

Action Learning Cycle #11

Understanding the Intersection of Climate Change and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR): Impacts, Challenges, and Collaborative Solutions

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Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are increasingly at risk due to the far-reaching effects of climate change. Marginalised communities, particularly women, adolescents, and young people, are disproportionately affected by climate-related crises such as extreme weather events, food insecurity, and displacement. **These crises, directly and indirectly, disrupt access to essential SRHR services, underscoring the need to address both issues to build resilience and promote equity.**

Climate change continues to exacerbate gender inequalities and restrict access to critical health services. During climate-induced disasters, pregnant women and adolescent girls face heightened risks, including limited access to maternal care, contraceptives, and safe spaces. Similarly, displaced young people often experience increased vulnerability to early marriage, gender-based violence, and unintended pregnancies, further underscoring the urgent need for integrated solutions.²

Integrating SRHR into climate adaptation programs is crucial to ensure communities can access the resources and support needed to make informed decisions about their health, even in times of crisis. This requires equipping stakeholders, including funders, grantmakers, civil society organisations, youth groups, and women's organisations, with the knowledge and tools to address the interconnected challenges of climate change and SRHR effectively.³

At the YIELD Hub, we invite organisations working on climate change, public health, and youth leadership to join our Action Learning Group to explore ways to ensure reproductive health services remain accessible during climate emergencies and empower young people and women-led organisations with knowledge about the links between climate change and SRHR, equip them with tools to advocate for their needs, and collectively encourage stakeholders to align climate policies with SRHR goals and allocate resources to address these interconnected challenges. The Action Learning group offers a collaborative space to reflect, share ideas, and co-create solutions.

Learning Objectives for the Action Learning Group

This cycle will focus on five core areas, while allowing participants to address additional needs specific to their organisations:

- 1. Understanding the Intersection:** Understanding the connections between climate change and SRHR and their implications for vulnerable populations.
- 2. Recognising Challenges:** Identify the unique challenges posed by climate change to SRHR and examine their disproportionate impact on women and adolescents.
- 3. Developing Integrated Strategies:** Learn how to incorporate climate-resilient approaches into SRHR programs to meet the needs of the most affected communities.
- 4. Fostering Cross-Sector Collaboration:** Explore opportunities for partnerships between climate change and SRHR organisations to address shared challenges effectively.
- 5. Promoting Advocacy and Awareness:** Build capacity and exchange expertise to advocate for policies and practices that address the dual challenges of climate change and SRHR.

This Action Learning Group offers a platform for funders, international NGOs, researchers, and youth, women, and community groups to exchange ideas, share experiences, and co-create solutions tailored to their contexts. Join this group to contribute to innovative strategies that respond to the pressing needs at the intersection of climate change and SRHR.

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