



WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR **SEXUAL HEALTH**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

Leading the Way in Sexual Health Education, Research,  
Clinical Services, Policy Development, and Advocacy.

# Sexual Health and Rights for ALL

“Sexual health is fundamental to the overall health and well-being of individuals, couples and families, and to the social and economic development of communities and countries. Sexual health, when viewed affirmatively, requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.”

The World Health Organization (WHO) working definition on Sexual Health (2002, 2006), as developed in consultation with WAS.



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# Foreword

## 2024 In Review - A Message from the President of WAS



As I reflect on my tenure as President of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), I am acutely aware that we stand at a critical juncture for sexual health and rights globally. **Across the world, we are witnessing a disturbing regression** — funding cuts, hard-won rights are being challenged, misinformation is spreading, and the unthinkable situation where access to essential sexual health services is being blocked by funders and governments, is a reality in many parts of the world.

This is not the time for complacency. It is time for collective, cohesive action. As a woman from Africa, I have seen firsthand the impact of both progress and setbacks in different regions. Despite the

challenges, I remain steadfast in my belief that we, as a global community of Sexual Health and Rights Professionals, have the power to protect and advance Sexual Health and Rights for ALL.

WAS has been the trail blazing and unifying force in Sexual Health and Rights for decades and in 2024, our mission has been more urgent than ever.

This report highlights our achievements, the battles we continue to fight, and the strategies we must embrace to safeguard Sexual Health and Rights for ALL. It is a call to action - to academics, healthcare professionals, policymakers, advocates and donors worldwide — to stand together and push back against the forces that seek to undermine human rights, bodily autonomy, and comprehensive sexuality education.

**We have the knowledge, the networks, and the resilience to make a difference.** Now, we must harness these strengths with renewed determination. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Elna Rudolph**  
SOUTH AFRICA

President, World Association for Sexual Health

On behalf of the 2021-2025  
WAS Executive and Advisory Committees

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# Who We Are

## About WAS

WAS is a Confederation representing thousands of people who work in Sexual Health globally, including Healthcare Professionals, Educators and Activists.

WAS is actively creating a world in which all people have **access to Sexual Health, Rights, Justice and Pleasure**.

WAS achieves this through its regional federations, global memberships and strategic collaborations with international partners.

## Official WAS Federations



## WAS Values



## WAS Global Partner Relationships



Consultative Status



Non-State Actors in Official Relations



Non-State Actors in Official Relations



Implementing Partner

# Who We Are

## WAS Leadership

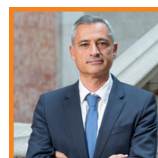
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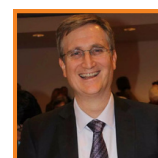
**President:**  
**Elna Rudolph**  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Medical Doctor, Sexologist  
and Clinical Head of My Sexual Health  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.



**Vice-President:**  
**Alain Giami**  
FRANCE  
Emeritus Research  
Professor INSERM.  
Member of the WAS  
Advisory Committee.

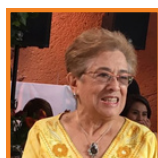


**Past President:**  
**Pedro Nobre**  
PORTUGAL  
Professor of Psychology & Director of the  
Faculty of Psychology & Edu Sciences at the  
University of Porto  
Member of the WAS Advisory Committee



**Secretary-General:**  
**Luis Perelman-Javnozov**  
MEXICO  
Sexuality Educator and Activist, Co-  
Founder of El Armario Abierto  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.

### WAS Executive Committee



**Esther Corona-Vargas**  
MEXICO  
Founder and past President of  
the Mexican Association for  
Sexuality Education (AMES).  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.



**Jeyarani Kamaraj**  
INDIA  
MBBS, DGO - Gynecology  
& Obstetrics  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.



**Eszter Kismödi**  
SWITZERLAND  
CEO of SRHM, JD, LL.M.,  
International Human Rights Lawyer  
on SRH Law, Policy and Research



**Esben Esther Pirelli-Benestad**  
NORWAY  
Physician, Sexologist and  
Ph.D. Researcher  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.



**Erick Janssen**  
BELGIUM  
Professor in Sexology and Director  
of the Institute for Family and  
Sexuality Studies at the University  
of Leuven  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.

### WAS Federations Presidents



Asia-Oceania Federation for  
Sexology (AOPS):  
**Rosediani Muhamad**  
MALAYSIA



European Federation of  
Sexology (EFS):  
**Esben Esther Pirelli-Benestad**  
NORWAY



Latin American Federation of Sexology  
and Sex Education Societies (FLASSES):  
**Felipe Hurtado Murillo**  
SPAIN  
Member of the WAS Advisory  
Committee.



North American Federation for  
Sexual Health (NAFHS):  
**Lynn Barclay**  
USA



East Mediterranean Federation  
of Sexual Health (EMFeSH):  
**Faysal El Kak**  
LEBANON



**Sexual Health Africa (SHA):**  
SHA will be the newly formed  
official federation of  
WAS in Africa

### WAS Advisory Committee



**Elsa Almás**  
NORWAY



**Stefano Eleuteri**  
ITALY



**Terry Humphreys**  
CANADA



**Osmos Kontula**  
FINLAND



**Leiszie R Lapping-Carr**  
USA



**Kirsten Mark**  
USA



**Omar Matsui-Santana**  
MEXICO



**Tomoko Sasotome**  
JAPAN



**Mehmet Sungur**  
TÜRKİYE



**Ana Yáñez-Otero**  
SPAIN



**Bradley R. Daniels**  
SOUTH AFRICA

### WAS Past Presidents

Romano Forleo - ITALY, Juan Luis Alvarez Gayou (Deceased 2017) - MEXICO, Gilbert Tordjman (Deceased 2009) - FRANCE, Fernando Bianco - VENEZUELA, Alan Wabrek - USA, Rubén Hernández-Serrano - VENEZUELA, Eli Coleman - USA, Marc Ganem (Deceased 2011) - FRANCE, Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles - MÉXICO, Rosemary Coates - AUSTRALIA, Kevan Wylie - UK, Pedro Nobre - PORTUGAL

