

# Call for Contributions to the

# ESR REVIEW

## Economic & Social Rights Review in Africa

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## Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Africa

Socio-Economic Rights Project (SERP) at the Dullah Omar Institute (DOI), University of the Western Cape invites contributions for the ESR Review, a quarterly publication aimed at informing and educating politicians, policymakers, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), academics, and legal practitioners about key developments in socioeconomic rights at both national and international levels. The ESR Review also seeks to stimulate innovative thinking on how to advance these rights as a tool for poverty alleviation in South Africa and abroad. The upcoming ESR Review issue will highlight key aspects of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Africa.

SRHR encompasses a wide range of issues related to the well-being and autonomy of individuals in matters concerning sexuality, reproduction, and family planning. These issues are of paramount importance in Africa

## Author Guidelines

### 1. Article Length

Articles should be no longer than 3,000 words. Contributions for the case review should be 2,500 words; policy developments and legislation analysis should be 1,500 words; events section should be 1,500 words; and the publications (book review) section should be 1,000 words.

### 2. Content and Language

- Contributions should preferably articulate and amplify the voice of the author.
- Contributions should be written in a simple, clear style, avoiding technical language and legal jargon where possible, ensuring accessibility for both legal practitioners and grassroots human rights organisations.
- Contributions should be opinion pieces or serve an advocacy function, rather than simply stating legal principles or being purely descriptive.
- Contributions should not be a marketing exercise for a particular project or programme.
- Contributions should lean towards offering opinion pieces or fulfilling an advocacy role, as opposed to merely presenting legal principles or providing purely descriptive content.

### 3. References and notes

- No footnotes. Rather try to work explanations into the text.
- Where possible, contributions can use hyperlinks instead of references.

which faces complex and multifaceted challenges in the realm of SRHR, shaped by a wide range of social, cultural, economic, and political factors. Despite some progress in various countries in areas such as adolescent sexual and reproductive health, access to family planning services, and reduction in maternal mortality among others, the realisation of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights remains elusive for many Africans.

This edition of the ESR review aims to present papers that explore the multifaceted challenges related to SRHR in Africa, focusing on issues such as the legal and policy frameworks that shape SRHR across the continent, access to healthcare, gender-based violence, adolescent sexual health, family planning, maternal health, obstetric violence, social, cultural and economic barriers to realising SRHR, the role of international and regional organisations and NGOs among others.

- Use the abbreviated Harvard style of referencing, for example: "Child abuse is rising (Author 1999:10)" or "According to Author (1999:10), child abuse is rising".
- Keep references to the absolute minimum – preferably only for publications from which direct quotes have been taken, or for backing up potentially contentious statements.
- Provide a list of the key references at the end of the contribution.
- Style related issues: Font: Times New Roman or Arial 11, Spacing: 1,5, Quotes: double quotation marks, Headings: We encourage the use of headings but they should not go beyond heading 2.

### Submission Guidelines

- Send contributions in electronic format (MS Word) to [serp@uwc.ac.za](mailto:serp@uwc.ac.za) and CC : [ajomoruyi@uwc.ac.za](mailto:ajomoruyi@uwc.ac.za)– until 20 September 2024.
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