Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Universal Health Coverage Learning by Sharing Portal (SRHR-UHC LSP)

WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (including the Special Programme HRP and UNFPA)
1. ABOUT THE WHO-UNFPA LEARNING BY SHARING PORTAL

The Learning by Sharing Portal was launched in July 2022. It highlights the critical work of diverse stakeholders (i.e. policy-makers, UN agencies, donors, civil society, and implementers) on advancing access to comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the context of wider strategies and policies towards Universal Health Coverage. It aims to build a rich repository of implementation stories covering a range of topics including digital health innovations, financing and reaching vulnerable and marginalized populations, that focus on the ‘how’ of advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights through targeted health systems interventions. The Learning by Sharing Portal is a resource for shared learnings, advocacy and capacity strengthening at a global, regional and country level.

Since its launch in 2022, the portal has issued two open calls for stories. The 2023 call for stories attracted more than 100 submissions from all regions. The 2024 call will be translated to Spanish and French to ensure wider reach and ensure inclusion of diverse experiences.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE WHO-UNFPA LEARNING BY SHARING PORTAL

The Learning by Sharing Portal aims to support the strengthening of integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Universal Health Coverage by:

• Developing a repository of diverse qualitative implementation stories documenting countries' experiences and those of a wide range of stakeholders (decision-makers, implementers, civil society organizations etc.); and
• Pooling together normative tools and guidance for national governments and other stakeholders (donor agencies and civil society organizations).

3. TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for the Learning by Sharing Portal is stakeholders working towards ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, as part of Universal Health Coverage and through a primary health care approach. These include:

1. policy-makers responsible for setting strategies, plans and policies and developing budgets for sexual and reproductive health services;
2. civil society (such as women’s organizations, youth organizations, community-based organizations, organizations representing minority groups and other national and international non-governmental organizations);
3. professional associations;
4. private sector (profit and non-profit) involved in the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services or health insurance;
5. international organizations supporting national efforts to strengthen access to sexual and reproductive health services including funding agencies, bilateral donors and/or UN agencies; and
6. academic and research institutions.
4. PURPOSE OF THE EXPERT REVIEW GROUP AND MEMBERSHIP

The main purpose of the Expert Review Group is to provide strategic guidance, advice and support to the Learning by Sharing Portal and to strengthen joint efforts, leadership, and sustainability of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Universal Health Coverage agenda. The Expert Review Group is expected to be a multi-stakeholder, cross regional entity with expert representation. It consists of members from relevant UN agencies, civil society organisations, and experts in this area, including academia.

The Expert Review Group will consist of up to 10 members. The envisioned terms of membership will be for two years. Thereafter, WHO and UNFPA will advise/extend invitations for renewal.

The ERG will be comprised of:

- Convenors (WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research and UNFPA).
- 10 members from the sectors described above.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 THE EXPERT REVIEW GROUP HAS THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE LEARNING BY SHARING PORTAL:

- Providing strategic guidance and knowledge.
- Serving as peer-reviewers for content.
- Engaging with networks and organisations to encourage contributions and use of the Learning by Sharing Portal.
- Acting as ambassadors.
- Attending virtual meetings at least twice a year or as required by WHO-UNFPA Secretariat.

5.2. PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

The Expert Review Group will meet virtually at least twice a year or as required by the Chair/Convenor.