

# BRIDGING RESEARCH AND POLICY ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

ACADEMIC  
NETWORK FOR  
SEXUAL AND  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS POLICY

# BUILDING ON A SUCCESS STORY

## Network goal:

ANSER helps building evidence-based policies that support sexual and reproductive rights for everyone, everywhere through:

- Research: joint research projects driven by policy needs
- Education: host innovative training programs
- Service to society: develop research outputs that are directly relevant for policy makers

## Approaches:

- Comprehensive & multidisciplinary approach to SRHR
- Fostering interaction and knowledge sharing between a wide variety of SRHR stakeholders

# MEMBERS: 42 INSTITUTIONS OF WHICH 13 ARE BASED IN AFRICA

## OUR MEMBERS

### ALBANIA

- Institute of Public Health
- University of Medicine

### ARMENIA

- Armenian Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

### AUSTRALIA

- Burnet Institute

### AZERBAIJAN

- Association 'Support to Development of Gynecology and Perinatology'

### BELGIUM

- Institute of Tropical Medicine
- Ghent University
- Centre for Population, Family & Health – University of Antwerp
- RHEA – Vrije Universiteit Brussels
- Hasselt University

### CHINA

- Tsinghua University
- National Research Institute for Family Planning
- HeSAY – Peking University Institute of Population Research

### ECUADOR

- University of Cuenca

### ETHIOPIA

- Jimma University

### GEORGIA

- Tbilisi State Medical University

### GERMANY

- Klinikum of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
- Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA)
- Centre for Conflict Studies – Philipps-Universität Marburg

### KENYA

- Aga Khan University East-Africa
- Nairobi University
- Technical University of Kenya
- International Centre for Reproductive Health Kenya

### LATVIA

- Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology – Riga Stradins University

### MOLDOVA

- Nicolae Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy

### MOZAMBIQUE

- Eduardo Mondlane University
- International Centre for Reproductive Health Mozambique

### NETHERLANDS

- Rutgers

### NORWAY

- Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies

### PORTUGAL

- Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

### SOUTH AFRICA

- Foundation for Professional Development
- School of Public Health – University of the Western Cape
- University of Cape Town

### SUDAN

- GRACE – Ahfad University for Women

### SWEDEN

- Karolinska Institutet
- Department of Women's and Children's Health – Uppsala University

### UGANDA

- Mbarara University of Science and Technology

### UK

- Coventry University

### USA

- Johns Hopkins University



# WHAT WE DO?

## EDUCATION

Joint Master  
thesis topics

ANSER elective  
course

Summer School

Knowledge  
Hub

Joint  
research  
outputs

Webinars

Doctoral School

Toolkit

PhD Network

## RESEARCH

## SERVICE TO SOCIETY

Policy briefs

Courses for  
professionals/  
policy makers

Knowledge clips

Technical  
assistance

Self-sustainable  
network

# COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH AFRICAN PARTNERS IN 2022

# MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES – VISITS TO GHENT



Dr. Joyce  
Omwoha

*Technical  
University of  
Kenya*

May-July



Arefayne  
Alenko

*Jimma  
University*

Feb.-April



Cecilia  
Akatukwasa

*Mbarara  
University*

Feb.-April



Leona Morgan

*University of  
the Western  
Cape*

June-July



Prof. Lucia  
Knight

*University of  
Cape Town*

May-June

## JOINT PHDS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 7 PhDs
- Universities:
  - Jimma University, Ethiopia
  - University of the Western Cape, South Africa
  - Aga Khan University, Kenya
  - Mbarara University, Uganda
  - University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 5 Publications
- Field: Comprehensive sexuality education, HIV prevention, SRH during COVID-19
- Countries covered: Eastern and Southern Africa

## 3RD ANSER DOCTORAL SCHOOL (OCT 10-21ST)

- Organised by:
  - Karolinska Institutet,
  - Ghent University,
  - University of Nairobi,
  - University of the Western Cape
- 13 students got certificates


**Welcome to the Global SRHR course: Introductions**  
Please introduce yourself to the class with a brief text + picture of your choice

My name is Herbert Kayiga. I'm a lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at Makerere university. I'm looking forward to interacting with everyone in the course



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Hi everyone. I am Samuel Kimani from Kenya. I work for the University of Nairobi and Africa Coordinating Centre for Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (ACCAF) as a Senior Lecturer and Research Associate. I am excited to be part of this great team. Welcome



My name is Silas Lodeke. Am a consultant in international public health. Am a PhD student on my final lap of completing my studies after publishing my manuscript. I look forward to learn a lot from this training

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Hi Everyone,

My Name is Evah Maina, I am a PHD finalist at the University of Nairobi Kenya. My background is Nursing, Reproductive health and Midwifery.

