

# Survey regarding your organisation's work against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity

The High Commissioner for Human Rights is currently collecting information from states and organisations on the topic "Preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity and Human Rights". Thank you for your contribution to this process. This survey has a total of 30 questions divided into five parts and takes about 15-25 minutes to be completed. Thank you again for your participation and for submitting your contribution by 30th of January at the latest.

# 1. Does your organisation (directly or indirectly) reach out to the following groups in your work against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity? \*

	Yes	No	Don't know
Adolescents	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ethnic and racial minorities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indigenous women	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sex workers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women living with HIV/AIDS	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women living in underserved areas and other stigmatized and excluded populations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poor women	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTIQ-persons	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trafficked and sexually exploited women and girls	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Female prisoners	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women and girls living in conflict situations (including refugees, stateless persons, asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, displaced women or other women affected by war.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 2. If you answer yes, please indicate how you reach them.

We have Young People Program and thus directly work with adolescents and youth. Subsequently Youth Forum developed by themselves with our support. We are also working at hard to reach areas like Hill tracts. Thus addressing ethnic groups as well. " Rohingya Issue" is a serious problem now a days and our organization provided huge support regarding health issues. Through Ipas Bangladesh RHSTEP contributed a lot in capacity development of service providers who are working there.

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## 3. Can women and girls participate (i.e. being able to contribute and influence) in processes concerning planning, implementation and assessment of your strategies and activities against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity? \*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## 4. If yes, how?

RHSTEP involve women and girls at every stage of project cycle including other stake holders. Particularly before starting a project usually we conduct series of stakeholder meetings followed by sensitizing meetings keeping in mind building the community ownership.

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## 5. If not, why?

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6. Can your organisation participate (i.e. being able to contribute and influence) in State-led processes concerning planning, budgeting, implementation and assessment of strategies against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity? \*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

7. If yes, how?

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8. If not, why?

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## 9. Does your organisation provide/advocate for the following interventions for combating preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity: \*

	Yes	No	Don't know
Family Planning Services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevention and management of STIs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevention and management of HIV/AIDS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Management of unintended pregnancies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to safe and legal abortion services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-abortion care	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriate antenatal care	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Detection of domestic violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Management of prelabour rupture of membranes and preterm labour	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Induction of labour for prolonged pregnancy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevention, management of post-partum haemorrhage	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caesarean sections	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriate post-partum care	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newborn care	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 10. If yes, how?

All the above services addressed by 24 centers all over the country and one maternity center in Dhaka.

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## 11. If not, why?

RHSTEP provides only symptomatic treatment to the victims of domestic violence.

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## 12. Does your organisation provide/advocate for the following medicines in your work towards combating preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity? \*

	Yes	No	Don't know
Oxytocics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Antibiotics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Misoprostol and Mifepristone	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magnesium sulphate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anti-retroviral medications and testing kits	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anti-malarial medications (if relevant)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contraceptive methods, including condoms, hormonal methods and intrauterine devices	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 13. Identify the three most important reasons behind adolescent pregnancy in your context. Does your organisation have some strategy for addressing those reasons? Please share your experiences.

Early marriage, lack of awareness about the consequences of early pregnancies, Taboos, myths and misconceptions about sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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14. Please complete the following sentences: When fighting preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity, to what extent is your organisation/staff affected by... \*

	1 (totally free from)	2	3	4	5 (severely affected by)
Intimidation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harassment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stigma	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal prosecution	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Please complete the following sentences: When fighting preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity, to what extent are your patients/target groups affected by... \*

	1 (totally free from)	2	3	4	5 (severely affected by)
Intimidation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harassment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stigma	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal prosecution	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Complete the following sentence: My organisation is able to guarantee full confidentiality to all patients/visitors \*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Fully agree	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Fully disagree

17. Has your organisation been affected by restrictive funding policies having a negative impact on preventing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity? Explain how and your strategies on this issue.

