



SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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WHO WE ARE

S Save Generations Organization is a Rwandan developmental and women's rights Non-Government Organization (NGO) dedicated to promote, protect and advocate for children's, Youth and women's rights and works to prepare, empower and equip the future generations. Save Generations Organization was established in 2015 and is registered at Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) with legal personality number 008/ RGB /NGO/2016, issued in 2016.



OUR VISION

We aspire a community that is able to raise up generations of people full of hope, with good values, dreams, ability and actions.



OUR MISSION

To create space and provide opportunities to children, youth, and women for their integral development and healthy life and to enable them reach their full potential.



OUR VALUES

- Dignity & Respect
- Professionalism and integrity
- Transparency and Accountability
- Self-actualization & self-reliance
- Partnerships and Collaboration
- Honor and excellence.

OUR PROGRAMS OF INTERVENTION

- Education program.
- Adolescents and youth Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights and Family planning program.
- Environment and climate change program.
- Child protection and wellbeing program.
- Youth and women socio-economic empowerment program.
- Emergence response.

WHERE WE WORK

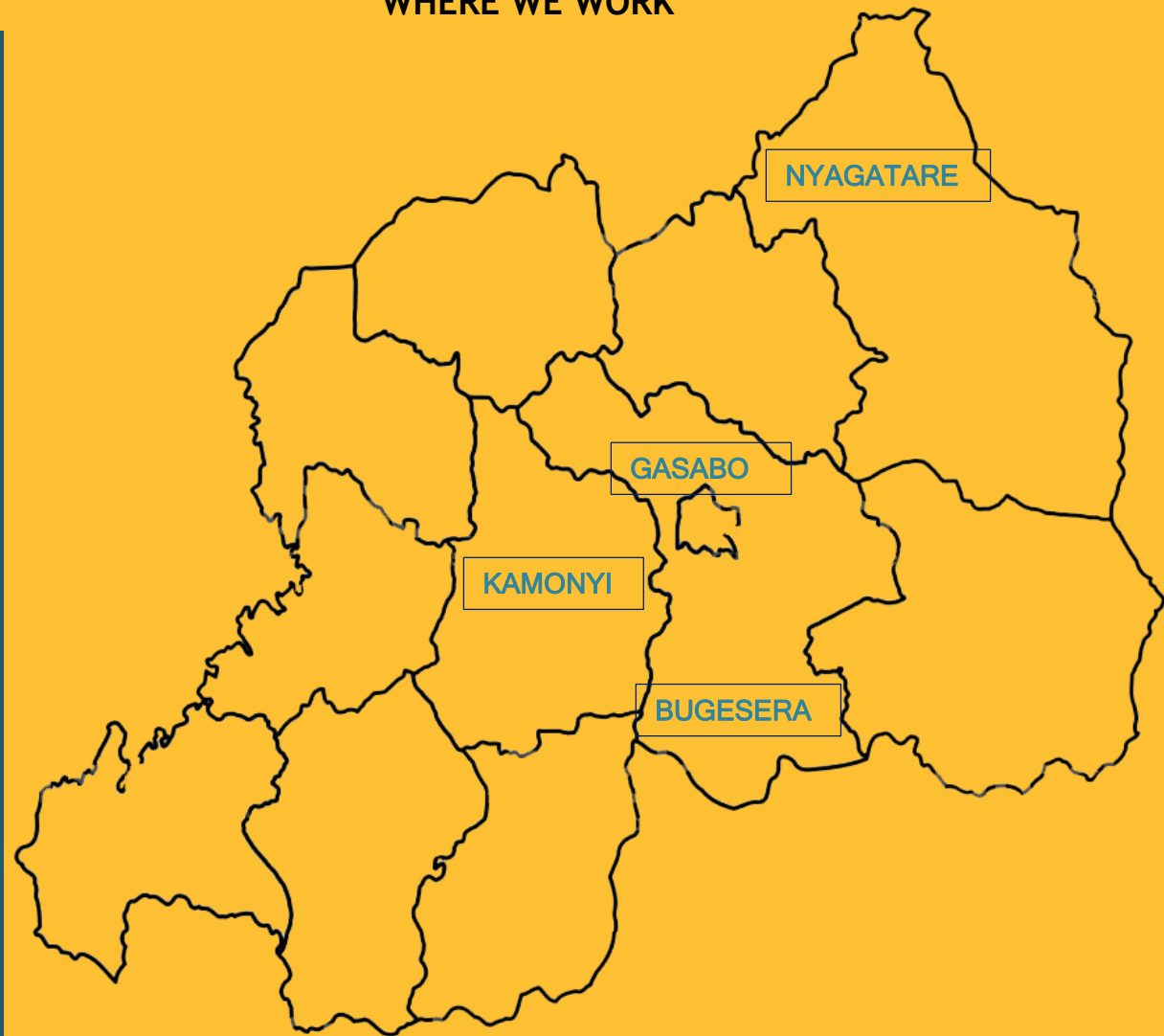




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ACRONYMS & DESCRIPTIONS

AYSRHR	Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CSO	Civil Society organization
DCC	Debate Club for Change
FP	Family Planning
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HSS	High School Sponsorship program
MINEDUC	Ministry of Education
PIR	Plan International Rwanda
SGO	Save Generations Organization
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MESSAGE

In 2022, we have achieved incredible results through our strategic interventions. It wouldn't be possible without effective collaboration with different partners and financial support from our funders. The SGO's management would like to acknowledge the contribution of everyone that helped the organization to achieve these good results. Our gratitude message is extended to the Government of Rwanda through its institutions for a favorable working environment and collaboration that helped SGO to provide its contribution aimed at improving the life of vulnerable citizens. We do also recognize the support from our donors for financial means provided. Our acknowledgement message goes to all CSOs partners of SGO particularly members of the Young Feminist SRHR Network for effective collaboration.

