

GCNH AND HRAC LOBBY PARLIAMENT TO GIVE ATTENTION TO SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHT

As part of the collaborative effort to have a comprehensive law on sexual reproductive health right and also to strengthen CSO to monitor government policies and programmes in sexual reproductive health right, The Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health (GCNH) and the Human Right Advocacy center (HRAC) lobbied Parliament through a meeting with the parliamentary select committee on health, to give policy attention to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) issues.

The HRAC and GCNH called for the adoption of a national consolidated and specific SRHR Policy, due to the fact current legislation and policy frameworks were fragmented, making their effective implementation difficult to yield the desired outcomes.

Mr William Kwasi Sabi, the Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Health, expressed gratitude to the HRAC and GCNH for strengthening the capacities of CSOs since 2014, to ensure effective advocacy and monitoring on SRHR in Ghana.

He said the project was very important, as it provided an overview of the country's SRHR presented several recommendations on how government might address the current gaps, and gave the assurance that Parliament would consider SRHR as a critical base for good health and national development and support its improvement. The GCNH presented a position paper on immunization and family planning to the parliamentary select committee.



GCNH and HRAC in picture with Parliamentary committee on health

There was also a call for comprehensive national SRHR curriculum to be developed and implemented universally for children in and out of school across the country; the redrafting of the current law on abortion to reflect growing international practices, and also ensure the strict implementation of Child Marriage Policies were also part of the advocacy.



A section of audience at the meeting



Vice chair of the parliamentary committee on health making statement during the meeting


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