## WAS Contractors



**Dr René de Klerk**  
WAS Executive Director



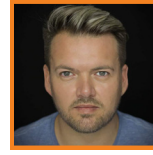
**Hannah Phillips**  
Assistant to the WAS ED,  
since Oct 2024



**Minee van der Westhuizen**  
WAS Financial Administrator



**Lisa Welsh**  
WAS Communications Lead



**Lionel Middleton**  
WAS Creative Consultant



**Stefan Joubert**  
WAS IT Consultant

## WAS Statutory Committees

### Education Committee:

Chair: Osmo Kontula  
Vice-Chair: Esther Corona-Vargas

### Finance Committee:

Chair: Luis Perelman

### Membership Committee:

Chair: Mehmet Sungur  
Vice-Chair: Lynn Barclay

### Scientific Committee:

Chair: Erick Janssen  
Vice-Chairs: Terry Humphreys and Kristen Mark

### Sexual Rights Committee:

Chair: Eszter Kismódi  
Vice-Chair: Zahra Stardust

## WAS Ad Hoc Committees

### Communications Committee:

Chair: Bradley R. Daniels  
Vice-Chair: Patti Britton

### Congress Committee:

Chair: Jeyarani Kamaraj  
Vice-Chair: Mehmet Sungur

### Governance Committee:

Chair: Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles  
Vice-Chair: Esther Corona-Vargas

### International Liaison Committee:

Chair: Esther Corona-Vargas  
Vice-Chair: Pedro Nobre

### Professional Education in Sexology Committee:

Chair: Elsa Almás  
Vice-Chair: Leiszle Lapping Carr

### Sexual Justice Initiative Committee:

Chair: Alain Giami  
Co-Chair: Esther Corona-Vargas

### Transgender and Gender Diversity (TGD) Committee:

Chair: Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad  
Vice-Chair: Jamison Green

### World Sexual Health Day Committee:

Chair: Lynn Barclay  
Vice-Chair: Stefano Eleuteri

### Youth Committee:

Chair: Stefano Eleuteri  
Vice-Chair: Teboho Berta Mohlai

## WAS is governed by a three-tier leadership structure:

The **General Assembly** is the highest governing body and includes delegates from member organizations, elected members of the Advisory Committee, and Presidents of Official Regional Federations. It is responsible for approving reports, electing the Advisory Committee, and making strategic decisions.

The **Advisory Committee**, the second-highest body, includes elected members, the immediate Past President, and the Presidents of WAS Regional Federations, all with voting rights. It meets at least twice a year and plays a supervisory, consultative, and decision-making role.

The Advisory Committee elects the **Executive Committee**, which manages the day-to-day operations of WAS. This includes the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General/Treasurer, four Associate Secretaries, and others.

The President chairs all three governing bodies and, with the other Executive Officers, is responsible for executing the WAS strategy and overseeing operations between assemblies.

# What We Do

## WAS Strategic Pillars



## Major Achievements in 2024

Appointment of Executive Director and other Independent Contractors	WAS Statements including Statement on Violations of Human and Sexual Rights	Advancing the International Journal of Sexual Health	Becoming an Implementing Partner for UNFPA on the OOS CSE Project
World Sexual Health Day 2024 - Positive Relationships	WAS Communications	Publishing Annual Report	Trademark Registration
WAS Congresses	SJI Project	Federations Project	WAS Webinars

# WAS Theory of Change



## UN Sustainable Development Goals





## Institutional Building Through the Appointment of an Executive Director

### Enabling Strategic Execution and Good Governance

The Executive Director (ED) of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) plays a central operational role in advancing the organization's global mission. Serving as the arms and legs of the Officers, the ED is tasked with executing the strategic direction set by WAS leadership.

While deeply embedded in day-to-day operations, the ED functions as an independent contractor with no voting rights. This independence enhances good governance by allowing the ED to provide impartial advice on institutional systems and internal processes, while all final decisions remain with the elected Officers.

Between 2024 and 2025, the ED has overseen the coordination of WAS's key programs and priorities, including preparations for the 27th World Congress, World Sexual

Health Day, financial reporting, membership engagement, fundraising initiatives, and the UNFPA Global Report on Out-of-School Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

The ED also ensures the development and circulation of agendas and minutes for all governance meetings, oversees internal documentation in line with WAS Statutes and Bylaws, and maintains timely, transparent communication with members and partners. This role requires agility, responsiveness, and leadership—often across time zones and in dynamic, high-pressure environments.

The ED may act as an authorized representative of WAS where appropriate, and performance is reviewed through key indicators such as timely delivery, quality of communication, attention to detail, and problem-solving. Through this structure, WAS ensures continuity, accountability, and alignment with its long-term vision.

## Executive Director Report

The World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) has made significant strides in 2024, strengthening governance, expanding partnerships, and enhancing operational efficiency.

A key milestone was the successful execution of the in-person Strategy Review workshop with the officers and the Executive Director and in-person, Advisory and Executive Committee meetings in Bologna, Italy in May 2024, which refined strategic priorities and reinforced collaboration.

Two strategic pillars were identified: **Building and Influencing** and the Strategy was revised based on the two strategic pillars with a number of strategic objectives and Key Performance Indicators under each pillar.

WAS became an implementing partner of UNFPA in 2024 and launched the Out-of-School Comprehensive Sexuality Education (OOS CSE) project in partnership with UNFPA, solidifying its global leadership in CSE.

Internal communication systems and infrastructure were improved, while a structured weekly work plan, aligned with key projects, enhanced project management.

The 2025 WAS Congress preparations progressed steadily, with a live website, an active call for abstracts, and key logistical arrangements in place. The annual World Sexual Health Day (WSHD) was a major success, significantly increasing engagement and setting the stage for the 2025 theme: Sexual



**René de Klerk**  
South Africa

BOOM (LAW); LLB; LLM;  
PHD (LEADERSHIP)

Justice: What Can We Do?

Financial sustainability remains a challenge, as for all NGOs, but with enhanced budgeting, membership growth, and new fundraising initiatives and the implementation of Xero accounting software and the recruitment of additional administrative support operations were further streamlined to make the auditing of WAS's financial statements possible. Audited financial statements will put WAS in a better position to qualify for larger funding bids.

