

Global Women's Health Current Projects

Power to Choose (2021-2028)

Financed by *Global Affairs Canada* and under the lead organization *Oxfam Québec*, the Power to Choose program (2021-2028) aims to strengthen the sexual and reproductive health rights of the most vulnerable, in 7 countries around the world.

This program aims to act on three pillars:

- Empower young women and adolescent girls,
- Improve access to and quality of sexual and reproductive health services
- Sensitize communities and governments to overcome taboos.

More than 90,000 young women and adolescent girls living in vulnerable and marginalized conditions will benefit from this initiative.

In *Power to Choose*, the SOGC will be active in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Ghana, sharing technical expertise in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

In close collaboration with the National Associations of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Ghana (SOGOG) and DRC (SCOGO), the SOGC will contribute to improving provision of gender-responsive, inclusive and accountable health services by health care providers for diverse groups of women, adolescent girls and children.

Activities include;

- Training in Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) including obstetrical consequences of violence (Gender-based violence) and Training in Family Planning - sexual rights approach - for national trainers (ToT), health workers and administrators.
- Training of clinical mentors to support changes in health practices and harmful social norms
- Support Ghana and DRC National Ob/gyn Society in strengthening their technical and organizational capacity

If you wish to volunteer and share your expertise on this project (SOGC members) or for more information, contact Catherine Savoie, Global Health Project Manager csavoie@sogc.com

HAITI



The Egalitarian Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Support Project (PASSREL) (2021-2026)

The Egalitarian Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Support Project (PASSREL), known as the PASSREL project, aims to improve the ability of 60,000 adolescents, women and marginalized persons in the district of Croix-des-Bouquets (Haiti) to exercise their right to health, particularly sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). A two pronged approach will be used to progress toward the goal of the project:

- Improving the accountability of Haitian health institutions, particularly in the area of SRHR;
- Strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations (including professional associations) and citizens to assert their rights and promote SRHR of women, adolescents and marginalized persons.

PASSREL pools the efforts and resources of three Canadian organizations, the Fondation Paul Guérin Lajoie (FPGJ), the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) and the SOGC. They will implement the project in partnership with three Haitian organizations, of which la Santé Reproductive et l'Éducation Familiale (FOSREF), l'Association des Infirmières Sages-Femmes d'Haïti (AISFH) et la Société Haïtienne d'Obstétrique et de Gynécologie (SHOG). The project will also be implemented in collaboration with the Haitian Government. PASSREL is funded by Global Affairs of Canada and all its activities must be completed by September 2025.

The SOGC-SHOG component will include the following activities:

- Continuing medical education activities for health care providers of targeted health facilities in the district of CDB and for SHOG members in emergency obstetric and neonatal care, fistula prevention and repair, adolescent care, and others;
 - Support for the CBD Maternity for the purpose of establishing within it a center of excellence in maternal and newborn care, cervical cancer screening and management, adolescent services, and obstetric fistula repair; and
 - Support for SHOG's organizational strengthening efforts to enable it to assume greater leadership in the promotion of SRHR of women, adolescents and marginalized people.
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RWANDA

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) (2021 – 2027)

The Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) project aims to increase enjoyment of health-related human rights by the most marginalized and vulnerable rights holders, particularly women, adolescent girls and children in Rwanda. The six-year project will be led by AMIE (Aide internationale à l'enfance), in partnership with the SOGC, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and Rwandan partner Centre Marembo. In Rwanda, the project will seek to ensure increased and equitable access to SRHR services for the most vulnerable women and adolescents in Gasabo District through activities aimed at strengthening the skills and practice of administrators and providers and sensitizing target populations. In Canada, Canadian youth will be educated about SRHR issues and advocacy.

SOGC is a technical partner in the project and in collaboration with their Rwandan counterparts / the Rwandan Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RSOG) will carry out activities aimed at:

- Improving the delivery of gender-responsive, inclusive, and accountable health services by administrators and providers for diverse groups of women, adolescents, and children
- Supporting and strengthening the Rwanda ob/gyn association by providing expertise in strategic planning and facilitating knowledge exchange
- Coaching and mentoring activities to strengthen health care providers in family planning (FP), emergency obstetric and neonatal care and obstetrical consequences of gender-based violence (GBV)

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