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Sexual and Reproductive Health in MOROCCO and the role of NGOs (Example of ROMS)

SSR IN MOROCCO

Progress realized

- Life expectancy among women: 71.8 years (2000); 73.0 years (2004);
- contraceptive prevalence has reached 54.8% (2003)
- Synthetic fertility index: 7enfans / woman (1960) 2.5 (2000), 2.3 (2007)
- Health insurance became compulsory for Officials, Employees , workers, retirees and their dependents in 2000.
- New family code
- Average age at 1st marriage: 30 years
- Low prevalence of HIV / AIDS: 0.9

shortcomings

- contraception is still a women. (The campaigns neglect men),
- Low rates of contraceptive use, particularly in rural areas
- Attendance at birth remains low in rural areas.
- Maternal mortality remains high, especially in rural areas: 267 per 100,000 live births.
- Feminization of HIV / AIDS: 16% (1986), 39 (2007)
- Lack of sex education (sex remains a taboo, especially in rural)
- More than 300 illegal abortions / day
- Breast cancer and cervix represents a genuine

Roles of civil society

STRENGTHS

- A vigorous civil society.
- A favorable political climate (important democratic process).
- Roles very important in areas where the State can not intervene (sex workers, MSM, drug users, migrants)
- Good skills in the field of outreach work

ACTIVITIES OF ROMS

- ROMS is a network of 32 associations ,created by OPALS
- Health Clubs in high schools
- Specific projects for vulnerable groups (SW, drug users, migrants, rural women, youth)
- Creating a National Alliance for SRG
 - 227 signatures of VIPs
 - Training of women's NGOs
 - Awareness campaigns
- Annual National Assessment
- Integration of religious leaders and journalists.
- Constitution of committees advocacy
- Scientific research. (SW, female condom)