

A look back at

2020

A year of Changes, Uncertainty, Adaptability and Hope

Dear Friends,

For us, 2020 was all about learning and adapting to the unprecedented situations and continuing our services across Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. As we welcome 2021, we rededicate ourselves to improving access to quality sexual and reproductive health services.

Reach and Impact 2020

In 2020 we counselled **163,996 clients** and served **146,425 clients** in over **1,400 sites** in **78 districts** of Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, just **3.15%** short of what we delivered in 2019. This was possible due to the preparedness of the teams in prioritising client needs, following safety protocols and training our teams virtually in providing services in Covid-19 times.



Counselled
163,996 clients
with information



Served
146,425 clients with
family planning and safe
abortion services in 2020



Generated
1,786,289 Couple
Year of Protection
(CYPs)



Averted
75,615
unintended pregnancies



Averted
56
maternal deaths



Prevented
27,036
unsafe abortions

Just like our on-ground efforts, our **social media coverage** reaped great results. Our followers grew from **50 to 1,468** resulting in:



39,888
Reach



3,894
Engagements



50,914
Impressions

Pat on the back!

- Genpact Social Initiative support for strengthening M and E systems
- Certified as 'Great Place to Work'
- '10 best NGOs to Work'
- 'Best NGO in Family Planning' by Government of Rajasthan - 9th time in a row
- Awards for advancing family planning in 6 districts of Rajasthan
- MSI Gold Award for Excellence in Clinical Standards



CEO Speak

"I am absolutely proud of the way our team members responded during this challenging year, putting the interest of our clients at the center. Their efforts to resume services quickly, enhance client safety and meet the challenges head on have been truly phenomenal. My sincere gratitude to all our partners who supported us during this unusual time and helped in ensuring service delivery as normal, but with extra care."

VS Chandrashekar,
Chief Executive Officer
Foundation for Reproductive Health Services India



Safe Abortions an essential service



Advocacy efforts in partnership with civil society organisations, led to abortion services being notified as an essential service by the Government of India. Following this, our clinics were back providing essential abortion services on 7th April, 2020. To support our clients in this difficult time, we reduced our rates by 50%.

Story of Reena

Travelling 45 km for access to safe abortion

In the midst of a lockdown, Reena was looking for a safe and legal abortion service. A mother of five, she couldn't raise another child due to her poor socio-economic conditions.

Reena got to know about FRHS India from her sister who was previously benefitted.

What followed next was an arduous journey of 45 kilometers for her and her husband to reach the nearest clinic and avail abortion services.

On her way, she was stopped multiple times by policemen who were monitoring the lockdown. Describing her condition to them, she was eventually allowed to reach the clinic.

FRHS India provided her with the comprehensive care needed and helped her undergo a smooth process of abortion.

Reena (name changed) travelled 45 kms during the lockdown to seek abortion services from the FRHS India clinic in Bareilly. Although it was a difficult journey for Reena and her husband, where they were stopped every few kilometers by policemen who were monitoring the lockdown, Reena recalls, "FRHS India staff were constantly in touch with us throughout the journey and spoke to the policemen every time we were stopped, to ensure that we could reach the clinic. I am grateful that I had the choice, but unfortunately many women did not have the choice during the lockdown."

[Read more such stories](#)

We made it to the News

'Women always take the brunt': India sees surge in unsafe abortion

Coronavirus baby boom or bust? How the pandemic is affecting birthrates worldwide.

Rights over prejudice: MTP amendment bill

COVID 19 Impact: Family Planning program to take a 15- 23% hit in 2020

EDITORIAL
Women, uninterrupted: On access to contraception and abortion services

The amendments in the MTP Act bill are flawed Analysis

Why COVID-19 Must Not Constrain Access to Abortion in India

High courts witnessing surge in abortion cases: Report

Seven opinion articles got published in 2020

The policy brief published by us on Impact of COVID-19 on India's Family Planning Services received over **100+ National and Vernacular media coverage**

300 media articles got published in the year highlighting FRHS India and our efforts

News Coverage

Press Releases

Thank You

For believing in our mission, inspiring us every day to push our limits and supporting our journey through the challenging times of 2020. Team FRHS India wishes you and your family a healthy and prosperous 2021 and look forward to your continued support.