

Manifesto for a feminist definition of SRHR

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO DECIDE over their own sexuality and reproduction is fundamental in the fight for human rights and against discrimination. One of the biggest threats facing women's sexual and reproductive rights is the increasing commercialization of women's bodies through prostitution and surrogacy motherhood. If SRHR-politics is going to stand up against current threats against women's rights it must fight against the selling of women's bodies for sexual and reproductive purposes. SRHR requires that women's bodies are their own to hold and not for others to exploit

The Swedish Women's Lobby demands a modernization of SRHR-politics to include:

Sexual health and rights

Sexual health requires sexual experiences to be free from economic interests.

To buy someone's consent to sexual acts is not compatible with fundamental human rights. An abolitionist¹ attitude towards prostitution needs to be implemented in international negotiations and policies related to SRHR.

1. An understanding that the system of prostitution and sex trade needs to be abolished (the same understanding that is argued by the Sweden's sex purchase act)

Reproductive health and rights

Reproductive rights include the right to decide over your own reproduction without economic or commercial pressures.

Women's right to choose if, how many and when to have children has to include freedom from financial interests in reproduction. International and national policies on SRHR must address the growing trade in women's reproductive rights and prohibit all forms of surrogacy motherhood.

About SRHR

SRHR stands for sexual and reproductive health and rights. It includes every individual's equal right to a satisfying and safe sexuality, freedom to choose childbirth, access to contraceptives and safe healthcare in connection with pregnancy and childbirth. This also encompasses the right to, without coercion, violence or discrimination, decide over your own body. SRHR was founded during the International Conference of Population and Development in Cairo 1994 (ICDP) and was further extended upon during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995. For more info on the definition and history of SRHR, visit sverigeskvinnolobby.se.