In 2023 and beyond, SGO will continue to ensure enough investment is made for the purpose of increasing positive and expanded impact to the community

We would like to acknowledge the following in 2022



Government ministries and Agencies.

- MIGEPROF
- MINEDUC
- MINEMA
- MINIJUST
- RGB
- RBC
- REB
- Gender Monitoring Office.



Development Partners

- Kvinna Till Kvinna
- The Bridge for Girls Fund
- Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA)
- Plan International Rwanda
- Akina Mama Wa Afrika (AMwA)
- National Union of Disability Organizations in Rwanda (NUDOR)



Partner CSOs

- Members of the SRHR Network for young women led organizations
- Make Way Program Rwanda Consortium Members.



Media houses

- Media Houses Radios: KT Radio, Flash Fm
- Tv station: Flash TV.
- Online print media: Igihe.com, KT press, Kigali Today, The New times.



Yvette NYINAWUMUNTU
Founder & Executive
Director

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Stakeholders, partners and Friends of Save Generations Organization

THE 2022 has been a year of great change and achievements as we were recovering from the covid-19 pandemic. Driven by our goal, we remained committed to deliver improved livelihood to the vulnerable populations and sustainable environment protection through a well-structured programming.

We continued to play a leading role in improving access to education for young girls, sexual reproductive health and rights, economic empowerment for women and youth as well as addressing negative impact of climate change and environment protection. We have recorded major milestones in public awareness on critical issues affecting children, women and youth to strengthen the capacity of different institutions and individuals. We have also conducted numerous advocacy activities aimed at influencing restrictive policies supported with build evidences to create an enabling environment for women and young people to enjoyment their rights. We also engaged in networking forums and dialogues with several like-minded advocacy partners on various critical women and young people's issues which resulted in creation of SRHR network of over 15 young feminist and women-led organizations. SGO is currently chairing its steering committee. It is my hope that through the new strategic period, we will continue to deliver on the planned developmental-response endeavors towards improving the lives of children, women and youth in Rwanda with emphasis on the holistic approaches combining human rights and gender approach to protect them from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence; keeping the momentum and building upon the encouraging results that we achieved in 2022.

On behalf of Save Generations Organization, we welcome you to join us in celebration of great achievements recorded in year 2022 as described in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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cross the world, children, women, and people in all their diversity need full consideration in rights, health and socio-economic development for their wellbeing. In Rwanda, children, women, and youth are the groups that face many challenges hindering them to enjoy full access to health information and services as well as the social economic development.

During 2022, SGO strengthened its position as a women-led organization in Rwanda and played a crucial role in promoting the life of children, women and youth through various action including bringing together various actors and stakeholders on women's rights and social justice for mutual learning and amplified voice. This annual report marks the end of the 2022 activities which was an important year for SGO management and the entire staff. We had the opportunity to reflect on our progress and achievements for about a decade since we are established, and strategize about how we can best contribute to the realization of women's rights,

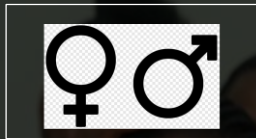
child protection and innovative way of dealing with climate change and environment protection in the coming years. It is clear that we have made significant progress as an organization, and many valuable lessons have been learned for the next strategic directions. This report presents in details the recorded milestones, strategies used, challenges encountered as well as lessons learned and call to action for 2023 and beyond.

**We are delighted to share that,
despite these challenges,
significant achievements have
been made!**

Save Generations Organization Engagements in 2022



10,533
People Directly
Engaged



1,911
Male

7,074
Female

1548
Social Media Engagements



4
Districts of
Rwanda





In 2022, we implemented 7 Projects under our programs Of intervention

No	Program	Projects	Districts of operation
1.	Adolescent and youth SRHR & FP program / Child protection and wellbeing program.	Empowerment of Adolescents and young girls in school on SRHR	Gasabo & Kamonyi districts.
2.		Empowerment of Adolescents and young girls in and out of school on SRHR.	Bugesera district.
3.		Champion We Rise project.	Gasabo district.
4.		Integrating intersectionality in Save Generations Organization programs	Gasabo district.
		Integrating intersectionality in SRHR service provision.	Gasabo district.
5.	Education program	High school sponsorship project.	Gasabo district.
6.	Environment & climate change / youth and women socio economic development programs.	Empowering of women and youth for climate change resilience and environmental conservation.	Nyagatare district.

SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION

PROGRAM AREAS

Education Program

In Rwanda 98% of children are enrolled in primary school which makes it one of the top-performing countries of sub-Saharan Africa in education. However, there are still several challenges in education including the fact that only 71% of children complete their primary education. Classrooms are often too crowded, with an average of 62 students for every qualified teacher.¹ In addition, only 70 per cent of children with disabilities in Rwanda are enrolled in primary school. The majority of schools premises are not physically accessible for children with disabilities. Schools also lack appropriate classroom materials to cater towards children with disabilities, and teachers lack understanding of differentiating learning plans for students' various learning needs.