**WAS continues to expand its influence**, the focus remains on building strong partnerships, securing funding opportunities, and advancing Sexual Health and Rights FOR ALL. The progress made in 2024 lays a strong foundation for a successful 2025.

# Building Through Internal Policy Development

## Policies Approved in 2024

- WAS Document Management Policy
- WAS Meeting Agenda Management Policy
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Policy
- World Association for Sexual Health Disciplinary Policy
- Disciplinary Code Matrix for the World Association for Sexual Health
- Privacy Policy of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)
- Grievance Procedure Policy
- Minutes of Meetings Policy of the World Association for Sexual Health
- WAS Travel Policy

# Building Through WAS In-Person Meetings with our EC and AC

One of the most significant milestones for WAS in 2024 was the in-person meetings of the Executive Committee (EC) and Advisory Committee (AC) in Bologna, Italy, on 22 May 2024 - just ahead of the European Federation of Sexology (EFS) Congress.

**These back-to-back leadership meetings marked a critical moment in the organizational development of WAS**, enabling deeper strategic reflection, transparent governance dialogue, and stronger interpersonal cohesion among our leaders.

The EC meeting focused on reviewing the WAS strategic

plan, conducting an in-depth SWOT analysis, and initiating discussions on institutional expansion through global partnerships and alliance-building.

Topics such as the proposed World Sexual Health Assembly, opportunities for increased collaboration with professional bodies and civil society, and mechanisms for influencing global sexual health discourse were explored.

The meetings also laid the groundwork for strengthening committee structures, enhancing accountability through measurable KPIs, and developing more sustainable fundraising strategies.



**Front Left to Right:** Pedro Nobre, Alain Giami, Elna Rudolph, Luis Perelman. **Back Left to Right:** Faysal El Kak, Eszter Kismődi, Mehmet Sungur, René de Klerk.



## Building Through WAS Global Presence in 2024

### Strategic Representation at International Conferences and Meetings

In 2024, WAS strengthened its institutional visibility and global engagement through strategic representation at leading international congresses, conferences, and high-level meetings. Each event served as a platform for advancing sexual health and rights, strengthening partnerships, and promoting WAS's mission across regions.

📌 February 2024 – **11th African Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health (ACSRH)**. Location: Morocco. Represented by: Dr. Elna Rudolph (WAS President).



**Left to Right:** Eszter Kismódi, Uwem Esiet, Elna Rudolph, Nana Oye Bampoe Addo

📌 February 2024 – **European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM) Congress**. Location: Bari, Italy. Represented by: Prof. Pedro Nobre (WAS Past President), Prof. Mehmet Sungur and Dr. Stefano Eleuteri (WAS AC Members).

📌 April 2024 – **WHO Technical Meeting**. Location: Geneva, Switzerland. Represented by: Prof. Pedro Nobre (WAS Past President) and Dr. Eszter Kismódi (WAS Associate Secretary)



**Left to Right:** Pascale Allotey, Pedro Nobre

📌 April-May 2024 – Fifty-seventh **International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)**. Location: New York, United States. Represented by: Esther Corona-Vargas (WAS Associate Secretary)



**WAS represented by** Esther Corona-Vargas

📌 May 2024 – **European Federation of Sexology (EFS) Congress**. Location: Bologna, Italy. Represented by: All WAS Officers, the Executive Director (René de Klerk), and multiple EC and AC members. WAS hosted an exhibition booth and held in-person EC and AC meetings on 22 May.

📌 September 2024 – **25th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine**. Joint ISSM/SLAMS Annual Scientific Meeting. Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Represented by: Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles (Chair WAS Governance Committee)

📌 October 2024 – **FEMESS Congress**. Location: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Represented by: Esther Corona-Vargas (WAS Associate Secretary).



**WAS represented by** Esther Corona-Vargas (third from left)

📌 November 2024 – **FLASSES Congress**. Location: Lima, Peru. Represented by: Alain Giami (WAS Vice President) and Esther Corona-Vargas (WAS Associate Secretary).



**Left to Right:** Stuart Oblitas-Ramirez, Felipe Hurtado Murillo, Lyyzeth Alvarado, Alain Giami, Esther Corona-Vargas

# Influence

## 2024 Highlights in Numbers

### World Sexual Health Day (WSHD) 2024

55 events across 21 countries

4.2M digital reach

11.2K interactions

Website traffic increased by 86.3%

### Statements Issued

5 impactful advocacy statements

Jan:

[WAS Statement on Sexual Health & Rights during Times of War](#)

Jun:

[WAS and EFS Joint Statement on Transgender Healthcare](#)

Aug:

[WAS Statement on the Violation of Human and Sexual Rights of Women and Girls in Afghanistan](#)

Sep:

[WAS Statement on Positive Relationships](#)

Nov:

[FLASSES Call to Action](#)

### Capacity Building

8 webinars with 3,279 participants

**Feb:**

[Opening a Portal to Pleasure](#)

**Mar:**

[Insights from WAS 2023 with the Scientific Committee](#)

**Apr:**

[Sexuality in Health and Disease April 2024](#)

**Jun:**

[The 10th Anniversary of the WAS Declaration on Sexual Rights: Looking into the Future](#)

**Jul:**

[Launch of EMFeSH: Addressing SRHR in the East Mediterranean Region](#)

**Aug:**

[Explorando el Deseo Sexual: Enfoques Interdisciplinarios - Repetición del Webinar FLASSES](#)

**Sep:**

[Unlocking +Positive Relationships: WSHD 2024 Official Webinar Replay](#)

**Oct:**

[Comprehensive Sexuality Education: Beyond the Classroom](#)

**Nov:** (not a webinar)

[WAS President Speech: Opening of FLASSES Congress, Lima Nov 2024](#)

# Influence

## Influencing Through World Sexual Health Day

### WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY 2024

**+RELATIONSHIPS**  
WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY  
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH • 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

570 people attended the official **WAS World Sexual Health Day live webinar** on September 4. The webinar explored the 2024 theme, positive relationships, from multiple perspectives by leading experts in the field.

There were **55 events in 21 countries** submitted to the WSHD website.

