

# ANNUAL REPORT

2020

The Society for Education on Contraception  
and Sexuality  
SECS

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# About SECS

- The Society for Education on Contraception and Sexuality (SECS) - pioneer Romanian NGO established in 1990 to respond to RH issues.
  - SECS along its activity had a **focus on increasing access of disadvantaged groups to RHS:** affected by poverty, roma, persons with disabilities, HIV, LGBTIQ, etc..
- *MAIN EXPERTISE*
  - Community mobilization programs
  - Train peer educators both for young people and for adults
  - Awareness raising campaigns
  - Advocate for RH rights



# Projects implemented in

2020



# My Body My Rights project

## Outcomes

- Advocate for increased accountability and transparency (using score cards, petitions, human rights instruments, budget tracking, etc.);
- Engage key policy- and decision-makers (e.g. through effective events, communications, dialogue and participation in delegations and conferences);
- Develop and implement innovative approaches for delivering non-formal CSE;
- Develop and/or improve education modules, curricula and/or supporting materials;
- Implement a peer to peer CSE programme;
- Provide CSE in school or out of school to young people;
- Support the public sector to deliver CSE;
- Training of trainers, educators, volunteers, intermediaries and field workers to provide CSE;
- Expand antenatal care services;
- Expand contraception-related services PO5: Improve access for underserved groups PO5: Improve access for young people.

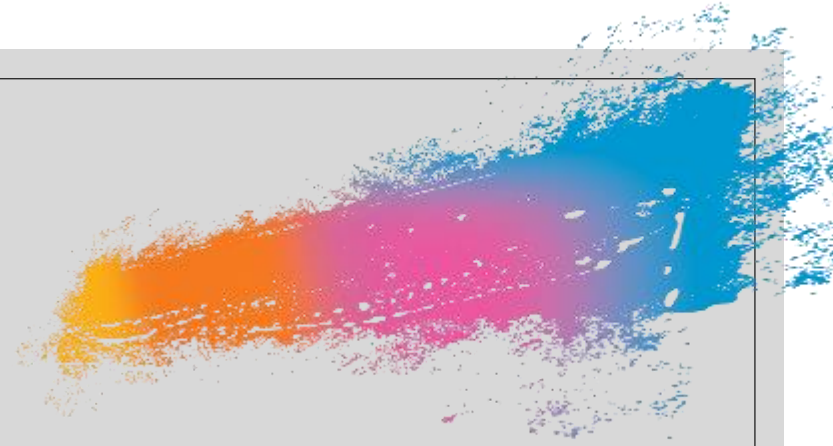
# My Body My Rights!

Main achievements in 2020

- Over 2041 pregnancy tests distributed;
- Over 12000 condoms distributed;
- 1367 beneficiaries of information, education and communication materials;
- 367 beneficiaries of comprehensive sexuality education sessions;
- 28 peers educators trained;
- 16 professionals trained;



# My Body My Rights!



## Main achievements in 2020

- Constituted a working group and Drafted a SRHR strategic plan;
- 2 awareness events with 16 and 30 participants;
- 4 videos promoting benefits of family planning;
- 1 follow up training for 11 SSGs - 5 online comprehensive sexuality education sessions (each session contains more interactive activities/exercises, available on SECS site here: <https://secs.ro/my-body-my-rights/>);
- Develop Romanian version of Myra – the first mobile application for health and sexuality information's;
- 71 Reports on MSG and 14 stories selected translated ;

# Youth SpectActors project

## About

- The Youth SpectActors project was funded by the European Commission and had it's implemented from October 2019 - March 2022, in 4 countries (Serbia, Romania, Latvia and Estonia).
- The project addresses the norms, stereotypes and practices that contribute to gender-based violence. Through methods specific to social theatre, the project encourages the identification and questioning of the main causes of gender-based violence.





