

# International Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health 2024



## Abstract submission guidelines

The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka cordially invites abstract submissions for ReproSex 2024, focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health. We welcome original research contributions from both national and international authors. While international authors are encouraged to present their work in person, online presentation options are available for those unable to attend physically. Submitted abstracts should align with the 12 thematic tracks outlined in Annexure 01. We welcome you to submit your abstracts adhering to the submission guidelines provided. We look forward to receiving your contributions and fostering meaningful dialogue at ReproSex 2024.

## Important Dates



Abstract submission open



Abstract submission deadline



Notification of acceptance



Submission of improved version



ReproSex 2024

## Event Web Page

<https://www.fpasrilanka.org/reprosex-2024>

## Guidelines

### 1. Abstract Format

<b>Type</b>	Extended - Structured Abstract
<b>Language</b>	English (UK)
<b>Font type</b>	Times New Roman
<b>Font Size</b>	12
<b>Line spacing</b>	1.15
<b>Word Limit</b>	Should not exceed 750 words
<b>File format</b>	Microsoft Word
<b>Title</b>	Maximum character limit 125 without spaces Abbreviations should not be used in the title Lowercase letters should be used except at the beginning and unless indicated.
<b>Authors</b>	<p>Surname followed by Initials. -No prefixes (e.g., Dr/ Prof) should be included in the author's name -The name of the presenting author should be bolded and underlined. -Each author's affiliation should be included following the list of names of all authors. -If there is more than one author and address, insert a superscript number at the end of the initials before the comma. (For each author)</p> <p>Ex: Perera HK<sup>1</sup>, Ekanayake L<sup>2</sup>, Dissanayake SWG<sup>3</sup> 1Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, 2National Hospital of Sri Lanka, 3The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka Presenting Author: Dissanayake SWG Corresponding Author: Perera HK, <a href="mailto:hkperera@gmail.com">hkperera@gmail.com</a></p>

## Guidelines

<b>Structure</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Title</li><li>2. Introduction and Background</li><li>3. Objectives</li><li>4. Methodology</li><li>5. Results</li><li>6. Conclusion</li><li>7. Recommendations</li><li>8. Keywords</li></ol>
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2. The abstracts not conforming to the above instructions will not be accepted.
3. Abstracts should be thoroughly checked for spelling and grammar before submission.
4. The author/s should take full public responsibility for the research work and the content reported in the abstract.
5. If the work has been previously presented or published, in whole or in part, it should be stated. This does not disqualify a paper but must be stated when submitting the paper.
6. There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author can submit.
7. The presenting author is required to register for ReproSex 2024 following acceptance of the abstract by the Review Committee.
8. Any late submissions after the given deadline will not be entertained by the Abstract Review Committee.
9. Please note that there is no facility to submit hard copies directly to The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka.

## Abstract Submission

The abstract should be submitted using the link <https://shorturl.at/oAEM1>

## **Informing the author**

The corresponding author of each successful paper selected will be informed by email. Please note that no amendments to the submitted abstract (including the names and affiliations of the authors) will be entertained thereafter.

## **Publication opportunity**

The accepted abstract will be published in the conference proceedings. The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka reserves the right to make alterations and edit the title and/ or the text to improve the quality. Selected abstracts may be considered for publication in a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal following the conference. Authors of the selected abstracts are required to develop their abstracts into full papers/journal articles. Detailed instructions will be provided after the conference.

## **Inability to present an accepted paper**

The inability to present a paper accepted for the presentation should be communicated by email to the technical subcommittee of ReproSex 2024 one month before the date of the conference.

## Annexures

### Annexures 1: Tracks

#### Track 01: Navigating Complexity: Socioeconomic and demographic determinants of Sexual and Reproductive Health

- Understanding how socioeconomic factors intersect with broader landscape of SRH
- Period poverty and its determinant in Sri Lanka including taxation on menstrual products
- Addressing the unique needs of marginalized populations, such as refugees and migrants, in SRH programming
- Examining the impact of disability on sexual and reproductive health access and rights
- The impact of the economic recession on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Sri Lanka

#### Track 02: Beyond Boundaries: Safeguarding Rights and Dignity for All Gender Identities and Sexual Orientations

- Examining the prevalence and manifestations of gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence, sexual assault and harassment, child marriage, forced marriage, rape, incest and marital rape across diverse populations.
- Strategies for prevention, response, and support, including legal protections, counseling services, and shelters for survivors of GBV.
- Supporting initiatives to advance LGBTIQ+ inclusion in healthcare, education, employment, and other areas of public life.