Although there are relatively equal numbers of boys and girls in classrooms, girls are more likely to drop out of school. Boys also outperform girls in 26 of Rwanda's 30 districts. Girls are also significantly under-enrolled in technical, vocational and tertiary education¹.

At SGO, we believe that “all children, no matter where they live or what their circumstances, have the right to quality education”.¹ We aim to overcome challenges in education sector of Rwanda and pursue inclusive, equitable, and quality education system. SGO has been a credible partner of the Government of Rwanda, with a history of sound technical and financial support vulnerable children to pursue their education.

“Our Education Program intends to promote girls’ education and prevent different problems girls encounter related to that, including teenage pregnancies, school dropout among adolescents and young girls through fully sponsoring them.”

¹ UNICEF 'education in Rwanda' available at <https://www.unicef.org/rwanda/education>.

¹ Idem.

¹ Idem



Save Generations Organization socially and financially fully supported 7 girls to access education.

Child Protection and Wellbeing Program

Save Generations Organization is committed to placing the family at the center of development, and as a prerequisite to achieve equitable and sustainable development for the community. We aim to provide contribution to ensure protective environment free from all forms of abuse for all children to enable them realize their full development potential. We raise community awareness on their role in protection and promotion of children's rights. At SGO, we implement mechanisms for early identification and mitigation of all forms of abuse and violence against children,

particularly those with disabilities and other forms of physical, psychosocial impairments. Child protection thematic area as well calls to establish and implement a transparent and coherent referral systems for families to easily access equitable and cost-effective child support services. In this program, SGO puts its concern in the activities that intend to promote and protect children's rights, their education, and their wellbeing. The organization work with children, parents, schools, teachers and communities to raise their awareness on child rights, positive parenting and childcare.



Adolescents and Youth SRH and Family Planning Program

The fundamental right of young people to decide, freely and for themselves, whether, when, and how many children to have is central to the mission of SGO. Today in Rwanda, many of young people aged between 10 and 24 years old do not have access to high-quality sexual and reproductive health care programs that meet their needs and empower them to determine matters related to their sexuality for themselves. In addition, related discrimination, stigma, and a lack of information as well as restrictive policy and laws prevent them from accessing and using modern forms of contraceptives.

Through this program, SGO aims at empowering adolescents and young girls in and out of school on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), with the purpose of increasing their knowledge and information on SRHR in order to enable them make responsible choices and decisions over their bodies as well as to exercise their SRH rights.

Based on its expertise and experience in the SRHR domain,

In 2022, Save Generations Organization conducted various evidence based SRHR interventions through research, capacity building trainings, awareness and advocacy, engagement meetings, media engagement, dialogues and publications.



These interventions left no one behind since they engaged children, adolescents and youth, duty bearers, like minded CSOs, government institutions and agencies, media and other partners.



Environment Protection and Climate Change Program

The ability of the country to respond appropriately and effectively to climate change depends on the ability to understand and assess impacts and vulnerability. Policy makers, researchers, and the public and private sectors can then use that knowledge to make informed decisions on appropriate steps for adaptation and mitigation in all sectors of the economy. Generation of climate change knowledge and information, combined with effective communication strategies can enhance public participation and awareness.

Save Generations Organization works hard to ensure equal opportunity in access and utilization of natural resources, healthy environment, environmental risk reduction, distribution of food and energy, participation in green economy, as well as access to capacity and technology to contribute to the sustainable management of environment.

Environment protection and climate change program is a program that aims to empower and prepare youth and women on how they can play their role in Environmental protection and conservation, their resilience on climate change issues, their role in environment conservation but also how they can create income generating activities in response to being resilient, protecting and conserving the environment.

Emergency Responses Program


Save Generations Organization is committed to saving lives and reducing suffering during times of crisis whether caused by conflict, disease outbreaks or disasters. SGO through its emergency response program works with different stakeholders such as the government of Rwanda, other CSOs and UN agencies that have in mandate the protection of citizen during conflicts, disease outbreak and disasters to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from all hazards that create health emergencies.

This program is useful in the period of emergencies like the rise of calamities where its major role is to prevent and provide protective materials to the more vulnerable or affected people. SGO has coordinated the response to contain covid-19 pandemic and different activities for those affected by the disasters to provide them with effective relief and recovery in consideration of the fact that health must be seen from a wider perspective.

2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

In line with the efforts to recover from COVID-19 pandemic, SGO delivered on its commitment to create space and provide opportunities to children, youth, and women for their integral development and healthy life and to enable them reach their full potential. Our action has pushed to secure accountability and political will for consideration of issues affecting children, women and youth in Rwanda. It has significantly contributed to raise awareness of duty bearers and rights holders on emerging issues around education and child rights to protection, sexual reproductive health, economic gaps, and climate changes issues for environmental protection.