Hello everyone,



(Sorry the picture doesn't have high resolution)

My name is Kasra Zarei, and I am a PhD Student in the EPICSS research group at Karolinska, also in a collaborative doctoral program between the U.S.

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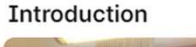
Hi everyone,

My name is Jacquelly Ssanyu, from Uganda a PhD student at Upp University. My background is in Pharmacy and for PhD work, I will look forward to implementing family planning intervention in urban settings. I currently work with Makerere University School of Health in Uganda. Looking forward to interacting with everyone here!

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**Introduction**





## ONGOING JOINT RESEARCH

- CHILI - A Community-based HPV screening Implementation in Low-Income countries  
→ *Ghent University, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Jimma University, University of Eduardo Mondlane*
- Improving Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health through a Participatory Parent-Child Communication Intervention in Uganda  
→ *Mbarara University & Ghent University*
- I-SHARE - Survey on International Sexual Health And Reproductive Health during COVID-19  
→ *Ghent University, Foundation for Professional Development, Technical University of Kenya, Mbarara University, ICRH Kenya*



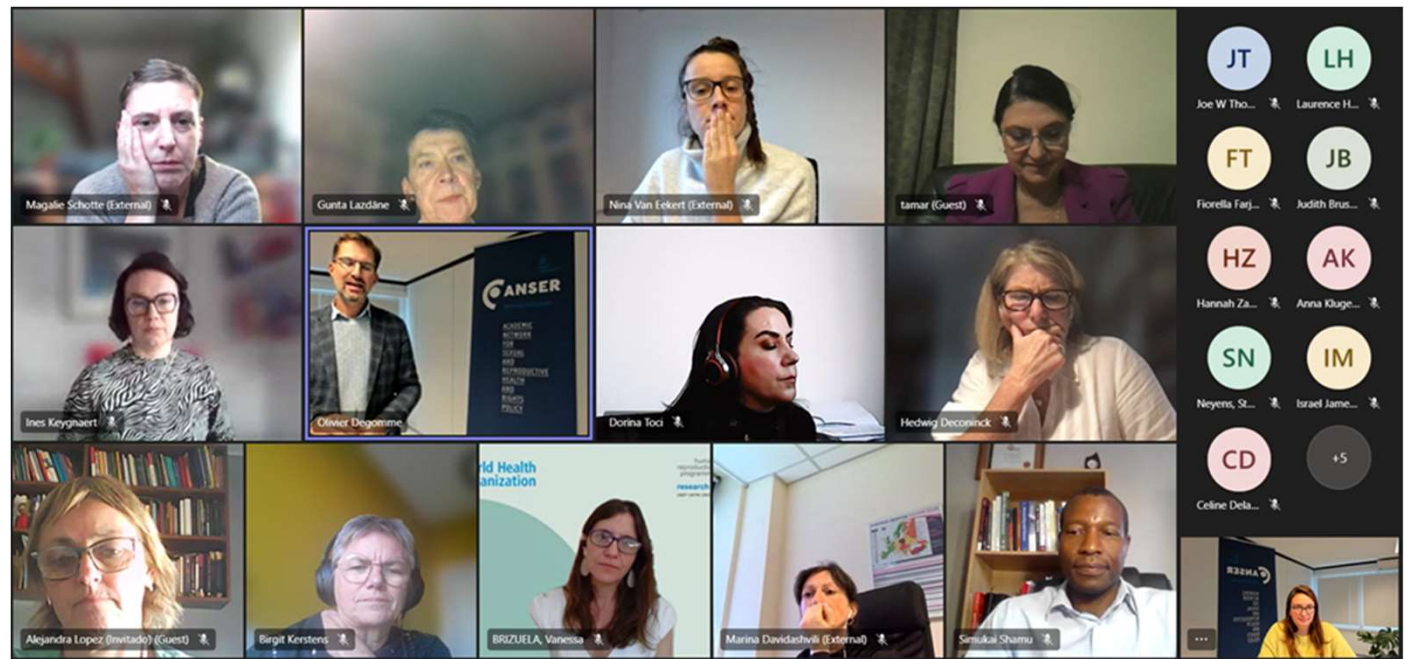
## 'Impact of COVID-19 restriction measures on sexual and reproductive health in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa'



