

Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AdSEARCH) by icddr,b






ADVANCING Knowledge | GENERATING Evidence | INFLUENCING Policy and Programme

AdSEARCH by icddr,b, supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD), is working towards a significant milestone in identifying Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) needs and solutions from March 2021.


With a focus on innovation and invention, AdSEARCH is developing and testing a wide range of novel products, from ICT-based and technological innovations to behavior, process, and health systems modifications making it one of the largest innovation hubs in the country.

Conducting 50+ studies on selective SRHR themes, AdSEARCH is also the most comprehensive attempt to understand the SRHR needs and navigation of adolescent girls, recently married couples, pregnant women, and women involved in the ready-made garments sector. In addition, the project is collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to conduct a national health facility survey on SRHR. AdSEARCH is testing the first national registers on High-Risk Pregnancy, Fistula, and Cervical Cancer, and conducting a comprehensive landmark study to assess the SRH burden among key populations. The studies and activities are carried out across the country with an ambition to play a significant impact beyond borders for a more equitable world.

Understanding the SRHR needs and identifying solutions through 5 work packages:

	WP1: Community-based research
	WP2: Facility-based SRHR services
	WP3: Innovation hub for SRHR interventions
	WP4: SRHR studies with Key populations
	WP5: Sustainable nutrition service delivery

Generating SRHR related evidence on 8 themes:

	Adolescent health		Fertility
	Maternal & neonatal health		Gynecological issues & sexual health
	Key populations		Nutrition & SRHR
	COVID 19 & SRHR		Gender equity & rights

Unpacking the SRHR landscape with 50+ studies:

20+ INNOVATIONS AND INVENTIONS	
15+ Population-based studies	6 Large cohort studies
10+ Secondary analysis	10+ Systematic review
10+ Facility based studies	\$3M Canadian dollar funded for innovations until Feb. 2023

AdSEARCH also includes several components: Capacity development, Knowledge translation and communication, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), and Services.

