



Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights

Organisation	Date	Reporting period		
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Result area 1 SRHR ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS	OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA Better information and greater freedom of choice for young people about their sexuality		
To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?	The results achieved show a positive trend. Young people are becoming more active on reproductive health and sexual rights issues, they regularly attend youth friendly centers and carry positive messages amongst peers. Most of the young beneficiaries of the Embassy's programs, especially those in youth associations, are role models in society, which benefits from their regular involvement in national SRHR discussions, in the development of documents and strategies by the government, international institutions and civil society organizations. They show commitment which helps achieve improvements in terms of legislation, policy and practice. Some young leaders participate in international events on the prevention of child marriage for example in Kuala Lumpur. Girls not brides global meeting and in Dakar. All girls' summit, both in 2018 and show knowledge, dedication and share the Beninese experience with peers from other countries, as such also building on strengthening an international (i.e. West African) youth network.			
Indicator	Baseline + year	Target	Result	Source
B. % of young people reached with comprehensive, correct information on sexuality, HIV/AIDS, STIs, pregnancy and contraception e0	0% (2016 in the school curriculum)	2	3%	MNBUZA-2018.772864 Rapport APESSA du 26th semestre 2017 et du 1er semestre 2018
B. % of young people reached with comprehensive, correct information on sexuality, HIV/AIDS, STIs, pregnancy and contraception e0	35% (2016 out of school in NGO intervention zones)	100	52 %	MNBUZA-2018.366909 annual report 2017 ABPF
C.# of health facilities that adopt and implement youth-friendly SRHR and HIV/AIDS services e0	63 (2016)	84	84	MNBUZA-2018.366909 annual report 2017 /Annual report ABMS MNBUZA-2018.371798 /MNBUZA-2018.979409 /MNBUZA-2019.101977
To what extent have the outputs for this result area been achieved?	In order to achieve the results, several activities are carried out by civil society organizations (e.g. the consortium composed of ABMS, ABPF CARE Benin/Togo), United Nations institutions (mostly UNICEF and UNFPA) and the government (the Ministries of Education, Health, Social Affairs, Youth, Justice etc. ...). Most of the activities focus on increasing the demand and supply for integrated SRHR services (gender) through the development and provision of Comprehensive Sexuality Education to young people, capacity building of health providers, training and awareness-raising of young people on different SRHR themes, and through public SRHR diplomacy to inform national and regional government agencies. Moreover, a crucial output has been achieved: formal approval and accreditation by the government of the curriculum for comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in June 2018. This will pave the way for reaching the outcome. Intensified support to UNFPA, in order to strengthen, accelerate and deepen planning of the curriculum is expected to boost the acceptance of CSE throughout the in- and out-of-school system. The fact that CSE has been accepted by government, and religious and traditional leaders, has opened opportunities to already intensify the work of NGOs who provide CSE in out-of-school settings which is important in also offering better opportunities to raise SRHR related topics more openly in community settings, especially in those areas where the % of out-of-school youth is highest.			
Indicator	Baseline + year	Target	Result	Source
E.Condom use by young people at least high-risk sex	76.0 % (2016)	79.0 %	76.6%	MNBUZA-2019.101977
Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1	Assess achieved results compared to planning:		B. Results achieved as planned	
Reasons for result achieved.	Implications for planning.		The active involvement of religious leaders in SRHR through the creation of the National Platform of Religious Leaders in SRHR - strengthening quality of and access to SRHR services in youth centers and clinics, availability of LGBTI-friendly services and close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and decentralized structures. Strengthening of communication on social networks. The Beninese Youth Action Movement (MAJ) organizes online conferences, is very active on social media and hence very much visible. Many young people, through social media networks, become better informed about Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE). Also, youth that are mobilised through MAJ, are more active in raising awareness in the community in order to eventually persuade their peers to adopt healthy sexual behaviour and in order to make sensitive issues related to SRHR negotiable amongst adults, notably parents, teachers and traditional/religious leaders.	
Result area 2 SRHR ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS	OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA Improved access to contraceptive and medicines		
To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?	Through the increased availability of access to contraceptives for youth, a relatively small improvement of access to contraceptives for youth has been achieved. However, in general, in Benin, the contraceptive prevalence rate remains very low (12%). Our programme does not focus on improved access to medicines in general, only those related to SRHR for youth.			
