



Support Sex Workers' Health & Human Rights



Make healthcare services accessible, non-coercive and responsive

Why?

Health is not only the absence of illness; it is wellbeing. Sex workers need accessible and non-judgemental healthcare that fulfils their right to overall health and supports their agency and choice.

How?

Ensure access to non-coercive and non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health services, psychological and psychosocial support, specialist health services, and access to justice and social protection.



Build trust and partnerships

Why?

Sex workers and sex worker-led organisations are best positioned to address sex workers' needs. Services and their delivery should be rooted in sex workers' needs and treat sex workers as experts on their own lives.

How?

Ongoing sex worker-led training should be offered to providers regarding sex workers' experiences and needs. Medical education should include health inequities and best practices for addressing sex workers' needs.



Prioritise community empowerment and mobilisation

Why?

Implementing sex worker community empowerment and mobilisation within service delivery will advance rights-aiming and evidence-based interventions.

How?

Sex workers and sex worker-led organisations should inform approaches and be supported to design and deliver services that address their needs. These include advocating for full decriminalisation, non-coercive occupational health and safety, addressing violence, access to justice, and anti-stigma and discrimination efforts.



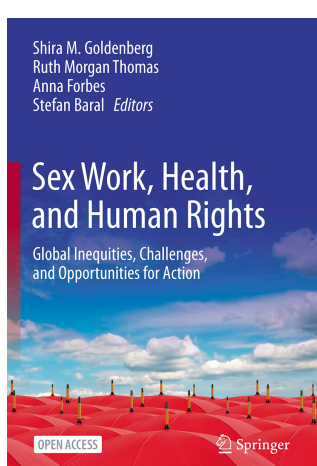
Support collaboration

Why?

Partnerships and collaborations with sex worker-led organisations are shown to result in more inclusive and relevant health and social services for sex workers. This is linked to better health and human rights outcomes for sex workers.

How?

Services should be designed in collaboration with sex workers and sex worker-led organisations. Collaborating with community-led organisations that work with other marginalised and criminalised groups disproportionately represented within sex work is also extremely important.



Sex Work, Health, and Human Rights: Global Inequities, Challenges and Opportunities for Action is the first global textbook co-written by sex workers, sex worker-led organisations and academics about sex work. Drawing upon community case studies and data from around the world, the book highlights the sustained health and social inequities that sex workers in all of their diversity experienced in 2020.

