



Newsletter
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This is the second e-newsletter of the Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium. This edition provides information about our research, events and publications. Further detail can be found on our website or you can contact us if you want to know anything in particular.

With best wishes, Kate Hawkins, *Communications Officer*

Married Men

Access to services in Bangladesh

Our partner in Bangladesh, BRAC, has been conducting research into the sexual health concerns of married men and where they access services. Their findings suggest ways in which healthcare providers could better meet men's needs and desires.

>> [Read an update on this work from Dr Farah Mahjabeen.](#)

Action on HIV and AIDS

XVII International AIDS Conference

Realising Rights was active at the AIDS conference that took place in Mexico in August.

>> [A complete listing of our involvement](#)

>> [News reports on the Crossing blog](#)

>> [Coverage on the IDS website](#)

>> [Write up of the MenEngage satellite session](#)

Abortion

Media coverage

As part of our efforts to keep the issue of access to safe abortion high on the policy agenda Realising Rights partners, IDS, have been monitoring domestic debates to bring the learning from developing countries.

>> [Our letter to the Guardian](#)

>> [Local UK coverage](#)

New factsheet

Focus on syphilis

12 million people are infected with syphilis each year despite the means to prevent onward transmission and the existence of screening technologies and inexpensive treatment.

>> [Read our factsheet for policy makers](#)

Population

Nature podcast

Our partner, John Cleland of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, was featured in an interview by the journal Nature.

>> [Listen to John](#)

Maternal Health

Realising Rights and MDG 5

We have been busy engaging with national and international maternal health debates.

>> [Read our evidence to the UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Population Development and Reproductive Health on maternal health](#)

>> [INDEPTH Network presented at the Annual Health Forum of Civil Society Organizations in Health on mapping health outcomes and what civil society could do to prevent maternal and child deaths](#)

Meet the Team

Get to know the members of Realising Rights

This edition of the newsletter introduces you to [Jo Crichton](#) of the African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya.

Coming soon!

Keep checking our website for **upcoming news, events and products** including:

Our paper on maternal health in the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Reference Report, the official publication of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers meeting.

Endnote...

Send questions and feedback to j.vaghadia@ids.ac.uk

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