

WOMEN'S GLOBAL NETWORK FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS



40 years of Advancing and Defending SRHR4ALL



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Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) stands firm in its approach to increasing access to SRHR across all gender diversities. The road often is tough and riled with challenges, but with support from our network of partners and allies in 2024 we were able to make a significant impact in communities across Asia and Africa. For 40 years, WGNRR has been walking on a path deeply rooted in feminist principles and rightsbased action; and in the future, it will continue to do so.

WGNRR is made by its people, passionate colleagues; brilliant partners, and activists, uniting together for solidarity action. The need for solidarity is needed more now than ever. With systemic oppression, growing backlash on human rights, curbed funding for civil society, and shrinking space for dissent; it is crucial that we continue with our fight for equity and equality.

In 2024 we boldly voiced for safe abortion rights, rallied behind human rights defenders, encouraged and fueled youth leadership, widened spaces for young and adolescent voices, and we celebrated our 40 years of rich and impassioned feminist ideologies!

2024 has been an exciting and inspiring year for all of us. We expanded to new geographies; we engaged in various human rights mechanisms, and we informed our internal and external strategies.

As we move to 2025, a year of uncertainties owing to global changes, and excessive attacks on gender rights, sexual health and reproductive rights, we will be relentless in our pursuit of justice!

Changena Choudhurs Debaniana Choudhuri, Executive Director

40 YEARS OF TAKING ACTION FOR #SRHR4ALL



For the past 40 years, WGNRR has been at the forefront of mobilizing and advocating for sexual and reproductive health, rights (SRHR), and justice.

Grounded in a feminist, rights-based, and justice framework, our work responds to the realities and demands of the most economically, politically, and socially marginalized communities of women and girls.

Throughout its four-decade journey, WGNRR has connected members, partners, and allies through critical analysis and strategic action. We have built knowledge, led campaigns, and shared resources to strengthen national and regional SRHR networks. Our unwavering commitment has ensured that all women and girls can exercise their right to make free and informed decisions regarding their SRHR.

2024 marks a significant milestone as we celebrate 40 years of collective action, advocacy, and achievements in advancing SRHR globally.

WGNRR'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On September 23, 2024, WGNRR's 40th Anniversary Gala took place at 1898 Hotel Colonia En Las Filipinas, Makati, Philippines, honoring four decades of advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights. The event gathered partners, allies, and supporters for an evening of solidarity, celebration, and reflection, with attendees wearing semi-formal or regional attire to highlight the movement's diversity and commitment to inclusivity.

Partners from the Philippines and across the globe shared their messages and aspirations for WGNRR's future. The evening was enriched with cultural performances, where guests and the WGNRR team sang, danced, and shared food and drinks, fostering unity and camaraderie.

Beyond a celebration, the Gala served as a vital platform to strengthen alliances, reflect on decades of feminist activism, and build on lessons learned. As we collectively envision the future of SRHR, the event reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing the rights and dignity of women and girls in all their diversity.



WGNRR was formed 40 years from the fire and the fire still runs strong and wild amongst feminists. There is a need for organisations like WGNRR that are able to work boldly, say the things that others are not saying..

Kathy Mulville, Former Executive Director and Board Member

Together, we will continue to drive WGNRR missions with compassion, courage and strong commitment to justice.