Indicator	Baseline + year	Target	Result	Source
B.# of couples protected by various contraceptives over a 1 year period (couple-years protection)	139,365 (2016)	534626	627,445	MNBUZA-2018.371798 ABMS Annual report 2017 /MNBUZA-2018.366909 ABPF annual report 2017
To what extent have the outputs for this result area been achieved?	The output targets have been achieved, performance was actually better than the target set.			
Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2	Assess achieved results compared to planning:		B. Results achieved as planned	
Reasons for result achieved.	Implications for planning.		Mobilisation of youth through youth clubs, social media and organisation of campaign- like events, provision of youth friendly services in health centres, has mobilised youth to SRHR services and to get involved in SRHR advocacy. To increase accessibility to SRHR services and contraceptives in the more remote rural areas, mobile clinics are available, and youth clubs/centres mobilised.	
Result area 3 SRHR ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS	OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA Better public and private health care for family planning, pregnancies and childbirth, including safe abortions		
To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?	This result area is not considered a priority area in the Embassy SRHR programme. Indirectly, however, SRHR oriented care and system strengthening will take place, while working at national level to provide training for CSE delivery and improving of youth friendly SRHR services. At district level, interventions of the NGO consortium is expected to impact positively on youth friendly service delivery within (mainly) rural clinics.			
Indicator	Baseline + year	Target	Result	Source
No output/outcome indicator for this result area				
Result area 4 SRHR ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS	OUTCOME/OUTPUT Outcome	RESULT AREA More respect for the sexual and reproductive rights of groups who are currently denied these rights		
To what extent have the outcomes for this result area been achieved?	Discrimination and stigma of sexual minorities is still very common in Benin, implying that our work focused on LGBTI through NGOs and CSE and public diplomacy and lobbying have not yet led to substantial results. With respect to prevention of child marriage, there is a slow decrease in the incidence of child marriage.			
Indicator	Baseline + year	Target	Result	Source
E.1.# of key populations reached by communities and advocacy networks with SRHR and HIV/AIDS information	NA	800		MNBUZA-2018.371798 ABMS Annual report 2017 / MNBUZA-2019.101977
D.1. % of women (20-24yr) who were married or in union before ages 15 and 18	9% below age 15 married, and 32% of women married before 18 years of age (2015)	25% married before 18 years of age	26% of women married below age 18	MNBUZA-2018.371798 and www.cirfo.benin.gov.bj
2. Contributions made to SRHR and HIV/AIDS policy-making through awareness raising among policymakers, policy settings and strategy development	0 (2005)	1		La prime de dévouement à la loi 2003-04 du 03 mars 2003 portant Statut de la Reproduction en république du Bénin.
To what extent have the outputs for this result area been achieved?	The set target related to improving access to SRHR information and services has not been achieved. Prevention of child marriage shows a positive trend.			
Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 4	Assess achieved results compared to planning:		C. Results achieved poorer than planned	
Reasons for result achieved.	Implications for planning.		The promotion of SRHR rights for the LGBTI community in Benin is very sensitive given the socio-cultural context of Benin, at all levels in society. In policy dialogues, the LGBTI component is absent, since according to many Beninese, "there is no homosexuality in Benin". With respect to bringing down the incidence of child marriage, results are gradually being achieved, because there is quite some attention for this, at various levels and the theme is not controversial at all. There is no politician or religious or traditional leader who wants to openly promote child marriage. Legislation is in place, UNICEF together with government, civil society, in particular youth organisations and international donor representatives, have organised the Zero Tolerance Against Child Marriage Campaign in 2017 in Benin, the number of Beninese members of the global network organisation Girls not Brides is growing.	
Activity	Actual accomplishments in 2018	Name organisation	Implemented by	Department/Embassy
25629 - Renforcement SSR	2013629	UNFPA	Multilateral organisations	COT
400001420 - Promotion de la Santé et des Droits Sexuels et Reproductifs au Bénin (PSDR)	3007223	CARE	NGOs	COT
400001430 - Protection des enfants 2018	182304	UNICEF	Multilateral organisations	COT
400001468 - Protection des enfants 2019-2021	1200000	UNICEF	Multilateral organisations	COT