Page views on the World Sexual Health Day website in 2024 increased by **86.3%** over 2023

6,565 views (2023)

12,231 views (2024)

#### WAS-Created Social Media Content

**1,905**

Downloads

#### Web Visitors from

**160**

Countries

#### WSHD Participation Guide

**1,171**

Downloads

#### Positive Relationships Infographic

**834**

Downloads

#### Accounts that promoted #WSHD2024 included:

- United Nations
- CDC Division of HIV Prevention
- WHO African Region
- Oxfam Pilipinas
- Women's Refugee Commission
- European Federation of Sexology
- Centro de Reconocimiento de la Dignidad Humana
- UNFPA Peru & UNFPA Mexico
- Fundacion Mexico VIVO
- SBRASH
- The Pleasure Project
- Unhushed
- ASAR Argentina
- Abrasex Oficial
- Asia PAC Alliance
- Family Planning Australia
- Marie Stopes SA
- ASHA
- Guttmacher Institute
- ISSM
- ISSWSH
- Kinsey Institute
- APSSES Peru
- Federacion Sexologica Argentina
- Femess
- Save the Children LAC
- ECF India
- OS Aido
- Youth Sport Uganda
- IPAS Nigeria Health Foundation
- Stan County HSA
- EU Partnerships
- ISGH UMN
- Mens Health Clinic Aus
- IPPF Global

#### Top ten countries for social engagement:

- United States of America
- Uganda
- Nigeria
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- India
- Australia
- Philippines
- Spain
- Netherlands



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Mentions



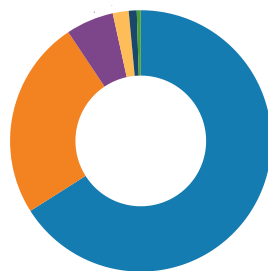
**4.2M**

Reach



**11.2K**

Interactions



Instagram

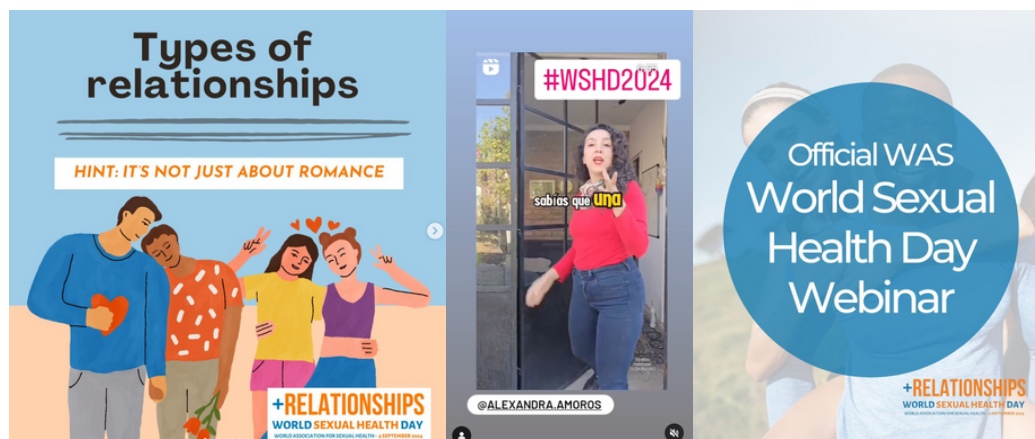
X (Twitter)

Facebook

LinkedIn

YouTube

TikTok





# Influencing Through The WAS Sexual Justice Initiative

The year 2024 set the stage for deeper engagement, stronger advocacy, and meaningful impact in the years to come.

## Key Achievements and Activities

- Integrating the Declaration into WAS Member Organizations and Regional Federations
- Engaged with stakeholders at seven international congresses, including those in Europe and Latin America, to promote awareness and encourage the application of the Declaration.
- Facilitated discussions to ensure the Declaration is not only recognized but also adapted to local contexts and challenges.

## Developing the Background and Rationale of the Declaration

- Initiated the creation of a technical and political document to provide a comprehensive foundation for the Declaration's implementation.
- Conducted research and consultation to strengthen the evidence base and advocacy framework supporting Sexual Justice initiatives.
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## Global Consultation at the WAS 2025 Congress

- Laid the groundwork for a major global consultation at the upcoming WAS Congress, ensuring diverse perspectives contribute to shaping future policies and actions

## Building a Network of Collaborative Partners

- Strengthened connections with academic institutions, human rights organizations, and key stakeholders to promote joint efforts in advancing Sexual Justice.



**Sexual Justice Symposium at EFS Bologna 2024.** Front Left to right: Paolo Valerio, Alain Giami, Denise Medico, Faysal El Kak. Back Left to Right: Stefano Eleuteri, Elna Rudolph, René de Klerk



**Sexual Justice Symposium.** Left to Right: Ana Paula Andreotti Amorim, Alain Giami, Ariadne Ribeiro Ferreira, Deise Queiroz da Silva, Itor Finotelli

- Encouraged interdisciplinary collaborations to integrate sexual health and rights into broader human rights and public health agendas.

## Expanding Partnerships and Participation

- Issued a call for partnerships to individuals and organizations committed to Sexual Justice, inviting them to actively engage in WAS initiatives.
- Promoted opportunities for involvement through advocacy campaigns, collaborative projects, and capacity-building efforts.

Through these initiatives, WAS has reinforced its role as a global leader in Sexual Justice, ensuring that sexual health and rights are recognized, protected, and implemented worldwide.