Nur Hidayati Handayani, Chair, WGNRR Board of Trustees

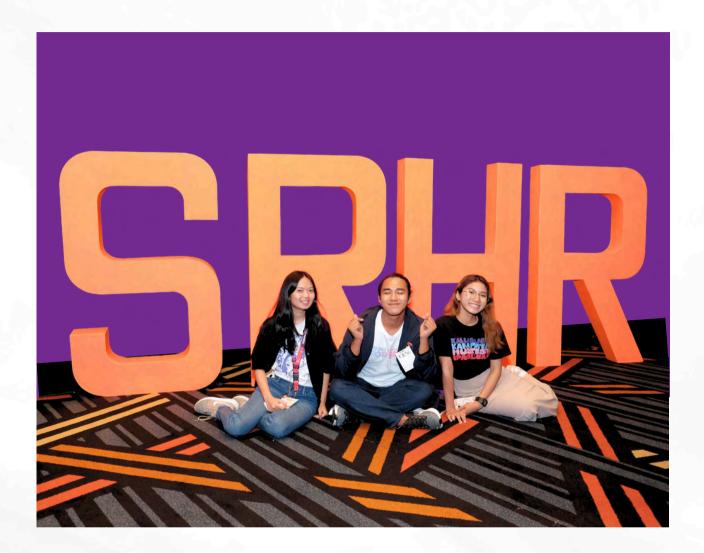


Photos from the WGNRR's 40th Anniversary Gala



Scan the QR code to access WGNRR's 40th Year Report

YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT OF SRHR AND JUSTICE



WGNRR remains committed to ensuring that young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are recognized as fundamental human rights.

Across the Global South, young people face cultural, social, economic, and political barriers that hinder their access to SRHR services and information. To address these challenges, WGNRR continues to strengthen youth leadership, amplify young people's voices, and support youth-led initiatives advocating for bodily autonomy and reproductive justice. Recognizing that young people are key contributors and powerful agents of change, they should not only be consulted but also be at the forefront of SRHR, which means being actively included in decision-making and implementation processes.

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WGNRR fundamentally championed the role of youth, recognizing us as active actors within the system and vital participants in decision-making processes, especially in the field of SRHR and justice.

Kathleen Isaac, Young Advocates for SRHR

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Participating in WGNRR's projects broadened my perspective on social issues, especially on SRHR, and deepened my understanding of the challenges faced by Bangsamoro youth, young women, and all Filipinos. It strengthened my commitment to justice by revealing how interconnected and systemic these inequalities are, and it pushed me to step up as a youth leader.

Farhana Tala Ganoy, Maguindanao Alliance of Youth Advocates

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WGNRR also supported the SRHR Dialogue led by the Generation Changemakers. For instance, YAS took action on menstrual health and hygiene management, particularly among marginalized groups. In April 2024, they consulted with elders and leaders of the indigenous Aeta Mag-Antsi community in Sitio Sta. Rosa, Tarlac, to develop educational materials on menstrual health. By May, they had conducted a dialogue session, providing menstrual health education and gathering insights on the health-related challenges and needs of Aeta women and girls. This initiative not only raised awareness but also strengthened demand for SRHR services within the community.



Similarly, Salinlahi facilitated a dialogue titled "Empowering Conversations: Identifying the Gaps in SRHR Dialogue Among the Youth," which took place on May 19, 2024. Attended by 32 participants aged 13 to 17 from six communitybased organizations, the session explored the barriers young people face in accessing SRHR information and services. The discussions reinforced the importance of providing youth-led organizations with the necessary resources and platforms to advocate for their rights.







Photos from the pocket Dialogues conducted by local partner organizations in the Philippines.

The Power in Our Choice

ADVANCING RIGHT TO SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION



At WGNRR, we are unwavering in our commitment to strengthening the capacity of grassroots organizations to advocate for safe and legal abortion.

We defend existing legislation, challenge restrictive laws, oppose harmful stigma and discrimination, and continue our advocacy for the decriminalization of abortion. From the Philippines to the Global South and beyond, WGNRR's efforts amplify the voices of those most affected, ensuring the right to safe, and legal abortion is recognized as fundamental to reproductive justice and human rights.

Since the establishment of the Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN) in 2016, we have expanded our work across regions, building momentum through campaigns and supporting local partners in their tireless efforts to shift cultural and legal barriers to safe abortion access.

VCAT FELLOWSHIP FOR ADVOCATES OF ABORTION RIGHTS



In March 2024, we launched the Values Clarification for Action and Transformation (VCAT) Fellowship, a transformative initiative aimed at empowering a new generation of advocates for SRHR and abortion rights in the Philippines. The fellowship empowers 11 advocates to lead and champion the movement for the decriminalization of abortion through values clarification and attitude transformation.

Together with Ipas Indonesia, we held the first phase of the fellowship, the Training of Trainers, which was focused on building skills and strategies for non-stigmatizing communication, advocacy, and measurement tools to ensure effective leadership. Our participants, trained as leaders in the VCAT approach, will go on to support local movements and drive meaningful change on the ground.







