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This is the third newsletter of the **Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium**. Our newsletter is designed to keep you in touch with the work of the partners in Kenya, Bangladesh, Ghana and the UK. We are currently preparing for our annual meeting which will be hosted by the **INDEPTH Network in Ghana** so if we are a little quiet over the next couple of months you know why.

With best wishes, Kate Hawkins, *Communications Officer*

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GHANA

Our partners in Ghana have been holding stakeholder meetings to engage with opinion shapers and decision makers. One of their workshops was covered by Ghanaweb. In the article Nana Oye argues that legal abortion and family planning should be factored into the National Health Insurance Scheme to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Ghana.

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VIOLENCE

A recently published working paper 'Painful Tradeoffs: Intimate partner violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights in Kenya' is the result of research work by our partner African Population and Health Research Center.

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>>[Download the Working Paper \(pdf\)](#)

IMPACT

'Metaphors we Love By' suggests that analysing the metaphors young people use while talking about sex can provide valuable insights into the ways in which youth understand sex, sexual behaviour, and sexual relationships.

>> [Talking about sex: Using youth language in sexuality education](#)

>> [Read about it on the Communication Initiative website](#)

SEXUALITY

The latest ID21 *insights* explores the link between sexuality and the norms that are set for sexual relations by policies and politics.

>> [Read more](#)

WEB 2.0

Our PowerPoint presentations are now available through SlideShare.

>> [Take a peek](#)

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Research from our partners in Kenya and the Population Reference Bureau shows that even as African women use family planning more and bear fewer children, the continent's youthful population will fuel the continent's growth for many decades to come.

>> [Read the 2008 Africa Population Data Sheet \(pdf\)](#)

>> [Media briefing available \(pdf\)](#)

WORLD AIDS DAY

Many of our partners were involved in events for World AIDS Day. The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine held an event '[HIV/AIDS Prevention Gaps: Whose Responsibility? Whose Role?](#)'. The Institute of Development Studies hosted a parliamentary event entitled '[Children and AIDS: Prevention and/or Protection?](#)'.

URBAN AREAS

Our colleagues in Kenya have been featured in a number of news stories on sanitation and access to healthcare in urban areas.

>> [Interview with Dr. Alex Ezeh on water and sanitation problems in slums, Inter-press Service News Agency](#)

>> [Interview with Dr. Eliya Zulu on Healthcare hurdles in Nairobi slums with IRIN news](#)

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

Endnote...

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