# Youth SpectActors!

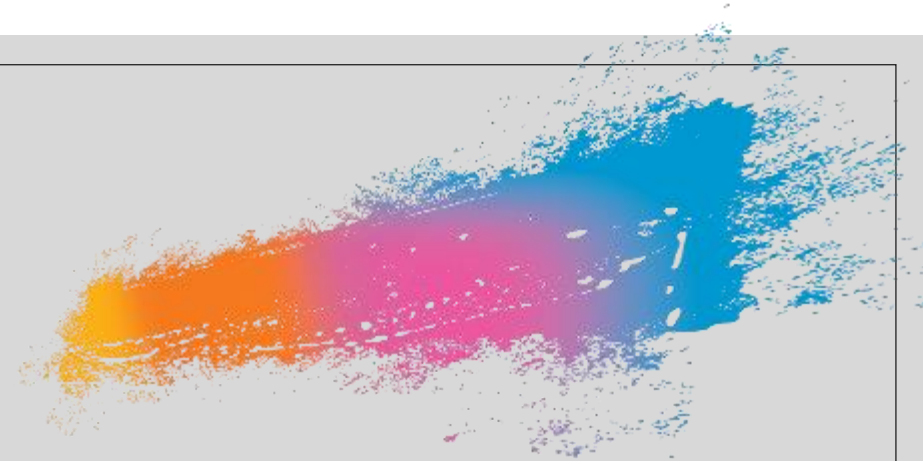
## Main achievements

- 4 master moderators trained;
- 20 submoderators trained;
- 1 translated and adapted methodology, including adaptation for online implementation;
- 20 pupils trained to support moderators;
- Over 600 pupils that had participated in the pilot sessions;
- 1 social media campaign;
- IEC materials developed;





# Youth in power project



## Objectives

- Develop and/or improve education modules, curricula and/or supporting materials;
- Provide comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in school or out of school to young people;
- Training of trainers, educators, volunteers, intermediaries and field workers to provide CSE;
- Build capacities of women and youth to be leaders and advocates on sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Strengthen the capacity of volunteers on various issues (including good governance);
- Identify and implement activities to recruit new volunteers;
- Support the public sector to deliver CSE;

# Youth in power

## Main achievements

- 298 young people benefiting from CSE sessions in 2 High schools;
- 1064 hours of volunteering;
- 30 volunteers;
- 12 peer educators;
- 1 online catalogue that had the role of limiting the negative consequences of the pandemic in the emergency period, related to the isolation of young people or couples.



# Inspire human rights project

## Outcomes

- Devise and implement pro-active strategies to counter opposition and to reach and influence the moveable middle of the political spectrum;
- Engage key policy- and decision-makers (e.g. through effective events, communications, dialogue and participation in delegations and conferences).

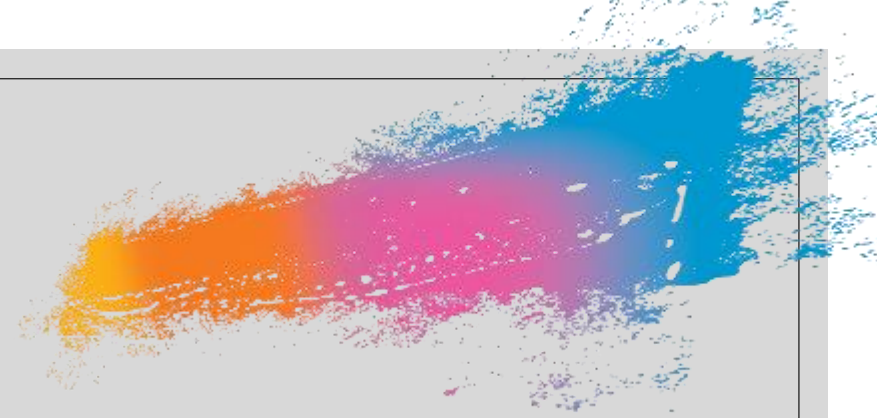


# Inspire human rights project

## Main achievements

- SECS collaborated with other NGOs and signed together an Amicus Curiae written by the Gender Coalition in Romania regarding the change for Art. 7 from the National Educational Law. The article stands for a general interdiction regarding gender identity in the educational system. The Amicus was addressed to the Constitutional Court in September 2020 presenting arguments for the unconstitutionality of the article 7, letter e), the impact on women and transgender in the educational law and also arguments for respecting the right to education and the university autonomy.
- SECS was also one of the signatories for the Amicus Curiae on Law 272/2004 - protection and children rights regarding the change from “sexual education” to “sanitary education” and the negative impact of this change on children. On 24th of September 2020, The Constitutional Court decides the Law as being constitutional and rejects the arguments and critics made by the President and the the ones in the Amicus.