In 2022, SGO has done a tremendous work around each of its 5 program areas pursuing its commitments to create space and provide opportunities to children, youth, and women for their integral development and healthy life and to enable them reach their full potential. In 2022, SGO implemented in total 7 projects:



❖ SGO prioritized the use of stakeholders' engagement approaches through clubs, dialogues, meetings community social behavior change campaigns and traditional media channels (Radio and TV) and social media engagement to implement activities and to broaden our audience.



- ❖ SGO continued to implement children, youth & women -centered activities. Through our existing platforms like Debate & Health clubs for change and community safe spaces hence progressed in building adolescents and youth capacities to voice their opinions and advocate for their needs.
- ❖ Strengthened capacity of right holders and other CSOs for advocacy hence providing constructive feedback for active responsiveness to the needs of the citizen.
- ❖ Strengthened partnerships and collaborations with the government, CSOs and donors to better serve our beneficiaries and deepen our engagement in the community.
- ❖ Assessments conducted to facilitate making evidence-based interventions in addressing and advocating for the needs of beneficiaries.
- ❖ Through the support and collaboration of different donors and partners respectively, SGO directly engaged 6,533 people through capacity building trainings, meetings, dialogues, Social Behavior Change campaigns and thousands through dialogues held on media channels. 3074 (47%) were female, 1911 (29%) male, 1548 (24%) through our social media platforms, among our total reach, 4561 (70%) were youth bellow 30 years old.



Girl's education sponsorship program

Investing in girls' education transforms communities, countries and the entire world. Girls who receive an education are less likely to marry young and more likely to lead healthy, productive lives. They earn higher incomes, participate in the decisions that most affect them, and build better futures for themselves and their families.

Girls' education strengthens economies and reduces inequality. It contributes to more stable, resilient societies that give all individuals including boys and men the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Sponsorship

By providing sponsorship for girls' education, SGO believes that education for girls is about more than access to school. It's also about girls feeling safe in classrooms and supported in the subjects and careers they choose to pursue including those in which they are often under-represented. We also believe in gender equitable education that empower both girls and boys on developing their life skills including self-management, communication, negotiation and critical thinking that young people need in order to succeed. This closes the gaps in skills to perpetuate pay gaps, and build prosperity for entire community. It also contributes to reduce in school-related gender-based violence and harmful practices among young people. In full consideration of the above:

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- ❖ 7 girls in High School Sponsorship (HSS) increased their knowledge about community social behavior and SRHR through counseling and SRHR mentorship sessions.
 - ❖ 7 vulnerable bright girls in High school sponsorship (HSS) received full sponsorship for their high school education.
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Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Program

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salute and appreciated the steps done by government and partners in regard to the promotion of adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights. However, access to and utilization of related information and services among adolescents and the youth in general remain unsatisfactory due to significant barriers related to policy and legal framework governing this area.

Approach 1 : Institutional and individual Capacity building on SRHR

Under this program, different stakeholders increased knowledge on various SRHR topics, Gender responsive, and Intersectionality. The program aimed to increase knowledge and information on SRHR to adolescents and youth in and out of schools for them to make healthy informed and responsible decisions over their bodies and increase community engagement to create a supportive environment for adolescents and youth sexuality and reproductive health.



Approach 1.1: Training of peer educators in and out of school on CSE Supported by Plan International.

THE project aims to increase knowledge and information on comprehensive sexuality education for adolescents and youth in and out of schools for them to make healthy informed and responsible decisions over their Bodies and increase community engagement to create a supportive environment to adolescents and youth sexuality and reproductive health. Below are the main activities conducted in 2022. We trained 28 peer educators (23 Female, 5 Male aged 19-24 years old) from Ngeruka and Kamabuye sectors on SRHR using CSE. This increased their knowledge and information on SRHR hence built their ability to share the knowledge to their peers in and out of school and the community in general.



In line with creating safe spaces for adolescents and young people to discuss about their SRHR, we conducted age-appropriate dialogues with them which resulted to increased knowledge, information, skills and attitudes on sexual reproductive health and rights to adolescents and young people, well-equipped and ready to participate in Health Clubs for Change hence increased youth engagement in creating an enabling SRHR environment for adolescents and youth in school.

Approach 1.2: Training of teachers on comprehensive sexuality education

In Rwanda, Comprehensive Sexuality Education is integrated into 5 subjects of the Competence-Based Curriculum. The training intended to enable CSE teachers with relevant knowledge about adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health with trends and data within Rwanda. It has also contributed in identifying myths related to SRHR and strategies to counter them.

In 2022, SGO trained 24 teachers (6 female and 1 male) from the 4 schools of GS Biharagu, Rutonde, Nyakayaga & Twimpala on SRHR using CSE. The trained teachers increased their knowledge, skills and attitudes of teachers on sexual reproductive health and rights for them to disseminate accurate SRHR information, increased their access to SRHR information, their negative perceptions and attitudes on SRHR were challenged and committed their engagement in creating an enabling environment for adolescents and youth for them to be able to take informed decisions against their bodies.



“A trained teacher said “the training has helped me to gain knowledge and ability to help my fellow teachers to understand better the changes in the human body in terms of reproductive sex & how to help students understand it from young age to adulthood.”

In addition, through the partnership with Plan International, we multiplied 50 CSE manuals to increase access to SRHR information and knowledge among adolescents, young people and teachers. These guides are also used during peer learning sessions and peer dialogues on their sexual reproductive health and rights.



