

## Summary of 2018 activities and achievements Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) SheDecides beneficiary

**Period:** February 2018 – January 2019  
**Budget 2018:** € 250,000.  
**Expenditure 2018:** € 249,739.49

Grant activity	Achievement
Participation in World Contraceptives Day and International Safe Abortion Day.	Conducted one week of SRH-integrated outreach activities in Kilifi and Nairobi within the peri urban slums and at the model clinic. Reached out to <b>1692</b> young people with SRHR information and services.
Training Youth Peer Providers.	<b>50</b> Youth Peer Providers trained to widen the geographical coverage for grass root advocacy and mobilization to increase uptake of SRH services (including access to misoprostol) and information.
Media outreach	SRHR information on teenage pregnancies and contraception use featured to a wider audience through KTN and NTV television channels and a radio station.
Training and support to medical providers	<b>69</b> health care providers and <b>20</b> patent medical vendors from hard to reach regions trained, to expand geographically and increase access to Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) and Post Abortion Care (PAC) services, especially to vulnerable young girls and women. (By end 2018, a total of 556 members of RHNK are actively providing abortion services and information).
	<b>3</b> provider share workshops sessions conducted to newly trained abortion providers to create an enabling environment to share challenges and support each other when offering services as well as to eliminate stigma associated with abortion.
	Conducted facility assessments both clinical and legal audits to our <b>69</b> newly recruited abortion providers to assess clinical and legal compliance for quality service provision. Organized for updates on clinical, security and legal issues based on the facility assessment outcome.
Advocacy at national level	Developed an opposition monitoring strategy in collaboration with other SRHR organizations, to monitor the shrinking space for SRHR advocacy that is leading to increased attacks against actors working on abortion within the confines of the law and policies in Kenya.
Advocacy at county level	<b>20</b> policy makers and Civil Society Organizations from Kilifi and Kajiado counties trained on budgetary allocation, advocated towards county governments to increase the budgetary allocation towards Reproductive Health and to formulate policies to create an enabling environment for service delivery.
	Collaborated with KELIN in tracking and reviewing the Kakamega, Makueni and Kilifi Counties' regulation on safe abortion through county legislations.

Provide safe abortion services	<p><b>17,671</b> women provided with surgical abortion.  <b>23,501</b> women provided with medical abortion services.  <b>556</b> trained providers received MVA kits, FP commodities and Misoprostol procured by RHNK.  (In total <b>41,172</b> clients countrywide reached through RHNK service providers, supported by RHNK technical support and provision of safe abortion methods).</p>
Organize scientific conference on adolescent SRHR	<p>Effectively organized the 2nd Annual Adolescent Scientific Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights that brought together over <b>300</b> participants from different organizations.  <a href="http://www.rhnkconference.org">www.rhnkconference.org</a></p>

During the implementation of activities in 2018, RHNK faced some challenges, including:

- Widespread stigma associated with abortion in our communities' hindered women's access to safe abortion services and information.
- Kenya still lacks safe abortion standards and guidelines which is a barrier towards provision of safe abortion services in the country.
- Insufficient medical supplies occasioned by budget constraints.
- Second trimester clients who present themselves with complications were not effectively managed by our providers since they did not have the capacity.
- Strong existing opposition (faith based organizations and individuals) affected the confidence of providers, especially during the government-imposed ban on Marie Stopes Kenya.
- Fear of harassment, intimidation and prosecution amongst providers.

Looking forward towards 2019, RHNK will focus its efforts on:

- Coordinate the launch of the SheDecides Kenya local movement together with other like-minded organizations.
- Recruit and train more abortion providers on Value Clarification and Attitudes Transformation (VCAT) and Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) while providing legal education, protection and representation to providers.
- Collaborate with like-minded organization to monitor opposition.
- Strengthen RHNK's community engagement strategies for demand creation and stigma reduction.