# Together to be stronger



## Outcomes

- Engage key policy- and decision-makers (e.g. through effective events, communications, dialogue and participation in delegations and conferences);
- Strengthen strategic alliances and partnerships for SRHR advocacy within and beyond the SRHR community;
- Build a strategic coalition of leading women's, youth and other groups;
- Joint advocacy with and/or support the advocacy of women's and youth groups on SRHR, gender and/or sustainable development (through public statements, positioning, campaigns and public actions);
- Strengthen the capacity of activists on SRHR issues.

# Together to be stronger

## Main achievements

- The draft National Reproductive Health Plan was finished and circulated for feedback to MoH. After the elections in November, the Ministry of health was changed. The new Ministry designated a new person from Ministry of Health (Petronela Stoian) to be in charge of the SRHR and an online meeting for the stakeholder's consultation is about to be planned with the support of RAA;
- Related with advocating to increase access to free of charge contraceptives for vulnerable groups we had meetings with MoH to raise this issue. MoH initiated an ministry order to change procedure on HTA for contraceptive;
- Our reach on Facebook was aprox 2000 people/month in 2020. - 1 communication plan developed - 2 PR campaigns with a total of
- 63.000 people reach, 26 media presence, 31 post on social media, 1 press release. - Celebrating 30 years of SECS in Romania on World Contraception day with 1 press release, 6 media presence, 9 social media posts promoting the 4 videos on Merk project on PF (1 with an advocacy message), reaching 20.000 people; and Awareness event with social media posts reaching over 5000 people; - 16 days campaign on VBG on YSA project in November with over 12.000 people reach and 25.000 in December (21 media presence, 22 posts on Facebook and Instagram);

# Safe from SGBV project

## Objectives

- YSAFE "Safe from SGBV" addresses the increasing identification of sexual and gender-based violence as an issue impacting social exclusion, especially among Europe's most vulnerable populations. Key expected results a) An innovative toolkit will be developed and translated in Romanian. It will contain materials and guidance on how to address SGBV in the context of CSE, including concrete workshop plans that can be used in non-formal education settings





# Safe from SGBV

## Main achievements

- Three volunteers received training to facilitate sessions on gender- based violence for a group of young people who may be in situations of gender-based discrimination. The volunteers held meetings with SECS staff in order to select and prepare sessions to implement in Romania.
- A project Coordinator was selected and hired (from SECS volunteers);
- A school partner from the rural area was identified and a partnership agreement was signed. The target group were teenagers aged 16-18 who came from rural areas where there is a lack of information about gender -based violence – to be implemented in 2021.
- We developed resources and materials from the toolkit for presenting the activities within the sessions.

# Sogie project

## Objectives

- Engage key policy- and decision-makers (e.g. Implementation Strategies (Optional for Indirect Cost centres) through effective events, communications, dialogue and participation in delegations and conferences



# Sogie project

## Main achievements

- The draft on reproductive health. The document included, with impact mainly among vulnerable communities such as SMS and TG: free distribution of STI prevention means among vulnerable groups; STI prevention and counselling tailored to the needs of these vulnerable groups; the transposition in the national context of ICD-11 depathologizing trans and gender diverse identities.
- In September, we have informed the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and approximately 10 influential Embassies that support the LGBTI agenda in Romania about the Universal Periodic Review mechanism and its midterm report on SOGIE prepared by our NGO under the coordination of ACCEPT.
- In partnership with ACCEPT Romania and several LGBTI local organisations, SECS was involved in the process of drafting the midterm report with a focus on several critical LGBTI issues that were developed in terms of recommendations by various member states of the United Nations in Geneva. We have included specific information, also in this context, about the prohibition of information related to gender and gender identity made possible through the amendments introduced in the National Educational Law.
- A specific section of the Report is referring to the right of health in the case of LGBTI persons in Romania and includes specific recommendations that were not adopted in practice by the Romanian authorities.