In 2022, over 873 copies of the SRHR learning handout known as “Tuganire ku buzima bw’imyororokere” were produced and distributed to all adolescents that attended SGO’s community awareness campaigns and CSE trainings. This was aimed to increase access to accurate SRHR learning materials and to facilitate the SRHR peer learning among adolescents and young people.



Approach 1.3: Adolescents' empowerment on SRHR Laws and policies Supported by Kvinna Till Kvinna.

In order to increase knowledge on SRHR and related laws to right holders and duty bearers, in 2022, we organized training on SRHR laws and policies including ministerial order on safe abortion to different duty bearers including session of 20 SGO staff (12 women and 8 men), session of 80 parents (49 women and 31 men) and sessions 40 teachers and school managers (35 female and 21 men) from both Gasabo and Kamonyi districts. Duty bearers testified to increase knowledge on the SRHR laws and policies which contributed to reduction of negative perception towards SRHR especially ministerial order on Safe abortion and how will increase their engagement SRHR promotion and especially GBV prevention.



Debate and Health clubs for change:

Debate and Health clubs for change is an SGO's established safe space strategy for adolescents and young girls and boys across different schools in Gasabo and Kamonyi districts to meet their needs and use critical thinking when making decision upon their sexuality, learn and share accurate information on SRHR through interactive debates. In 2022, 4 sessions of debate clubs for change were engaged in new and existing schools and 480 right holders (360 girls and 120 boys) participated, from Kamonyi and Gasabo district. Right holders testified that clubs are a safe space where they access SRHR information and knowledge through different approaches including talents shows, debates engaged on different topics, that increase their knowledge on SRHR. Most girls show their increased self-confidence through arguments made claiming their rights in debates and self-expression in public speaking and challenge the received information.



Publication of SRHR Learning materials

My story, my voice magazine is an interesting story of adolescents and youth between 10- 20 years Old and it ends with educative message called “HAHA UBWENGE” or Smart knowledge. Enjoy the magazine. you can download the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th full Magazine documents by clicking on the title of any one you want.

This year, we equipped and empowered right holders from Debate Clubs for Change among them 8 adolescent girls and 4 adolescent boys, shared their stories of change in order to disseminate the knowledge to their peers, and 12 stories documented (6 stories in Edition 3 and 6 in Edition 4). 895 magazines were published and distributed to 480 project right holders (360 girls and 120 boys) and their peers.

Magazines play role in disseminating information to their peers' Right holders also do self-advocacy on the challenging issues and claimed that parents still not providing the SRHR information while it is their right and claimed access to SRHR information to out of school adolescents, and voiced out the issue of violence against teenage mothers and lack of justice due to the family silence.



Approach 2: Training of stakeholders on Gender responsive

Under this program, different stakeholders increased knowledge on various SRHR topic including SRHR its self, Gender responsive, SRHR and Intersectionality. In 2022, SGO implemented quite number of activities that aimed to empower adolescents and young girls both in and out of school about their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

with the purpose of increasing their knowledge and information that enable them make responsible choices over their bodies as well as to exercise their SRH rights. The activities successfully applied an inclusive approach to ensure no one is left behind by fostering meaningful participation of beneficiaries.

The trainings of gender responsive has generated key outputs including in total 40 school management team (Head teacher, Dean of Students and Dean of Discipline, and biology teachers) that were engaged on how to integrate gender in different activities.



Approach 3: Training on intersectionality



At SGO, we believe that intersectionality is the acknowledgement that everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and oppression and we must consider everything and anything that can marginalize people gender, race, class, sexual orientation, physical ability, etc.


In 2022, we have trained in total 50 participants including staff, volunteers including focal persons, peer educators and health service providers, representatives from the SRHR Network members for young women led organizations. In addition, over 41 different stakeholders including MINALOC and MINEDUC attended Advocacy meeting and committed to consider Recommendation provided for interventions to be done for girls/teen mothers integration in school



Approach 4: Engagement meeting targeting key institutions under Make Way Project

In order to create an enabling environment that supports the SRHR needs of all people, especially adolescent girls, young women. SGO has considered very important to engage different institutions through organized meetings.

The meeting conducted has reached in total 30 representatives from Make way project partner organizations including CCGs and CPs and representatives from SRHR network identified gaps and gave inputs in the documented SRHR issues with intersectional lens and made commitments to taking action on SRHR issues.



Also, 80 representatives attended the end evaluation meeting of KTK project. 30 make way partners including representatives of SRHR network members contributed in gaps mapping in relation to intersectional lens and made commitments to taking action on SRHR issues.

Approach 5: Training of network members on Intersectional SRHR

In order to embracing intersectionality for SRHR service provision through lobby and advocacy, we engaged stakeholders from the SRHR Network for young women led organizations hence equipped them with knowledge on how intersectionality approaches can be used in SRHR service provision. The SRHR Network's members acquired knowledge on how to integrate intersectionality into the programs and interventions of their organizations as well as how to transform their attitudes toward prejudice against specific oppressed groups of people based on their various identities. To ensure inclusive advocacy leaving no one behind, we engaged the SRHR Network members and Make Way Rwanda partners to analyze the documented SRHR issues with an intersectional lens hence came up with a report and advocacy paper for intersectional SRHR lobby and advocacy.



