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ACTION FOR ACCELERATING SRH RIGHTS AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IN LIBERIA

PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

STRENGTHENING GRANT: FEBRUARY 2019 – FEBRUARY 2020

AmplifyChange supported the work of the ‘Civil Society Maternal and New-Born Health Advocacy Working Group coalition’ through a Strengthening grant in Liberia. The coalition is led by the local CSO Partnership for Sustainable Development. The coalition brought together eight organisations with skills and expertise in advocacy, training, awareness raising, influencing, social mobilisation and coalition building. Coalition members have worked together previously and include national health, youth, education and women’s groups.

Evidence-based advocacy was key to the success of the coalition. The project first collated research on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health policy documents, strategies and commitments; then the coalition formed clear advocacy asks based on the information for their advocacy interventions.

As a result of the coalition’s work:

- A new clear line was created for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health in the Draft 2019/2020 National Budget which has been approved by the Legislature
- For the first time, the 2019/2020 Health Budget of Liberia has in its objectives and targets to reduce maternal mortality, and reduce under-five mortality

AmplifyChange also supported the establishment of a national secretariat for the coalition and the decentralisation to other hard to reach counties. As a result, membership of the coalition has increased from 13 to 57 and they have secured additional funding from Save the Children to support their work around Sexual and Gender-Based Violence particularly in hard to reach areas.

STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE MOVEMENTS FOR CHANGE

Our Theory of Change positions stronger and more inclusive movements for SRHR as a central outcome in driving change, impact and vision.

Research shows that broad-based social movements effectively create and sustain long-term social transformation.

AmplifyChange has demonstrated our ability to work effectively to support SRHR advocacy with a range of traditional and novel partnerships to help build a wider SRHR advocacy movement.

We support a range of coalitions, partnering among groups, joined-up advocacy efforts, and strengthening connectivity across all our grant types.

98 AmplifyChange grants implemented as coalitions

in **44** countries



MOVEMENT BUILDING INDICATORS

AmplifyChange supports grantees working on the following movement building indicators (MB)



MB2

Increased participation and leadership of representatives from marginalised groups

MB3

Strengthened capacity of CSOs to advocate for SRHR



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Improved quality of data and analysis that allow advocates to use evidence to support their work

MB4

Strengthened collaboration among movement actors

MB5

Increased engagement of potential allies across sectors and movements



OPERATING A NATIONAL LEVEL PLATFORM ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH

BANGLADESH NARI PROGATI SANGHA
 NETWORK GRANT: AUGUST 2018 – JANUARY 2021

Network grantee, Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha, convenes the national Menstrual Health (MH) Platform. The MH Platform is unique in Bangladesh. It is operating at national level on a taboo topic bringing together groups which have not previously worked together to achieve results. Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha plays a critical role in the success of the MH Platform based on its long experience and expertise.

The MH Platform focuses on the intersectionality between the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and SRHR sectors. There are over 35 members of the MH Platform and the strength and diversity of the coalition is bringing about important change for women and girls. Key results include:

- Menstrual health is being mainstreamed into a range of projects
- The business sector is engaged through the successful advocacy of the MH platform to ensure affordable products for low income groups
- The Ministry of Finance has also been involved in the cross-sectoral discussions, another factor in the success of this project

Menstrual health remains taboo in Bangladesh. The MH Platform engages diverse groups, forges new alliances and builds capacity of organisations working across the sectors. These network activities are all important to reducing stigma and transforming social norms.



AmplifyChange has helped us to identify partners who we can work together with towards common goals. This meant that we were able to quickly jump into working with others towards getting support for the Maputo Protocol in our country. This was a change in strategy because we identified allies, including among ministers and parliamentarians, who could support policy change.

- ANONYMOUS GRANTEE | QUIP INTERVIEWS



ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSIVE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TROUP DES PERSONNES HANDICAPEES TWUZUZANYE (THT)
 OPPORTUNITY RENEWAL GRANT: FEBRUARY 2019 – FEBRUARY 2020

Troup des Personnes Handicapees Twuzuzanye (THT) is a self-led organisation for persons with disabilities. They first received support from AmplifyChange in 2017.

THT's approach has been to create an informal network of partners from the SRHR and disability sectors to prevent the development of parallel coalitions and to ensure that the pre-existing SRHR movement would become more inclusive. Partners include the Rwanda Biomedical Center, UNFPA, Rwanda Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Great Lakes Inkingi Development a(GLID) and Health Development Initiative-Rwanda (HDI) both AmplifyChange grantees.

They are also working with the Umbrella of Persons with Disabilities in the Fight against HIV/AIDS (AmplifyChange Strengthening grantee) and the Rwanda National Association for Deaf Women to advance disability rights (RNADW).

THT has been successful in:

- Ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the national reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health policy
- Contributing to the development of national family planning guidelines and a training manual to ensure implementation of the policy
- Inputting to UNFPA's disability policy in Rwanda.
- Creating significant changes in the Rwanda national family planning training manual to ensure it is inclusive of persons with disabilities

These successes clearly highlight the value of investing time and resources in creating a network approach. The THT approach demonstrates the importance of: developing a strong network which combines SRHR and disability organisations; developing advocacy messages based on rigorous research; coordinating a single set of concrete recommendations from a broad-based network and maintaining ongoing dialogue with partners to prevent duplication and ensure ongoing cohesion.