Photos from the VCAT Training of Trainers

4TH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FOR SAFE ABORTION RIGHTS ADVOCACY

WGNRR recognizes the power of solidarity and international exchanges in advancing the safe abortion movement.

The 4th International Exchange for Safe Abortion Rights, held in Makati, Philippines, brought together advocates from the Philippines and across the globe to share successes, challenges, and lessons in advocating for safe abortion. Since its launch in 2016, the International Exchange (I-Ex) has provided a vital platform for critical dialogue and collective strategizing among advocates from Europe, South Asia, Latin America, and the Philippines.

Organized by WGNRR and PINSAN, the 4th I-Ex was held on September 23–24, 2024, the gathering focused on movement building, mobilization strategies, and resilience against anti-rights attacks. Through workshops and discussions, participants co-created innovative approaches to transforming narratives around sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender justice, while reaffirming the need to defend and expand access to safe abortion. Women human rights defenders (WHRDs) and abortion activists addressed resilience against anti-rights attacks and the ongoing challenges to safe abortion access.





We young people loudly pledge to take on the mantle of fighting for safe abortion access. Countless generations have progressed our sexual and reproductive rights: a legacy we will not let waver.

Cromwell Cruz Chairperson, Young Advocates for SRHR

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The 4th I-Ex highlighted shared challenges and strategies in promoting reproductive rights and access to safe abortion. The final output was a powerful large-scale collaborative artwork that reflected the collective hope, struggle, and resistance of advocates worldwide.

Pauline Fernandez,

PINSAN Coordinator, Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN)







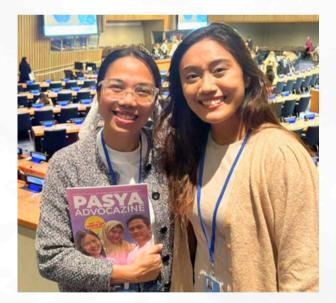
Photos from 4th International Exchange for Safe Abortion Rights

ENGAGING IN FEMINIST AND HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS WITHIN GLOBAL ADVOCACY SPACES

WGNRR actively contributes to global feminist movements by holding governments, international agencies, and other stakeholders accountable for their commitments to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Through strategic advocacy, monitoring, and documentation, we ensure that SRHR policies and programs translate from promises to real, meaningful action. Our participation in accountability mechanisms, including human rights monitoring, policy analysis, and shadow reporting, enables us to identify gaps, amplify voices, and advocate for necessary change, ensuring that marginalized populations are always prioritized in SRHR discussions.

In 2024, WGNRR and its partners made significant strides in global advocacy, submitting statements and kev engaging in oral interventions at the 68th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) and the Beijing+30 platform. These contributions helped amplify the call for transformative SRHR policies and practices. Notably, the visibility and impact of our advocacy efforts were evident in the platforms' continued discussions on advancing SRHR.





Access WGNRR's statement for the 68th Session of the CSW by scanning the QR code. During the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), the Kaleidoscope Consortium hosted a parallel event titled "Advancing Sexual & Reproductive Justice through Health Systems Change." Held on March 18, the event brought together activists, feminist organizers, and philanthropic actors for a critical dialogue on how to transform health systems to better advance reproductive justice and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Through a dynamic exchange of experiences, the event explored grassroots movements, funding strategies, and policy interventions that challenge systemic barriers to care, especially in marginalized communities. The discussions underscored the urgent need to center historically excluded voices, shift power in global health systems, and invest in community-led solutions.

The Kaleidoscope is a global partnership of four organizations committed to supporting the right to safe abortion and lifesaving reproductive medical care: The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Global Fund for Women, Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), and MAMA Network.







Our participation in the AWID conference also provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with thousands of feminists, activists, and artists, deepening our shared commitment to sexual and reproductive justice, safe abortion, and collective care. These conversations were not only inspiring but essential in forging a united front for SRHR advocacy.



Additionally, the Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APPF) served as an important space for expanding and strengthening our solidarity across movements. These gatherings allowed us to share collective herstories, reinforce our resistance strategies, and ensure accountability to the most marginalized voices in SRHR advocacy.