Approach 6: Community dialogues on SRHR issues

Engaging different community groups and actors and building broad-based support and understanding of the importance of SRHR for young people ensures that young people have the information they need for good and informed decision in regard to their sexuality life and that they can access the relevant services within a supportive family environment, that encourages learning and without fear. It is in this regard that SGO, in 2022 organized different intergenerational dialogues on these issues to respond to gaps in traditional knowledge sharing systems that have arisen due to changes in traditional family and community structures.

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1. 50 adolescents in Health Clubs for Change have been engaged in Nyakayaga high school.
 2. 120 right holders and duty bearers (parents, local leaders, school teachers) have been engaged in Kamonyi and Gasabo districts on SRHR and discussed on the SRHR issues raised by adolescents.
 3. 15 young women led organizations conducted focus groups and documented the issues from their 150 right holders aged from 9-25 from 12 districts. 480 rights holders from the new and existing schools in Gasabo and Kamonyi districts discussed on SRHR issues.
 4. Organized dialogue that brought together over 120 right holders and duty bearers as well as parents, local leaders, and school teachers. This was done in both Kamonyi and Gasabo districts where issues of young peoples' SRHR have been identified and discussed.
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Approach 7:

Awareness campaign for Social Behavior and Communication Change

In line with creating safe spaces for adolescents and young peoples' SRHR, awareness campaigns have been initiated to increase knowledge, information, skills and attitudes on sexual reproductive health and rights. As result, participants have gained knowledge that helped them to participate in running health clubs for change while increasing their effective engagement in community mobilization activities. Involving teachers through dialogues helped to create allies among different actors for knowledge and attitudes change with regard to sexual reproductive health and rights. In this regard, different radio talk programs have been conducted to increase community awareness aiming to change negative behaviors and attitudes that may be harmful to young people concerning their sexuality.

- ♣ 3 radio talk shows: so far 80% of Rwandan population who listen to KT Radio were reached and increased knowledge on Intersectionality and its integration in SRHR Inclusive services provision, on the Existing gaps and challenges faced by Youth with Compounded Vulnerability in accessing SRHR services and their social inclusion in community and on role of men in GBV prevention through 3 Radio Talk shows.
- ♣ 1 radio talk show: 80% of Rwandan population gained knowledge on SRHR information and challenged negative social norms by talking about SRHR publicly through dissemination of SRHR information under radio talk show.
- ♣ 1 media dialogue on the issues raised by girls and young women on SRHR challenges and issues for debate and advocacy.



♣ In total 28 peer educators including 23 young girls aged between 19-24 years old and 5 males between 19-24 received capacity building on comprehensive sexuality education to be able to engage their peers in Ngaruka and Kamabuye sectors in Bugesera district.

Approach 8:

Media engagement to increase public awareness on young people's SRHR:

Media engagement is one of the key pillars of SGO in regard to addressing social behavior about SRHR. In 2022, numerous radio programs have been conducted under the topic "TUGANIRE KU BUZIMA BW"IMYOROROKERE" in order to reduce negative social norms around topics of sexuality and SRHR among the communities. This improved people understanding on SRHR. According to the feedback Radio talk shows were proven to be good strategies to raise community awareness on issues related to young people's accessibility to their SRHR services and accurate information with an aspect of disability inclusion.



The radio program reached to the point of identifying emerging issues that need more intervention such as lack of accessibility to youth friendly services contraception and commodities, silence of different parent to report GBV cases committed against their children, lack of affordable sanitary pads for girls' menstruation to keep them in school, parents lacking will and time to discuss SRHR information with their children, among others. The key achievements include:

Save Generations Organization Organized radio talk shows to increase awareness of citizen about intersectionality and its integration in SRHR services provision as well as on existing gaps and challenges faced by young people in accessing SRHR. The radio program has also been valuable tool for awareness raising of men on their role in prevention gender-based violence. In addition, radio programs have been of crucial as far as negative social norms hindering young's full access to SRHR information and services is concerned.



Approach 9: Building women-led movement to amplify our voices in advocacy



Save Generations Organization always believes in joint collaboration and partnership. In 2022 under the partnership with Kvinna Till Kvinna SGO led CSO's initiative to establish young feminist CSOs-led SRHR network with aim of bringing together all the young feminist organizations in Rwanda that work around SRHR in order to mainstream SRHR within broader advocacy movement of young women-led SRHR Network to strengthen SRHR activism in Rwanda.

This has effectively contributed in boosting their participation but also increased their confidence to engage in advocacy initiatives at national level. The network was formed and in total 15 young women led and non-profit organizations joined the network and signed the memorandum of understanding that integrates all the principles and values for the network and joint activities for all the members. The leadership structure was also formed and now the network members are:

Organization Name		Current title in SRHR Network
1	Save Generations Organization	Chari of the steering committee
2	Afro Ark	Member
3	Kosmotive	Member
4	Young Woman's Mentor Network	Member
5	Impanuro Girls Initiative	Member
6	Paper Crown Rwanda	Member
7	Generation Rise	Member
8	Rwanda Esther's Initiative	Member
9	Hope for Single Mothers	Member
10	Girls Leaders Opportunity.	Member
11	Bold Women Rwanda	Member
12	Feminist Action Development Ambition	Member
13	Woman's Health and Equal Right Association	Member
14	I matter initiative	Member
15	Our Sisters Opportunity	Member

The project used a human rights-based approach and perspective which was crucial for participatory CSO engagement. The champion we Rise project's activities have contributed to the increased knowledge among SRHR network on legal frameworks around SRHR and particularly safe abortion.