- WEBINAR, 21 July 2022
- 40+ policy makers, academics, civil society
- data from studies from 8 institutions:
  - 6 African institutions

# STAKEHOLDER MEETING (NOVEMBER 9TH)

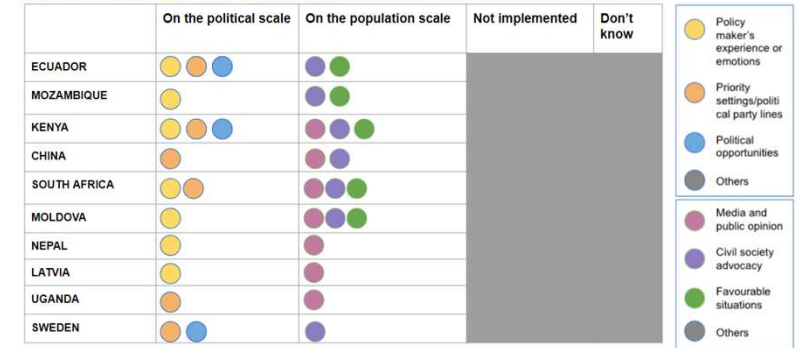
- 48 participants
- 8 pitches
- 5 discussion groups



# SRHR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

- Surveyed 10 member countries on triggers & barriers for implementation of SRHR policy
- ✓ 4 African countries