## Sexual Justice Initiative Committee:

Chair: Alain Giami (France), Co-Chair: Esther Corona (Mexico), Shereen El Fekki (Egypt-Canada), Ricardo Hernández Forcada (Mexico) (RHF), Amaranta Gomez Regalado (Mexico), Sharful Islam Khan (Bobby) (Bangladesh), Eszter Kismödi (Switzerland), Agata Loewe Kurilla (Poland) (ALK), Richard Parker (Brazil/USA), Magaly Pirotte (Canada), Lebo Ramofoko (South Africa), Zahra Stardust (Australia)

# Influence

## Influencing Through The WAS/UNFPA OOS CSE Project

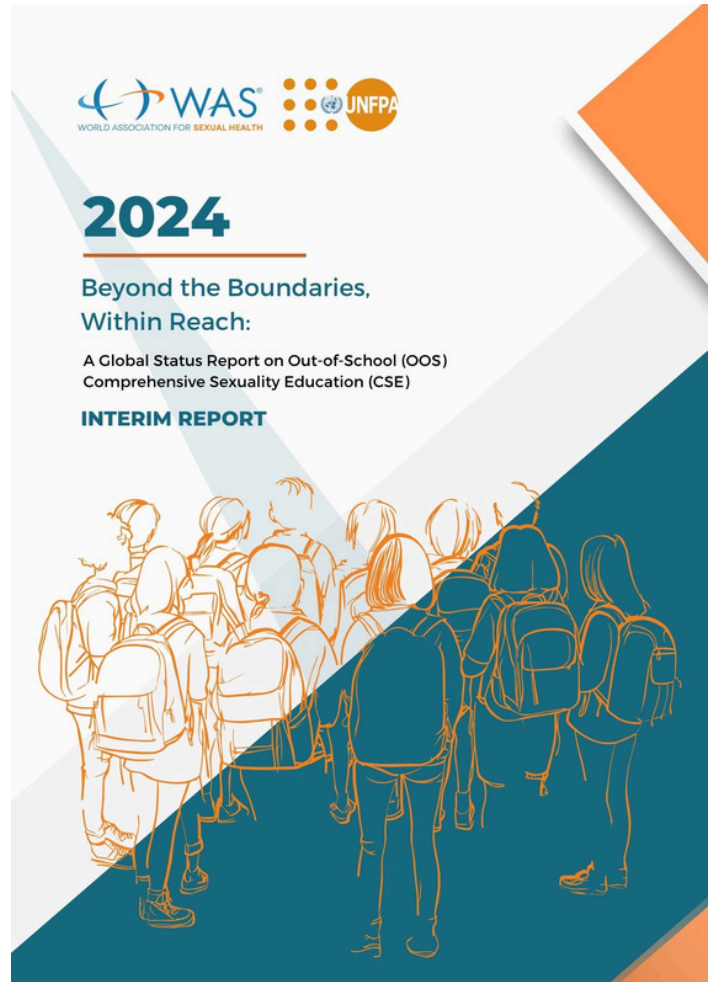
WAS is the implementing partner to the UNFPA **Global Status Report on Out of School Comprehensive Sexuality Education**, a project lead by Esther Corona.

### Preparatory Activities

- Several meetings (virtual and face to face) to review of the project with UNFPA counterparts.
- WAS internally, and in consultation with its Sexuality Education Committee (SEC) defined the project structure based on the terms of references' (ToR) and assigned selected staff to the project.
- Bibliography and supportive materials were identified, gathered, and reviewed.
- Once the project officially began, the core professional team was assembled through a call for expressions of interest sent to selected consultants, securing the involvement of recognized experts in the field.

### Expert Consultative Group (ECG)

- This project is most importantly supported and advised by an Expert Consultative Group (ECG) that was convened as one of the first formal activities.
- Prospective members of the ECG were identified in consultation with UNFPA counterparts.
- These include some of the top sexuality education international experts from UN agencies, international and local CSOs, WAS Sexuality Education Committee members and young people.



### Core Team



Project Lead:  
Esther Corona



Project  
Coordinator:  
René de Klerk



Senior  
Consultant:  
Elizabeth  
Schroeder

### Two Case Study Consultants



Ethiopia:  
Sharaf  
Boborakhimov



Colombia:  
Catalina  
Arango

### WAS/UNFPA Consultants

- Alain Giami, Vice President
- Ame Atsu, WAS SEC
- Elna Rudolph, President
- Esther Corona, Project Lead, Executive Secretary
- Felipe Hurtado Murillo, WAS Executive Committee (Spain)
- Kristen Mark, WAS Scientific Committee
- Luis Perelman, Secretary General
- Osmo Kontula, WAS Sexuality Education Committee (SEC)
- Mariana Cruz Murueta, WAS SEC
- Margarita Gerouki (SEC), WAS SEC
- Patti Britton, WAS SEC
- Sachiko Takahashi, WAS
- Teboho Bertha Molhai, WAS Youth initiative

### UN System

- Arushi Singh, UNESCO
- Sheri Bastien, WHO/HRP
- Sara de Meyer, WHO consultant
- Mary Guinn Delaney, UNICEF
- Gareth Jones, UNAIDS Consultant
- Alicia Sanchez, UNAIDS
- Constanza Tabbush, UNWomen
- Maria Bakaroudis, UNFPA
- Ilya Zhukov, UNFPA

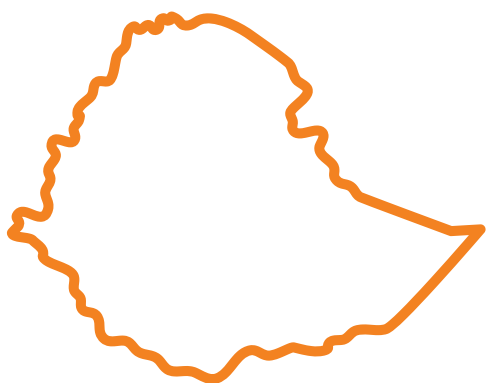
### International

- Miranda van Reeuwijk, Rutgers
- Drasko Kostovski, IPPF
- Ashley Burnett, IPPF

### Independent Consultants

- Doortje Braken
- Verkatram Chandramouli
- Eleonor Faur

An induction meeting with the core team outlined strategic and administrative planning directions to ensure that all outputs are consolidated according to the timeline agreed upon with UNFPA.



