

- SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS ARE GROUNDED IN THE **RIGHT TO LIFE, TO DIGNITY, TO EDUCATION & INFORMATION, TO EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW & NON-DISCRIMINATION**

OBSTACLES RELATED TO SRHR ARE ROOTED IN PATRIARCHY & COLONIALISM & OTHERS RELATE TO STRUCTURAL & SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES

- MY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN ITSELF IS A WAY OF PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE AFFECTED BY STRUCTURAL INEQUALITIES & THOSE EXPERIENCING INTERSECTIONAL & MULTIPLE FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION

PATRIARCHAL OPPRESSION IS UNIVERSAL & PERMEATES ALL SOCIETIES

- COLONIALISM ENABLES PATRIARCHAL CONTROL. PATRIARCHAL CONTROL IS PROPELLING THE CURRENT GLOBAL REGRESSION AGAINST WOMEN'S RIGHTS, THE RIGHTS OF LGBTQI+ PERSONS & SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN GENERAL
- EVEN BEFORE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THERE WAS A HIGH LEVEL OF UNMET NEEDS FOR SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS
 - SERIOUSLY IMPACTING THE AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, ACCEPTABILITY & QUALITY OF THESE SERVICES
- MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTHCARE SERVICES BECAME LESS AVAILABLE, INACCESSIBLE OR UNAFFORDABLE FOR MILLIONS OF WOMEN GLOBALLY
 - ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES & CONTRACEPTIVES SUPPLY WERE DISRUPTED
- NATIONAL MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS & LOCKDOWNS DISRUPTED ACCESS TO HORMONAL TREATMENTS, HIV MANAGEMENT & ACCESS TO HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINES
 - SOME STATES CREATED MORE LEGAL & SERVICE BARRIERS TO ABORTION & EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION
 - INCREASE IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CASES ACROSS REGIONS & YET CONTINUED LACK OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES AROSE THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE, YET THE GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE IMPACTS THIS IN MUCH OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH & OTHER DEVELOPING CONTEXTS

IT IS CRITICAL THAT POLICY CHANGES BE EXAMINED DURING THIS PANDEMIC FOR THEIR IMPACT ON EQUALITY & EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS MOVING FORWARD

STATES SHOULD STRIVE TO BE LESS DEPENDENT ON DONOR FUNDING FOR SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. DECOLONIZE GLOBAL AID

STATES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO RESPECT & PROTECT KEY PRINCIPLES OF **AUTONOMY, BODILY INTEGRITY & WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS**, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO **SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE & HEALTH RIGHTS**

USING ANTI-COLONIALITY, ANTI-RACISM & NON-DISCRIMINATION APPROACH TO THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES DURING COVID-19

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