

An advocate's guide: strategic indicators for universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights

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Description:

This guide was prepared to enable advocates to use data when advocating for universal access to SRHR at the national, regional and global levels. It is a direct outcome of the Strategic SRHR Indicators workshop held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 21-22 August for the project "Strengthening the Networking, Knowledge Management and Advocacy Capacities of an AsiaPacific Network for SRHR" supported by the EU. One of the major objectives of the project is to develop a comprehensive monitoring framework of indicators for measuring government performance to fulfil their international commitments, particularly to the ICPD and the MDGs, both in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. It is a timely objective to aim at, to monitor the progress and performance thus far, when the international development community, as well as national governments and civil society organisations, are reviewing the ICPD goals and MDGs. It is also a critical moment for advocating SRHR at all levels to ensure that universal access to SRHR remains important in the development agenda after 2015. Building on past experiences in monitoring the progress of ICPD+15/20, ARROW and her partners have identified the core set of indicators that are internationally cross-comparable, measurable, and where the existing data is available from credible sources in the time series. The primary purpose of this rigorous exercise was to develop country and regional profiles based on these indicators, which will be used for advocacy in the 15 countries in the region where the project operates, as well as globally.

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