **urgent support is needed to sustain and strengthen our resistance.**

For 40 years, WGNRR has mobilized communities, led transformative campaigns, and fought for policies that uphold SRHR and Justice—but we can't do it alone.

Now is the time to act. Fuel this movement. Strengthen the fight. **Partner with us to protect and advance SRHR and Justice for all. #ActInSolidarity4SRHR**



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