

Building healthier futures: why comprehensive sexual and reproductive health matters.

- *Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are essential to achieving the right to health and are a cornerstone for sustainable development, economic prosperity and peace.*
- *Amidst multiple, interlinked global crises, protecting and promoting comprehensive SRHR across the life course plays a crucial role in building population resilience at individual, community, sub-national and national levels.*
- *Even in the most challenging environments, governments can prioritize sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in ways that promote rights, progressing steadily towards realization.*



Future-oriented approaches to SRHR include:

- Centering intersectionality, inclusivity and the universality of human rights in sexual and reproductive health programs and policies to address the **needs of the most marginalized populations**;
- Anticipating and preparing to respond to SRHR needs in **humanitarian and health crisis** settings;
- **Strengthening health systems through primary health care** and effectively integrating SRH services in ways that are informed by implementation research;
- Harnessing the potential of **new technologies and commodities** while mitigating the risks they pose; and
- Cultivating **multisectoral collaboration**, building new alliances and revitalizing existing partnerships for stronger, collective action.

SRHR needs are usually relational & evolve over the life course. Experiences and impact are cumulative over time.