#### Desk review and case studies

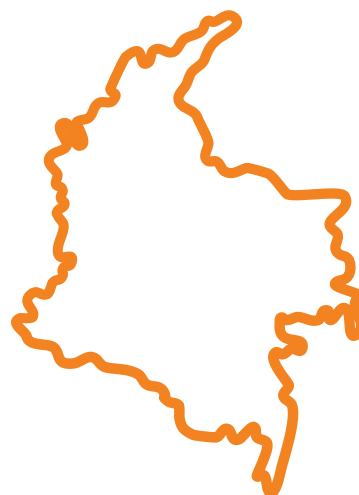
- Online searches have been conducted for both organizational reports and journal articles relating to out-of-school CSE around the world and specifically for Colombia and Ethiopia to strengthen the case study development.
- To date, nearly 150 resources and articles have been identified, with additional materials being solicited from countries around the world. Resources have been identified including examples from over 20 countries, with additional resources pending from Latin America, Asia and Southeast Asia, and Northern Africa.
- Additional exploration is being carried out to ensure people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, people engaged in sex work and other marginalized populations are represented in the study.
- Examples of countries and organizations that have integrated technology into their informal CSE efforts are also being included.



#### First virtual consultation - 16 September 2024

The following objectives of this meeting were successfully achieved:

- To present the purpose, scope, and objectives of Global Status Report on
- Out-of-School (OOS) Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), and the ECG's role in the process.
- To exchange advances and current challenges of OOS CSE around the world.
- To discuss methodologies and effective practices for the Desk Review and Case Studies (Colombia and Ethiopia).
- To develop a preliminary outline for the Global Status Report.



#### Workshops and meetings

- To explore in more depth as well as to ensure a multisectoral engagement, a one-day workshop was held in Bogotá, Colombia in collaboration with UNFPA Country office. This workshop was intended to strengthen alliances among OOS CSE stakeholders, contribute to the country's capacity building and obtain information and feedback for the Colombia case study (A full report is available).
- One of the identified challenges has been to obtain information from non-English speaking regions and particularly from Latin America, a large region that usually disseminates information and produces research mainly in Spanish. An opportunity to reach many Spanish-speaker CSE practitioners was at the Congress of the Mexican Federation of Sexuality Education and Sexology - a WAS member association.
- A banner that is used in all the region was designed and flyers printed to support resource collection efforts. There is ongoing work in identifying and reaching out organization and individuals carrying out activities. These materials were used in the Latin American Congress that took place in late November 2024.



# Influence

## Influencing Through Partnerships and Collaborations

WAS actively engages with partner organizations and UN agencies to support SRHR initiatives globally. Through technical support, advocacy campaigns, and participation in high-level forums, WAS contributes to expanding access to sexual health services and upholding **Sexual Health and Rights For ALL!**



International Association of Adolescent Health (IAAH).



International Federation of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (FIGU).



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The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



World Health Organization (WHO).

## Influencing Through Communication



## Influencing Through The WAS Newsletter



### Subscriber Growth:

Increased from 8,738 in January to **9,771** in November

### Open Rates:

41.7% →

**45.9%**

Non-profit industry average: 40.04%

### Click-Through Rates:

1.95% →

**3.175%**

52 Newsletters sent throughout the year.

Delivered regular updates on events, statements, and activities, strengthening member engagement.

# Influencing Through Research and Publication



As the official journal of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), the International Journal of Sexual Health, edited by Eli Coleman, promotes sexual health as a state of physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being through a positive approach to sexuality and sexual rights.

### IJSH Promotion Efforts:

- Publicizing articles, including during Sexual Health Day.
- Working on mechanisms to make the journal more accessible.



Eli Coleman  
Editor

### Special Issue:

- Planned on Professional Sexology Training for 2025.

### Journal Highlights:

- Impact Factor continues to increase (2.3 over 5 years).
- Impact Factor and Cite Score are in the top quartile of similar journals.

## Strategic Engagement with the Official Journal of WAS

In August 2024, the President of WAS and the Executive Director held a high-level strategic meeting with representatives from Taylor & Francis and the editorial leadership of the International Journal of Sexual Health, the official journal of WAS. The aim of the meeting was to enhance collaboration, strengthen visibility in underrepresented regions, and align the journal more closely with WAS's strategic priorities.

As part of the outcomes, key short-term actions were agreed upon, including:

- Expanding Global Reach: A new emphasis was placed on increasing visibility, submissions, and readership from the Global South.
- Membership Access: All WAS members now have free access to the journal when logged into their member accounts.

- World Sexual Health Day Promotion: Select articles aligned with the 2024 WSHD theme of Positive Relationships were made freely available between September and October 2024.
- Webinar Collaboration: A joint webinar on "How to Get Published" will be recorded to support capacity-building, particularly for early-career researchers.
- Editorial Expansion: Recommendations were provided to expand the international diversity of the Editorial Advisory Board.

Discussions also began around a special issue or supplement linked to the 2025 World Sexual Health Day theme (Body Positivity/Neutrality) and the WAS Congress in Brisbane. Taylor & Francis committed to exploring sponsorship opportunities and potential support for a publication prize.

This strengthened partnership reflects WAS's commitment to knowledge dissemination and advancing sexual health scholarship worldwide.

## Top Altmetric Scores (Past Year)

Altmetric Badge	Attention Score	Title
263	266	Childhood Gender Nonconformity and Children's Past-Life Memories
213	213	The Prevalence and Correlates of Postcoital Dysphoria in Women
156	158	Internet Pornography Use and Sexual Body Image in a Dutch Sample
154	153	Exploring the Role of Masturbation as a Coping Strategy in Women
145	145	Partner Preferences
131	131	The Role of Mutual Masturbation within Relationships: Associations with Sexual Satisfaction and Sexual Self-Esteem
113	113	Why Pleasure Matters: Its Global Relevance for Sexual Health, Sexual Rights and Wellbeing
101	103	Pretense of a Paradox: Factitious Intersex Conditions on the Internet
98	98	The Sexuality of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors
96	97	Gender Differences in Receptivity to Sexual Offers



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2024

The International Journal of Sexual Health achieved **133,514** downloads in 2024.



In 2024, International Journal of Sexual Health was downloaded most in the United States, followed by the United Kingdom, and then Canada.

Our aim is to increase downloads from the global south.



# Influence

## Influencing Through Our Working Committees

The PES Committee continues to advance its work in clinical sexology education and training, aligning with WAS's mission to strengthen professional standards globally.

Established as ad hoc committee in 2021, it focused on training and education in clinical sexology. It now includes representatives from WAS federations from all 6 world regions, and it was proposed to make it a statutory committee of WAS in 2025.