In addition, over 935 right holders across 9 districts (in close collaboration with the 12 organizations members of the network) have been reached and received training on the provision of the ministerial order determining condition to be satisfied for a medical doctor to perform an abortion. This was done in promoting meaningful participation of young people in raising their voices on SRHR issues. The project has also contributed in changing behaviors related to sexuality for their wellbeing.



In this regard, over 40 Save Generations Organization team including peer educators and volunteers, and 480 adolescents and youth, 80 parents and 40 school teachers have been trained on the legal and policy framework around abortion and child protection. About 2000 have been reached with SRHR information through organized inter-school debates and completion in Kamonyi and Gasabo districts. Below are the testimonies for some members of the network who expressed their feelings about the network and its contribution in strengthening their capacity and amplifying their voices for advocacy and community engagement:

"As women led organization working with women with disability, joining the network was our opportunity to learn from others and join effort for advocating for women's right with disability. I have realized how other network members are including people with disability issues in their program, and it is a good step." A member from Hope for single mothers with disability organization

"Being a member of this network has been an important achievement for me personally and for my organization. We have gained good understanding about SRHR policies and laws, advocacy techniques, and effective collaboration to be able to advocate for change" A member from Kosmotive organization.

Approach 10: Research to build evidences for advocacy:

Evidence are the important resources for all the advocacy work that SGO does. In 2022, some few research program including action-oriented researches have been conducted by the SGO team to generate evidences for use in advocacy and capacity building activities.

This includes an assessment done to document about school dropout as part of COVID 19 impact to see the discrepancies between girls and boys among those that dropped out. The key activities implemented are highlighted below:



- ♣ Conducted assessment to track the implementation of the protocol to the African charter on human and peoples' rights on women rights in Africa known as Maputo protocol.
- ♣ Produced and submitted shadow report for consideration of Rwanda status of the implementation of the provision under article 14 of the Maputo protocol. Conducted rapid assessment aimed at mapping girls that dropped out of school in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 implications to inform SGO's advocacy activities for their social reintegration and return to school.



In total SGO's 250 articles have been developed and published throughout our magazine **“Tuganire ku buzima bw’imyororokere: My story - My voice”**, with various topics surrounding adolescents and youth stories. 30 copies of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education guide manual have been distributed to trained peer educators as well as at the school teachers respectively.

- ♣ Over 873 age appropriate SRHR pocket-sized booklet distributed to young people from 10 up to 24yrs.

Environment Protection and Climate Change Program

Environment protection and climate change program is a program that aims to empower and prepare youth and women on how they can play their role in Environmental protection and conservation, their resilience on climate change issues, their role in environment conservation but also how they can create income generating activities in response to being resilient, protecting and conserving the environment. With this strategy SGO aims to empower and prepare youth and women on their role in the protection of environment. This is done through initiating them on how they can create income generating activities in a way that protect the environment. In 2022, a lot has been done including:





In addition, throughout of this process, in total 150 cooperative members including women and youth increased their knowledge and technical skills on how to make improved cooking stoves.

The project aimed to empower women and youth from 5 sectors of Nyagatare district for environment protection and climate change resilience by providing cooking stoves and briquettes to 4000 poor households both male headed and female headed households with varying vulnerabilities; and training young girls and boys on how to make briquettes and cooking stoves, for them to turn that skill into an income generating



In 2022, Save Generations Organization supported production of 4000 improved cooking stoves: We produced 4000 tier 3 cooking stoves and distributed them to 4000 WHHs which increased access to friendly cooking stoves hence saved the time they spent in making long distances looking for firewood.



In 2022, we also conducted a final project steering committee meeting which aimed at updating all project stakeholders about the project achievements where MOUs for project handover were signed and maintenance equipment provided to cooperatives.



We also supported production of 36 tons of briquette for distribution to project's beneficiaries to increase access to friendly fuels to 400 women headed households in 5 sectors of Nyagatare district.



Celebration of international women's day

On 8th March 2022, SGO also celebrated the international women's day under the theme

"Uburinganire n'ubwuzuzanye mu imihindagurikire y'ibihe". This was an important provided opportunity to raise the community awareness on the linkages between gender equality and different possible responses to negative impact of climate change. It is also a space where SGO and stakeholders recognize the contribution of women and girls in leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response to build a more sustainable future for all.



This was done with aim to sensitise and empower women to contribute to the environmental protection, in consideration of the recommendations made as part of the findings of the study conducted by KTK partners including SGO which recommended couple of actions that need to be taken including investing in women, technical support in technology that improve sustainability and resilience to climate change through direct engagement of women and girls. On this occasion of celebrating international women day, SGO joined the school of Gasogi one of key partners since long time ago to engage adolescents especially young girls in activities of planting trees, awareness raising on environmental protection. Furthermore, SGO, supported the school with water cans that will facilitate the student to look after the planted trees.