A particularly pivotal moment during the APPF was our workshop, "Dear Feminists... Sincerely, Young People," held under the sub-theme "Nothing About Us, Without Us." This session underscored the critical importance of accountability within our movements, especially in ensuring that the voices of indigenous, LGBTQIA+, disabled, and caste-oppressed communities are not just included but are central to our advocacy and resistance. The discussions highlighted our shared responsibility to continually evaluate and strengthen the inclusivity and impact of our feminist work.





Photos from Asia Pacific Feminist Forum

ADVANCING SRHR THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

At WGNRR, our communications and campaigns efforts respond to the demands for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and justice around the world. WGNRR mobilizes campaigns around key dates such as May 28 - International Day of Action for Women's Health and September 28 – International Safe Abortion Day.

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.





Under the 2024 theme, **"Mobilizing in Critical Times of Threats and Opportunities,"** this year's campaign unfolded amid wars, injustices, and authoritarianism that continue to endanger the lives, rights, and freedoms of women, girls, and gender-diverse people. At the same time, we recognized pivotal moments for advocacy and collective action to demand a future where SRHR is fulfilled, protected, and promoted.

May 28 in Numbers: A Snapshot of Our Impact



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 accessible abortion care for all women, girls, and gender-diverse people. This day serves as a powerful reminder that access to abortion is a fundamental human right. 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.

The roots of International Safe Abortion Day trace back to Latin America and the Caribbean, where women's groups began organizing in the 1990s to demand government action to decriminalize abortion, provide safe and affordable services, and end discrimination against those who choose abortion. Today, September 28 stands as a symbol of global solidarity, resilience, and the ongoing fight for reproductive justice everywhere.





The 2024 campaign for September 28 – International Safe Abortion Day highlighted the collective efforts of our diverse, intergenerational, and cross-border community in advancing the right to access safe abortion and reproductive justice. Amid persistent and emerging threats to abortion rights and reproductive justice, we united in **#AbortionSolidarity** to uphold and advance these fundamental freedoms.

Through our mobilization efforts, we championed reproductive justice and worked to ensure that everyone had the support, information, services, and resources they needed to make autonomous decisions about their own bodies and lives.

September 28 by the Numbers: Our Collective Impact

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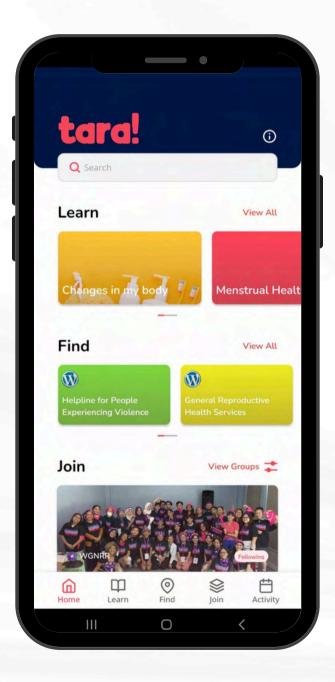


Photos from activities held as part of the May 28 and September 28 campaigns.

SPOTLIGHT

DIGITAL INNOVATIONS FOR SRHR

Access to accurate and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information remains a challenge in many communities. To bridge this gap, the tara! SRHR Mobile Application was developed through the SHE Project in the Philippines, with young people and for young people. This innovative digital platform empowers users with reliable SRHR knowledge, connects them to essential health services, and fosters community engagement in advocacy efforts.



tara! SRHR mobile app is designed to support:

- learning of young people and support peer education strategies of organizations;
- finding facilities providing SRHRrelated information and services in the Philippines; and,
- **joining** activities and campaigns of young people

tara! is a Filipino word that translates to "let's go!"

Through digital innovation, WGNRR continues to break barriers in SRHR education and service access. The tara! SRHR Mobile App is more than just a tool—it is a step toward ensuring that young people have the information, services, and community support they need to make informed choices about their health and rights.

As we refine and expand this initiative, WGNRR remains committed to leveraging technology to drive equity, empowerment, and justice in SRHR, because access to information is not just a service for young people; it is a right.

SPOTLIGHT

SRHR4ALL DIALOGUE: STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY, BUILDING TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA

The SRHR4All Dialogues brought together participants from diverse sectors and disciplines, including activists, advocates, researchers, students, service providers, and grassroots organizations.