In 2024, the committee focused on key initiatives, including academic publications, strategic discussions, and preparations for the upcoming WAS 2025 Congress.

The PES Committee convened regularly in 2024, with meetings held on: June 6, August 29, September 23, and November 7, 2024. This includes the WAS General Assembly held on December 12, 2024.

### Key Achievements in 2024:

- Data Cleaning: Completed by Osmar Matsui.
- Special Issue on Professional Education in Clinical Sexology:

**A special issue of the International Journal of Sexual Health (IJSH)** is in development, with expected publication in late 2025 or early 2026. The editorial team includes Elsa Almås and Leiszie Lapping Carr. They are also internal reviewers, along with Alain Giami, Osmo Kontula, Denise Medico, and other committee members.

Timeline: Abstracts submitted in October 2024, feedback provided in November 2024, full manuscripts due March 2025, and journal submission planned for May 2025.

The issue will feature:

- Introductory Editorial & Future Perspectives (Elsa, Leiszie, and all committee members).
- Global Report on Clinical Sexology Training (Osmar, Leiszie).
- Regional Reports from the six WAS regional federations.
- Sexological Expertise Across Cultures & Religions (Elsa, Pedro Nobre, Alain).
- Epistemology & Practices in Clinical Sexology (Denise).
- Previously proposed papers on sexological identity, evolution of training, and pre-graduate education have been incorporated into other sections of the issue.

### PES Committee Members:

European Federation of Sexology (EFS)

- Elsa Almås (Norway)
- Osmo Kontula (Finland)
- Tor-Ivar Karlsen (Norway)
- Alain Giami (France)

North American Federation for Sexual Health (NAFSH)

- Leiszie Lapping-Carr (USA)
- Denise Medico (Canada)

Asia-Oceania Federation of Sexology (AOFS)

- Christopher Fox (Australia)
- Tomoko Saotome (Japan)

Sexual Health Africa (SHA)

- Anthony Smith (South Africa)
- Tammary Esho (Kenya)

Eastern Mediterranean Federation of Sexual Health (EMFeSH)

- Bouchra Assarag (Morocco)

Latin American Federation of Sexology and Sexual Education Societies (FLASSES)

- Osmar Matsui (Mexico)
- Jaqueline Brendler (Brazil)
- Silvina Valente (Argentina)

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- Poster Presentations: 23.8%
- Symposia: 11.6%

Submissions  
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Top Contributing Countries:

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|  | Japan         |  | France         |
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- Elna Rudolph
- Hanna Saltis
- Ella Shannon

Scientific Committee

- Erick Janssen (Chair)
- Terry Humphreys
- Kristen Mark

# Influence

## Influencing Through Our Members



### AFRICA

African Institute For Sexual And Gender Health (AISGH)

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My Sexual Health (MSH)

Southern African Sexual Health Association (SASHA)

The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa (PFFSA)



### ASIA OCEANIA

Hong Kong Sex Education Association (HKSEA)

Indian Association for Sexology (IAFS)

Japan Society of Adolescentology (JSA)

Japan Society of Sexual Science (JSSS)

Japanese Association for Sex Education (JASE)

Society of Australian Sexologists (SAS)

The Graduate School of Human Sexuality at Shu-Te University (GSHS)



### EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Tunisian Society of Clinical Sexology (STSC)



### EUROPE

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Asociación Española de Sexología Clínica Spanish Association of Clinical Sexology (AESC)

Association Interdisciplinaire post Universitaire de Sexologie (AIUS)

Association of French speaking Clinical Sexologists (ASCLiF)

Austrian Society For Sexologies (ÖGS)

Catalan Society of Sexology (SOC.CAT.SEX)

Centro Italiano Di Sessuologia (CIS)

Coalition for the Study of Sexual Health (COSSS)

Dr. Carlos Chiclana Office (CCC)

Family Planning Association (APF)

German Society for Social Scientific Sexuality Research (DGSS)

Institut Sexocorporel International (iSi)

Istituto Di Sessuologia Clinica, Institute of Clinical Sexology (ISC)

Italian Federation of Scientific Sexology/Federazione Italiana Di

Sessuologia Scientifica (FISS)

Institute of Psychology, Sexology and Medicine, Espill. S.L (ESPILL)

Institute of Psychosexual Education (INPSYE)

Institute of Sexology, Romanian IS - Institutul de Sexologie

Israel Society for Sex Therapy (ISST)

Komaja Foundation Switzerland

MAP Psicoterapia - EMDR - Sessuologia APS

Nederlandse Wetenschappelijke Vereniging voor Seksuologie (NVVS)

NORSK FORENING FOR KLINISK SEXOLOGI Norwegian Society for Clinical Sexology (NFKS)

Pink Therapy (PT)

Reencounter Therapy Institute (ITR)

Sequoia Health (SH)

## Influencing Through Our Members

Sexpo-säätiö/ Sexpo Foundation (SEXPO)

Spanish Association of Specialists in Sexology (AES)

Spanish Federation of Sexology Societies (FESS)

Societe des sexologues universitaires de Belgique (SSUB)

Society of Sexual Education, Treatment and Research (CETAD)

Sociedade portuguesa de Sexologia Clinica (SPSC)

Suomen Seksologinen Seura - Finnish Association for Sexology (FIAS)

Swedish Association for Sexology - Svensk Förening för Sexologi (SfS)

TASH – The Pleasure Project (TPP)

The Association of Sexologists - RUSSIAN FED (AOS)

Turkish Association of Cognitive and Behavioural Therapies (TACBT)

Turkish Sexual Health Institute Association (CISED)



### LATIN AMERICA

AHF Latam & Caribe

Argentine Society of Human Sexuality (SASH)

Brazilian Society of Studies in Human Sexuality (SBRASH)

Center for Studies and Research on Behavior and Sexuality (CEPCoS)

Education, Clinic and Research in Sexuality (ECIS)

Institute of Higher Studies of Sexuality, Gender and Violence, C. A. (CESSEX)

Mexican Association for Sexual Health AC (AMSSAC)

Mexican Association for Sexuality Education (AMES)

Mexican College of post graduate Sexology Professionals AC (C-Xologia)

Mexican Federation of Sexuality Education and Sexology (FEMESS)