RHSTEP has been working with positive impact on preventing maternal mortality and morbidity. There is abortion law in Bangladesh where abortion is illegal. But RHSTEP has been providing MR (Menstruation Regulation) services with the aim to reduce unsafe abortion. Thus RHSTEP has been contributing a lot in reduction of national maternal mortality and morbidity rate.

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### Technical guidance on reducing preventable Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

18. Are you familiar with the “Technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce preventable Maternal Morbidity and Mortality” (A/HRC/21/22)? A link to the document can be found here:

[http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/women/docs/A.HRC.21.22\\_en.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/women/docs/A.HRC.21.22_en.pdf)

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- Yes
- No
- Don't know

19. If yes, has the technical guidance assisted your organisation in building enhanced understanding of the requirements of a human rights-based approach on this regard?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



20. If yes, please indicate the impact that such enhanced understanding has had for the design and implementation of your policies and programmes in this area.

All the projects follow the right based approach. In our country voice of the poor and vulnerable remains unheard at local level. We care about the voiceless people and support them to raise their voice. Simultaneously RHSTEP does advocacy work at local level work with the government to respect and fulfill people's right.

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Laws and policies on preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity.

## 21. What is your opinion about the current legislative, policy and regulatory measures addressing preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in your context? \*

	Not existing	Insufficient	Sufficient	Satisfactory	Don't know
Official policy on Sexual and Reproductive Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Official policy on combating preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Official policy on Comprehensive Sexuality Education, specially for women and adolescent girls	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Official accountability mechanisms against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusion of sexual and reproductive health strategy in national plans on public health?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusion of maternal health strategy in national plans on public health?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 22. What are some of the major obstacles hindering women and girls to seek help, information and services for preventing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in your context?

Lack of education, lack of awareness, taboos, myths, misconceptions, superstitions and social stigma.

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### 23. What are the major obstacles hindering: \*

	Economical issues	Lack of information	Legal and/or political restrictions	Stigma	Don't know
Availability of interventions and medicines against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility of interventions and medicines against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acceptability of interventions and medicines against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of interventions and medicines against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 24. Please share good practices and strategies for increasing knowledge on effective interventions against preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity among most vulnerable groups, public servants and other stakeholders.

Coordination between government and non government organization is very important. When activities done in a coordinated way that becomes more fruitful.

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25. In your opinion, which state and non-state actors can promote or hinder the policies and activities addressing preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in your context? Why?

State has a great role in promoting the policies and activities addressing preventable maternal mortality and morbidity. Religious leaders often hinder activities related to SRHR. Bangladesh government is very much supportive with advancing the agenda of SRHR including prevention of maternal mortality and morbidity. But still we have to go miles to address SRHR comprehensively.

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### Preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in humanitarian settings

26. Does your organisation work on preventing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in humanitarian settings? \*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27. If you answered yes to the previous question, please indicate whether the following medicines, services and information are available in humanitarian settings you work in?

	Yes/fully	Sometimes/insufficiently	No/never	Don't know
Family Planning Services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevention and management of STIs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Antibiotics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Misoprostol and mifepristone	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magnesium sulphate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anti-retroviral medications and testing kits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Anti- malarial medications (if relevant)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Contraceptive methods, including condoms, hormonal methods and intrauterine devices	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. If any of the above mentioned medicines, services etc. is not available, please share your opinion on why they are not (for example due to economic, political, legal, lack of knowledge, lack of staff or other restrictions)

Due to economic and lack of staff.

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29. Does your Government or organisation regularly collect data on sexual and reproductive health in humanitarian settings? \*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

### 30. Please elaborate on good practices and challenges regarding collecting data on sexual and reproductive health in humanitarian settings.

In Bangladesh SRHR is an issue of silence. There are lot of social stigma, taboo, myths and misconceptions regarding SRHR. Parents, teachers and gatekeepers do not feel comfort to talk on this issue. But gradually with huge effort of the NGOs the scenario is getting change. In our project area, at the very inception we faced lot of objections. But over the period of time we overcome all the challenges with creating community support group and subsequently community ownership. We have lot of success stories/case studies which prove it's advancement.

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