# Financial report

## **My body my rights project**

- Total income = 80,254.00 USD
- Total expenses = 63,461.04 USD

## **Youth SpectActors project**

- Total income = 50,735.08 USD
- Total expenses = 27,895.62 USD

## **Youth in power project**

- Total income = 12,953.76 USD
- Total expenses = 7,242.54 USD

## **Inspire human rights project**

- Total income = 2,235.57 USD
- Total expenses = 2,235.57 USD

## **Together to be stronger project**

- Total income = 20,176.60 USD
- Total expenses = 16,065.21 USD

## **Safe from SGBV project**

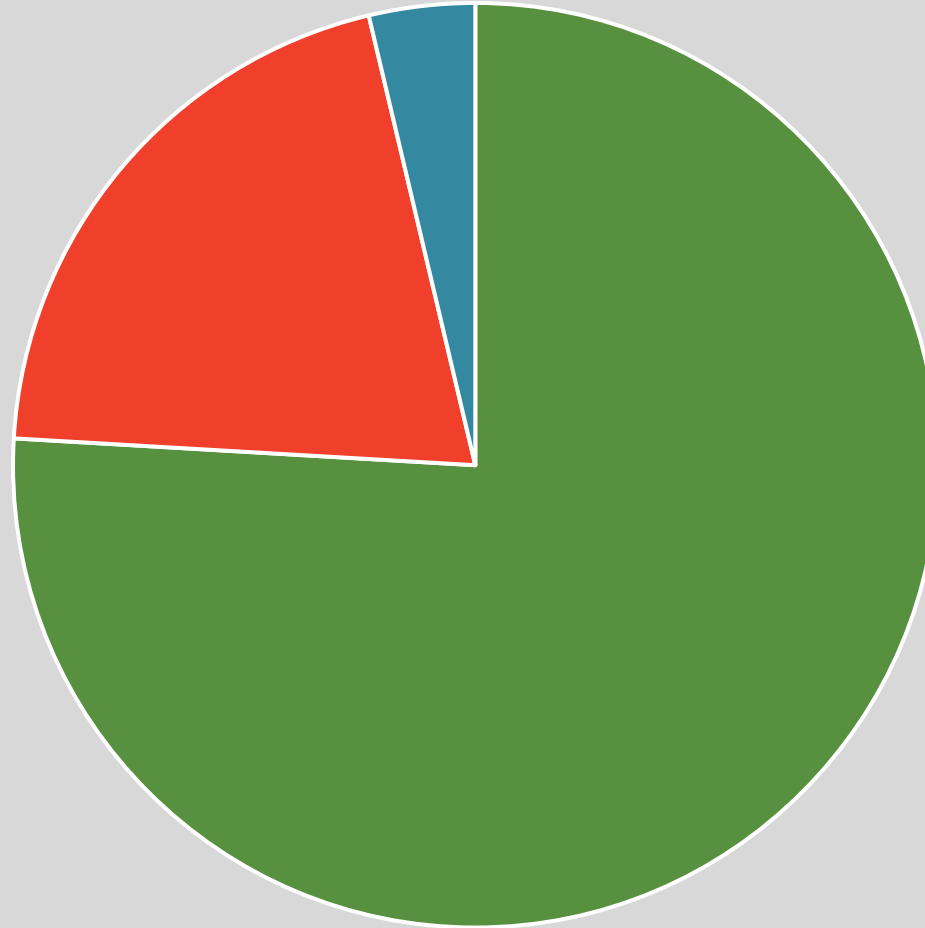
- Total income = 4,398.50 USD
- Total expenses = 2,586.51 USD

## **Sogie project**

- Total income = 2,000.00 USD
- Total expenses = 1,992.00 USD

# Financial report

Budget



**Total budget in 2020 = 873.528 lei**

■ Budget from projects ■ Budget for governance and resource mobilisation from IPPF ■ own contribution

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