To empower movement-building, we opened the organization of the dialogues for collaboration with women's rights and youth-led organizations, as well as other civil society organizations. Interested organizations were invited to organize a dialogue event around a sector (rural women, workers, LGBTQIA+, youth) or theme (e.g., climate change, SOGIESC, Adolescent SRHR, abortion, innovations on SRHR, service delivery, artivism, disaster). The dialogues were conducted throughout January 2024 to July 2024.



Almost a thousand individuals across various sectors and regions of the country joined the SRHR4All dialogues organized by 27 different organizations. These dialogues provided a supportive and critical space for diverse voices to share experiences, challenges, and strategies, towards enriching the collective understanding and approach towards sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Women, girls, boys, men, and gender-diverse people actively participated in those dialogues. Young people, women workers, peasants, indigenous communities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, persons with disabilities, and people living with HIV, and even duty bearers shared their stories and articulated the changes needed. Organized by WGNRR partners across various sectors and social movements, these dialogues are a crucial step in integrating the unique experiences and perspectives of these groups into the broader SRHR discourse. This approach highlights the intersectional nature of the challenges and opportunities in advancing SRHR for all.

During these pocket dialogues, participants shared their personal sexual and reproductive health journeys, their encounters with information and education, gender and cultural norms that shape SRHR, and their experiences with rights and advocacy. They walked through their lived experiences, discussing the barriers they faced and the factors that provided them support. In these dialogues, participants and organizations also examined how SRHR both affected and were affected by the broader issues they were addressing as well.

Sexual reproductive health is a right and everybody deserves to decide with autonomy and nobody should decide for anybody without consulting them.

Ms. Carmen Zubiaga President, WOWLEAP, Inc.

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The dialogues took place in 21 cities and towns, but we are far from done yet. There are still regions to reach, sectors to engage, issues to examine, and stories to be shared.



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In August 2024, the SRHR4All National Dialogue took place, bringing together all the organizations that organized the pocket dialogues, along with other SRHR organizations, educators, and duty bearers.

This national dialogue served as a platform to consolidate the insights and experiences from the pocket dialogues, fostering collaboration and strategizing for future actions to advance #SRHR4ALL.













Pictures from the SRHR4ALL National Dialogue

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Consolidated Schedule of Sources of Funds and Disbursements for 2024 and 2023 in US Dollars

	Year 2024	Year 2023	
OPERATING FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	279,498.94	260,127.07	
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Total Grants received	440,248.13	420,536.15	
Donations and Contributions	26,636.24	24,624.48	
Other Sources	9,998.77	15,826.43	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	476,883.14	460,987.06	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	756,382.08	721,114.13	
EXPENDITURES			
Human Resources	152,308.04	141,352.38	
Project Activities	179,187.45	255,060.83	
Governance and M&E	25,254.39	26,302.45	
Office costs	18,837.69	18,899.52	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	375,587.57	441,615.19	
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	380,794.51	279,498.94	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	3,533.68	4,884.23	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 384,328.19	\$ 284,383.17	

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WGNRR Expenditures for the Year 2024 in Philippine Pesos

Expenditures	Year 2024 (In Philippine Pesos)
Human Resources	8,529,249.98
Project Activities	10,034,497.46
Governance and M&E	1,414,245.82
Office Costs	1,054,910.49
Total Expenditures	21,032,903.75

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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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Stream Pasya Music Album



Pasya music album celebrates the strength of people standing up to challenges against their rights to bodily autonomy.

Through meaningful music that is light, liberating, and enabling, we are here to change the stigmatized narrative on abortion and campaign for its decriminalization in the country.

To learn more, visit the campaign website: decriminalizeabortion.ph

Sign the petition: change.org/decriminalizeabortionph



Spotify Pasya Music Album "WGNRR has been a vital partner in the Sexual Health and Empowerment Project. Their leadership in creating impactful campaigns on gender justice, building and organizing strong alliances for SRHR, and providing essential capacity-building support has strengthened the advocacy efforts of many organizations. WGNRR's unwavering commitment to intersectional feminist principles and movement-building makes them not only an excellent collaborator, but a driving force that transforms advocacy into lasting change. WGNRR is definitely an indispensable ally in the advancement for SRHR for all."

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