TESTIMONIES FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES

"I increased knowledge on what the laws says about SRHR especially in our context and that provide right to everyone on his/her SRH as human right. I didn't know the SRHR for the person with disability regarding making his/her decisions over her body but the laws clarified that. This will help me to share the knowledge to others and prevent the violence especially committed to people with disability".

. Peer educator, Female, G.S Gasogi, Gasabo district.

"As in charge of security in my village, after training on legal frameworks, I increased knowledge especially GBV prevention, it helped me to handle GBV cases especially reporting and use basic information on laws.

Male parent, G.S Kabasare, Kamonyi district.

"I am aware that it is my right to have SRHR information and the parents and teachers responsible to provide the true SRHR information, I am happy to be part of DCC, the information and knowledge we get help us share to nonproject participants and the best influence at school and even in our community."

Girl, 13 years old, GS Remera Indangamirwa.

"In my community, I tried to reach to my neighbors and share the knowledge I acquired, but from that day, they called me names, that I am shameless woman, I do not have culture,"

Female parent, G.S Kabasare, Kamonyi district.



SGO CROSS-CUTTING APPROACHES: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER

The promotion and protection of human rights and gender equality are at the center of Save Generations Organization's mandate and guiding principles. Our work is to fundamentally enhance and contribute to the realization of human rights and gender principles which are the essential instruments to address the underlying causes of human rights violations, including discrimination against women and girls. Therefore, mainstreaming gender and human rights among vulnerable populations including women, children, and youth, at SGO means the adoption of human rights-based approach and gender equality across our operating system.

In 2022, in full consideration of crosscutting nature of human rights and gender mainstreaming approaches, SGO contributed in reducing gender-based and discrimination against women, children and youth through awareness raising, advocacy, and evidence building.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

The 2022 was a year of reflection and change, but also a year of learning new approaches as we were recovering from the effects of COVID19 pandemic which impacted much on SGO's budget due to SHRH funding that has been in decline since 2020. Much funding from our partners was allocated to support national covid-19 response. In addition, among challenges faced include limited financial resources but also lack of qualified personnel to support expansion of our interventions and creation of new areas. In taking stock and reflecting on 2022, we identified four main strategies that have advanced transformative change and positive impact of SGO' intervention. These strategies are:

- Increasing advocacy for accountability and meaningful youth's participation in national space of power was essential for SGO to effectively advance the cause of children, women and youth in Rwanda.
 - Unifying and catalyzing feminist Organization's movement was crucial to support amplifying voice of women-led organisations for SRHR issues in Rwanda.
 - There is still much to be done to ensure SGO has created enough agents of change across all our thematic interventions and districts of operation to increase awareness of women and youth and ensure no one is left behind.
 - SGO's response in addressing negative impact of climate change for environmental protection has shown a great promise to generate positive impact to the communities we serve.
 - In 2022, we have learned that `a large number of citizens among our target communities still have negative perceptions around SRHR topics due to social norms including negative gender stereotypes which is hindering young generations from accessing accurate information and services.
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BEST PRACTICES

The 2022 activities implementation model for SGO applied a holistic approach to ensure no one is left behind. Using a human rights-based approach, intersectionality, and gender responsive programming has provided satisfactory results to our right-holders such as accurate and life-saving information, but also effective protection of the rights of vulnerable people particularly women, children and youth. SGO not only focuses on women's rights issues but also addresses the current global challenges such as climate change to reduce its negative impact to the entire society through climate justice. Furthermore, working directly with young people through interactive debates club for change has been an effective strategy for them to contribute in finding responses to the issues affecting their life.

As part of our best practices, SGO has launched a community activism model aimed at empowering and engaging the community to participate in community outreach activities. The model has shown its contribution in strengthening the capacities of the community, but also in introducing them to advocacy activities. The model also created space for the community as agents of change in advocating for the rights and well-being of women, youth and children.

Moreover, meaningful engagement with men and boys is increasingly recognized as critical to advancing gender equality and equity. It is necessary not only for women's empowerment, but also to transform the social and gender norms that reinforce patriarchy and inequality and harm both women and men. By believing so, SGO has strategically reached large number of men and boys across the program implementation which make it a unique feminist organization in Rwanda to have invested enough resources and time to promote a balanced gender-responsive governance.

1. There is need for SGO to increase communications campaigns and building positive SRHR narrative to provide with accurate, timely and life-saving SRHR information to address social norms and galvanizing transformative change over young peoples' SRHR.

2. Staff capacity has been identified as one of areas that need improvement. Staff need to increase their knowledge on monitoring and evaluation for better outcome monitoring, documentation of best practices and risk management.

CALL TO ACTION FOR 2023 AND BEYOND

3. It is recommended to increase support of conversations and intergenerational dialogues between power holders and young people for deep engagement and participation that promote diversity, intersectionality and equal representation. This will give opportunities to young people to raise their concerns aiming to persuade, influence, and hold accountable decision makers in regard to SRHR.

4. In order to increase funding opportunities, more efforts, and resources are needed for SGO to effectively implement currently adopted resource mobilization strategy.

5. SGO should take more actions towards increase of joint dialogues and advocacy interventions through engagement of young feminist SRHR network members to create greater opportunities for this alliance to make an impact at a larger national, regional and international levels including engagement of human rights mechanisms such as African commission on human and peoples' rights and the UN human rights council.



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