Mexican Institute of Sexology (IMESEX)

Mexico Vivo Foundation (MVF)

Uruguayan Society of Sexology (SUS)



### NORTH AMERICA

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)

American Sexual Health Association (ASHA)

Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF)

Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University (CHSS)

Eli Coleman Institute for Sexual and Gender Health

Female Orgasm Research Institute (FORI)

International Academy of Sex Research (IASR)

Kinsey Institute (KI)

Puerto Rican Association of Education, Counseling and Sex Therapy (AsPECTS)

SEX-ED+ (SEX-ED+)

Sex Coach University (SCU)

Sexual Health Certificate Program at the University of Michigan (SHCP)

Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR)

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

Unhushed (UH)

World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)



# Influence

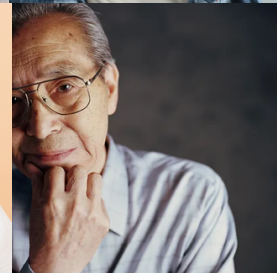
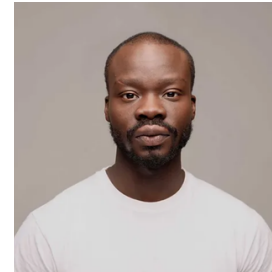
## Influencing Through Our Declarations

**We leverage WAS declarations as powerful tools to shape global discourse and influence policy on sexual health and rights.** These declarations are grounded in evidence-based principles and ethical imperatives, and they serve not only as foundational documents for advocacy, but also as guiding frameworks for governments, institutions, and civil society.

By articulating clear, universal standards, WAS provides **a shared language for advancing sexual rights**, combating discrimination, and promoting comprehensive sexuality education worldwide. Beyond their conceptual importance, the declarations are actively used in training, research, and public policy dialogue.

WAS encourages their integration into national health strategies, curriculum development, and human rights initiatives.

Through international congresses, campaigns like World Sexual Health Day, and partnerships with global health bodies, WAS disseminates these declarations to ensure they inform decision-making at every level.



**WAS Antalya  
Turkiye Congress  
Declaration on  
Sexual Justice**



**WAS  
Declaration on  
Sexual Rights  
2014**



**WAS  
Declaration on  
Sexual Pleasure**



# Income and Expenditure

## WAS in Numbers

### WAS BALANCE SHEET

Cash	\$97,381
Debtors	\$8,627
Provision for Bad Debt	- \$3,462
Accounts Receivable - Loan - AISGH	\$1,589
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$104,135</b>

### INCOME

Donations:	\$144,520
UNFPA OOS CS Project Income	\$59,341
Membership Income:	\$18,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,517</b>

### OTHER INCOME

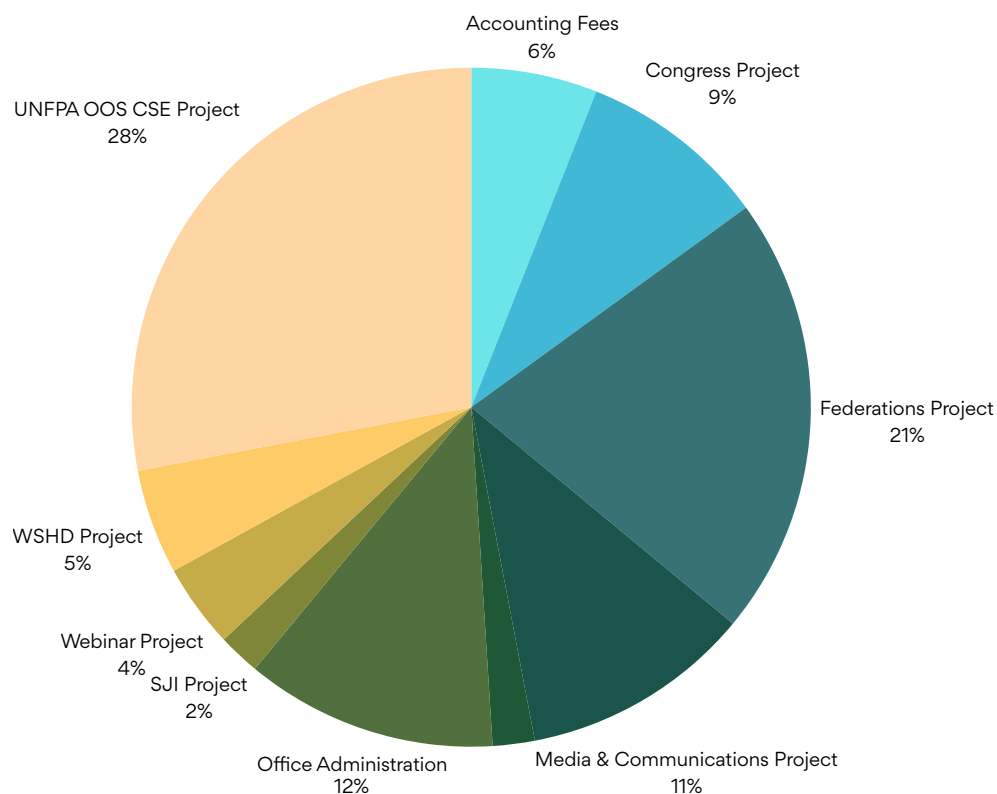
Other Revenue	\$612
Interest Received	\$42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$223,171</b>

### EXPENSES

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,912</b>
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### SURPLUS

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,258</b>
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### WAS PROJECT ALLOCATIONS:

Office Administration	\$24,032.40	Media & Communications Project	\$22,392.00
Accounting	\$11,081.40	SJL Project	\$3,039.00
Membership Project (incl. bad debt)	\$3,462.00	Federations Project	\$42,649.40
WSHD Project	\$10,000.00	UNFPA OOS CSE Project	\$56,255.00
Webinar Project	\$7,330.40	Congress Project	\$18,670.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,912.00</b>

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From leading committees and shaping policy to organizing events and advancing education, our volunteers have been central to everything we do.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who has given your time, knowledge, and energy to our mission. Whether you've supported our congresses, contributed to our declarations, or worked quietly behind the scenes, your dedication has made a lasting impact.

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