## Presentation of the survey : The triggers of the implementation Access to family planning and CSE



## Presentation of the survey : The barriers of the implementation Depenalization/decriminalization of sex work

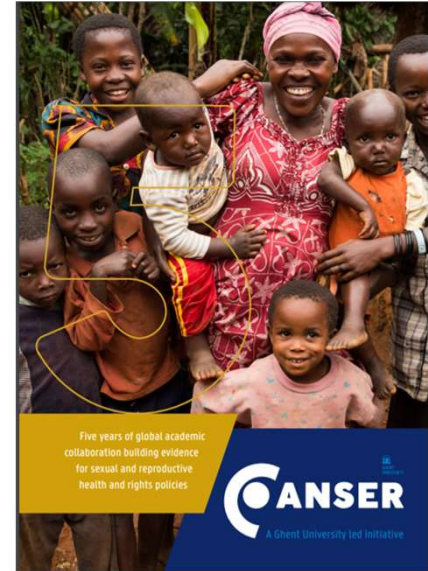


# RESEARCH ON HOW TO DEAL WITH OPPOSITION AGAINST COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION

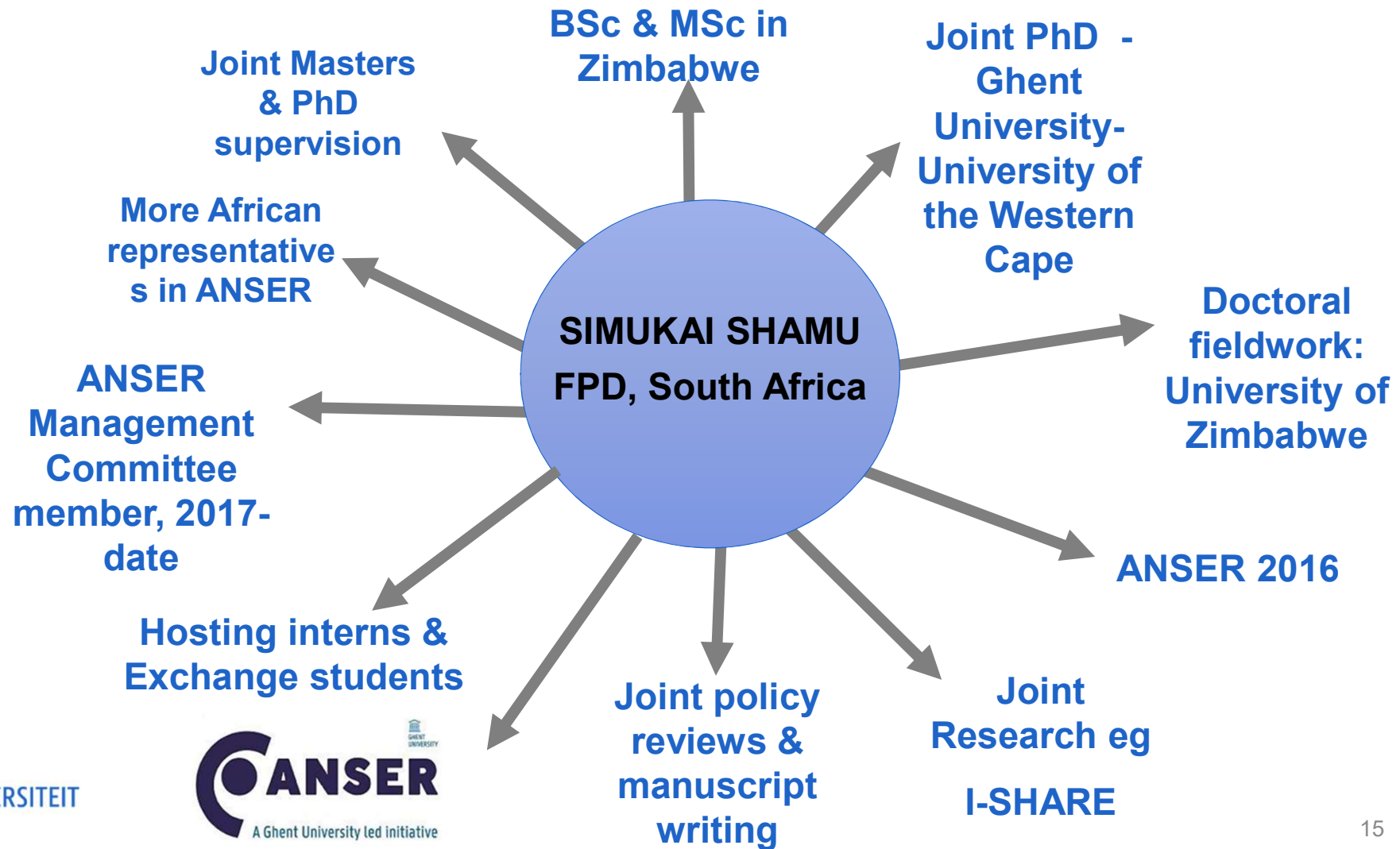
- Proposal drafted 'Study on tackling opposition to CSE in Kilifi County Kenya'
  - Technical University of Kenya
  - University of Nairobi
  
- Idea to work on manual focussing on 'Parent-to-child communication skills around SRHR', based on Ugandan experience
  - Ghent University,
  - University of Cape Town,
  - Mbarara University

## NORTH-SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATIONS

- I-SHARE - Survey on International Sexual Health And Reproductive Health during COVID-19
- Rapid assessment of the provision of SRHR, HIV and GBV services at health facilities and communities during COVID-19 pandemic in the East and Southern African region
  - South Africa
  - Zimbabwe
  - Uganda
- Health System Preparedness: Lessons for COVID-19 response in Zimbabwe and South Africa (ZimSoNet)



# NORTH-SOUTH COLLABORATIONS





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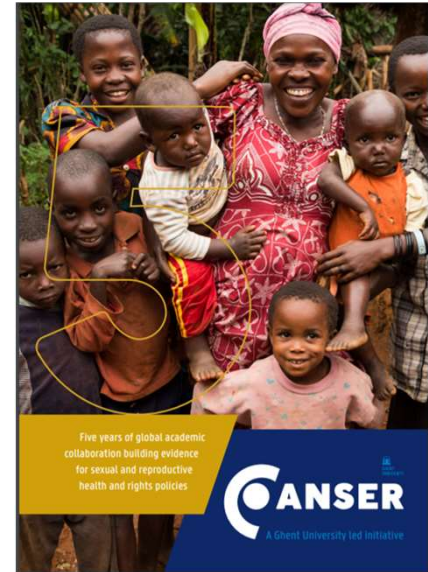
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