




GLOBAL
SOCIAL NORMS & AGENCY
LEARNING COLLABORATIVE


First-Ever

Global Learning Collaborative Members' Meeting

May 2026



What's been
the soundtrack
of your life this
week?



*Please introduce yourself
and respond to the
prompt in the chat*

Objectives



Re-invigorate Global LC membership by identifying and engaging active contributors



Share key updates on progress, current work, and future plans



Gather insights from current members to shape goals and priorities for the next 1-2 years, informing long-term sustainability planning

What We've Been Up To

Cross-LC Webinar in September 2025

408 unique resources identified and analyzed; and vetted through **collaborative and expert sensemaking** processes

Background



Decided on research methods and review methodology with multidisciplinary Advisory Board



Conducted search through scientific databases and rigorous search of grey literature and recommended materials



Reviewed title abstract and full text on Covidence; double reviewer consensus process



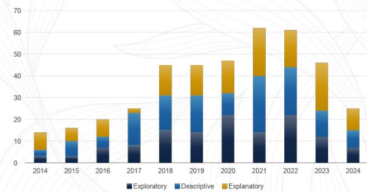
Extracted data from included literature; ran descriptive analyses; conducted thematic analyses



Held concurrent sensemaking workshops in region to vet early insights and identify gaps

Evidence base shows significant growth in evidence on shifting norms with AGYW, but lack of measurement results in limitations in comparability across studies.

Learnings



- **43 countries represented**, concentrated in East Africa, India, and West Africa.
- **Most studies descriptive**; fewer than a quarter used randomized or robust counterfactual designs.
- Studies focus mainly on **gender roles, SRH (fertility, family size), and GBV**. Less on menstruation, bodily autonomy, adolescent sexuality, or intersectional norms (disability, class, ethnicity).

ICFP 2025 in Bogota, Colombia



Newsletter, May 2026 Edition

NEWSLETTER: MAY 2026 EDITION
It's been a while! Here's what we've been up to.

Voir le français

Dear Global Learning Collaborative Members,

We're excited to reconnect and share updates from the Global Social Norms and Agency Learning Collaborative. As we look ahead, this moment is about re-invigoration – strengthening our membership base, deepening engagement across regions, and renewing our shared commitment to advancing social norms and agency work.

We also recognize that this has been a challenging year across the global health landscape. Shifting priorities, constrained resources, and an evolving environment have shaped how we all work. Yet, despite these challenges, the Learning Collaborative has continued to adapt, renew, and grow – sustaining its role as a space for shared learning, collaboration, and exchange.

In this issue, we highlight key insights from the International Conference on Family Planning, introduce new social norms resources and practical tools, and share upcoming opportunities to connect and collaborate. Together, these reflect a resilient and dynamic network – and the many ways you can engage.

As always, this quarterly newsletter is designed to keep you informed, inspired, and connected. We encourage you to explore, share, and participate as we continue to strengthen this community together.

Thank you,
The Global Social Norms and Agency Learning Collaborative

Announcements

Planning for SBCC 2026 in Panama City, Panama



The SBCC Summit is coming to *Panama City*

June 22 – 26, 2026



Social Norms and Agency Learning Collaborative (LC) Network: Who We Are



A network of passionate individuals and organizations working together to influence and shape the field of social norms and agency



Comprised of 5 communities in Anglophone and Francophone West Africa, East Africa, South Asia, and the Global Learning Collaborative community for those not residing within these regions



What We Do

**DOCUMENT & SHARE
EXPERIENCES**



**STRENGTHEN
CAPACITY**

Learning Collaborative

ACTIVITIES

**IMPROVE PRACTICE
THROUGH
PARTNERSHIPS**



**CO-CREATE
RESOURCES AND
PRODUCTS**



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen research and practice on social norms, gender, and agency by building a network of practitioners, researchers, evaluators, and advocates who share knowledge, generate evidence, and develop resources to support SBC programming.

Find out more about the LCs on our website!



www.socialnormsandagencylcs.org

Member Showcase

Fraym

with Neetu John, *Principal and Scientific Lead on the Data Engine*

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Member Showcase

Americares

**with Saman Nizami, *Vice President Regional Programs,
Asia, Eurasia, Middle East, and Africa***

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Member Showcase

REAL Fathers (GEH and IIDC)

with Kathryn Barker, *Principal Investigator and Assistant Professor at GEH, UC San Diego*

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Member Showcase

**Ben Cislaghi, *Associate Professor,
Academic, and Senior Consultant at
World Bank***

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Member Showcase

International Food Policy Research Institute

with Jessica Heckert

Looking Ahead

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