#### Track 03: Getting Ready for Generation Beta : Engaging Youth in Sexual and Reproductive Health

- Sexual and Reproductive Health concerns among youth and adolescents
- Developing and implementing innovative and culturally sensitive sexual and reproductive health education programmes
- Training educators and healthcare providers on delivering inclusive and accurate SRH information and services
- Integrating digital platforms and technology in SRH education initiatives
- Creating youth-friendly SRH clinics and services tailored to adolescents' needs

#### **Track 04: Digital Horizons in SRH: Innovations for Access, Information, and Advocacy**

- Utilizing telemedicine, mobile health solutions, home delivery and self-care to expand access to SRH services
- Improving access to SRH services and information through Digital Health Interventions and social media
- Technological innovations to support policy advocacy, social mobilization, social and behavioral change in SRH

#### **Track 05: Access and Equity in Family Planning: Exploring Innovations and Challenges for Vulnerable Populations**

- Innovative methods of contraception
- Socio-demographic and geographical disparities in family planning
- Exploring innovative approaches to address social and cultural barriers to family planning, including stigma, misinformation, and partner communication.
- Challenges in access to emergency contraception for vulnerable populations, including survivors of sexual violence.

#### **Track 06: Fertility Frontiers: Innovations and disparities in Subfertility Solutions**

- Global and national trends in subfertility prevalence, incidence rates, and demographic patterns, including age-related fertility decline and geographic disparities.
- Latest advancements in Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)
- Barriers to accessing fertility care, including socioeconomic factors, geographical location, and healthcare infrastructure limitations.

#### **Track 07: Dynamics of Population and Sexual & Reproductive Health: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities for the Next Decade**

- Population and SRH; Opportunities and challenges for the next decade.
- Impact of Internal and External Migration on Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Sexual and Reproductive Health challenges on population ageing: Unique SRH needs of Aging Populations, Menopause, and Elderly
- Effect of age of marriage, divorce, contraception, abortion and subfertility as determinants of fertility

## Track 08: Insightful Inquiries: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Strategic Research in SRH

- Establishing innovative methods of data collection mechanisms to capture information on SRH service utilization, accessibility, and quality.
- Enhancing data visualization and dissemination strategies to communicate research findings effectively to diverse audiences.
- Exploring innovative approaches to data collection, including digital health technologies, mobile applications, and geospatial mapping.
- Conducting evaluations to assess the effectiveness of SRH interventions, programs, and policies.

## Track 09: Uniting Against HIV and STIs: Innovations in Prevention, Testing, and Care

- Innovations in HIV Prevention including behavioral and biological interventions.
- Latest developments in HIV and STI testing technologies, including rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs), point-of-care testing (POCT), and self-testing kits.
- Integrating HIV and STI services with other healthcare services, such as sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and substance use treatment.
- Impact of stigma and discrimination on HIV and STI prevention, testing, and care-seeking behaviors.

## Track 10: Resilience and Response: Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Crises and Climate Change

- Unique challenges faced by populations affected by humanitarian crises, including conflicts, natural disasters, and displacement, in accessing SRH services.
- Best practices and innovative approaches for delivering SRH care in humanitarian settings
- Impact of climate change on SRH outcomes, including changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, natural disasters, and displacement.
- Integration of SRH and reproductive rights into climate change adaptation and resilience strategies

## Track 11: Navigating Realities: Abortion Discourse in Sri Lanka

- Attitudes and beliefs surrounding induced abortion in Sri Lanka
- Availability and accessibility of medical abortion pills for Sri Lankan women
- Historical perspectives on abortion laws and regulations
- Socio-economic factors influencing abortion decisions

## Track 12: In the Fight: Advancements and Challenges in Cervical, Breast, and Prostate Cancer Prevention, Screening and Treatment

- Exploring vaccination programs and other preventive measures for cervical cancer
- Investigating risk factors of cervical, breast, and prostate cancers
- Exploring innovative screening technologies, such as liquid-based cytology, mammography, MRI, PSA testing, and genetic testing
- Assessing the efficacy and accessibility of screening programs for cervical, breast, and prostate cancers
- Examining disparities in cancer prevention, screening, and treatment access among different populations

## Annexure 02: Abstract submission form

### 01. Corresponding Author Details:

Name:

Affiliation:

Mobile Number:

E-mail Address:

Postal Address:

### 02. Presenting Author Details:

Name:

Affiliation:

Mobile Number:

E-mail Address:

Postal Address:

Short Bio (Maximum – 150 Words):

Attach a passport size photograph:

### 03. Abstract Details

Title:

Category: National / International

If International, the presentation will be conducted: In-person / On-line:

Track:

Geographical Area/s of the study:

Key words (Maximum – 5):

Attach the abstract file: