





Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Adolescents in Bangladesh: Progress made but challenges remain

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Introduction of UBR Program

Objective & Methodology

Key Findings



Limited access to quality information on SRHR

multitude of factors (poverty, sociocultural beliefs and norms, and weak policy implementation)

Results in

High rates of teenage pregnancies and unsafe abortion, HIV/AIDS and STIs, Gender based Violence Mental Health problem Problem Statement

A SRHR Alliance

Unite for Body Rights (UBR)

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Target population : 200,000 Young people (age 10 -19 yrs.) in school & 500,0000 out of schools

Activities

Training of Teachers on CSE & Psychosocial Counseling Provision of Psychosocial Counseling in schools Community Leaders Meeting Parents Meeting Advocacy for mainstreaming



UBR Program areas & Partners

Sl.no	Sub districts	Districts
1	Savar	Dhaka
2	Rajosthali	Rangamati
3	Kawkhali	
4	Sadar	
5	Kaptai	
6	Gazipur	Gazipur
7	City Corporation	Chittagong
8	Netrakona Sadar	Netrokona
9	Barhatta	
10	Durgapur	Netrokona
11	Moddhanagar	Sunamganj
12	Mymensing	Mymensing
13	Noakhali	Noakhali
14	Pabna	Pabna





Objective of the Study

To explore the knowledge level of students on selected topics of sexuality education

To find out the changes among students after getting the sexuality education

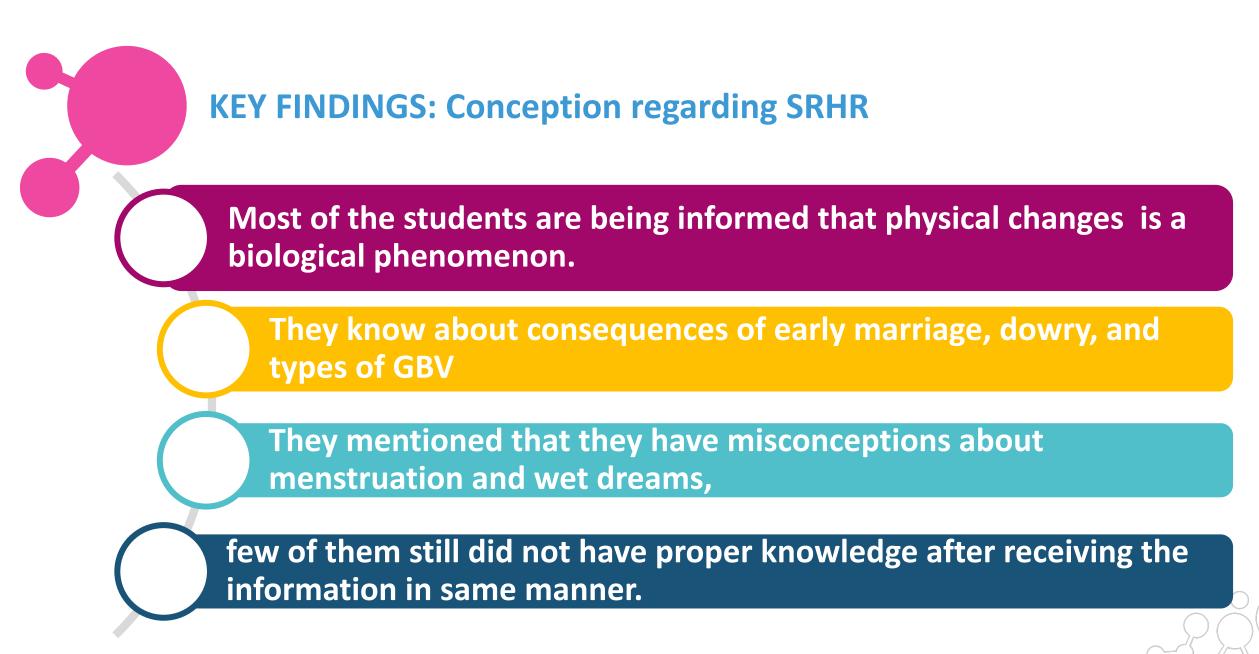
Methodology

A mixed method approach of qualitative and quantitative data collection has been followed for the study. Boys, girls and parents were sample group of the study.

Survey and FGD were followed to understand their knowledge and attitudes after undertaking comprehensive sexuality education in last two years. Some case studies were conducted to showcase the changes brought through CSE.



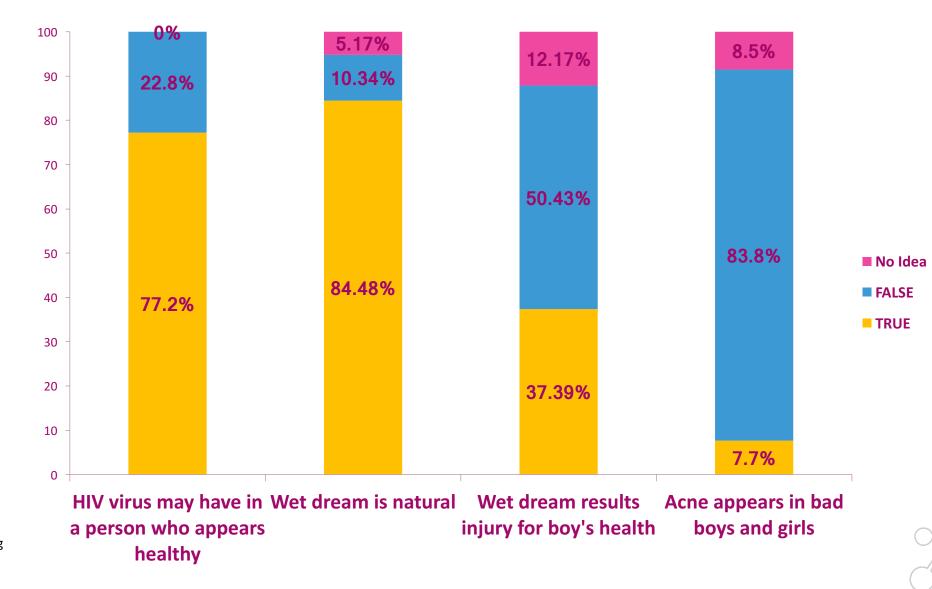
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SRHR practice at home

- Parents shared that they have friendly relationship but not discussed about SRHR issues/physical changes.
- The result showed that majority of the respondents are comfortable with teachers and mothers after friend. However, there is no respondent mentioned about their father.
- All of the fathers agreed that to protect the children from misuse of technology (pornography), they need to support them at adolescent period.
- One of the mothers expressed that, "Though my daughter is comfortable and share her issues but my son might be in vulnerable situation because he is not open with me or his father."

Recommendations

• Students should not simply be taught the facts and figures about sexuality knowledge; they need practical application of what they are learning and how they should act in these situations.

• Comprehensive Sexuality Education can help to develop life skills by breaking traditional attitude related gender norms and SRHR issues as it is not only based on the sexual knowledge.

• Schools are the better place for CSE and teachers could play the important role.

• The Community mobilization includes sensitizing key adult gatekeepers to SRH issues specially father or male members of the family as they are the role model and decision makers.

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