# A Tailor-Made Training on Social Innovation for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Philippines

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The incidence of teenage pregnancies and rising cases of HIV-AIDS in the Philippines particularly in the Eastern Visayas Region is alarming. In response, Social Innovation in Health Initiative Philippines, University of the Philippines Manila School of Health Sciences, and Maastricht University organized a training on Social Innovation for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). This aims to capacitate the participants to serve as coaches to frontline health professionals, community health workers and leaders to explore different aspects of SRHR problems in their contexts and facilitate design of innovative, multistakeholder driven interventions. Because of the pandemic, the planned face-to-face training shifted to online delivery using Zoom. In the pilot workshop on Introduction to Gender, experts explained key concepts in plenary sessions and facilitated brainstorming in breakout rooms. With the success of the pilot and with travel restrictions still ongoing, sessions on Intervention Mapping were also conducted online. Participants engaged in self-study with a recorded lecture. In small groups, they then applied each step of Intervention Mapping on a selected health problem (improper use of face masks, behavioral effects of the pandemic, vaping, teenage pregnancy) during the online sessions. The trainer provided feedback on the outputs. Despite occasional technical issues (bad internet connection), over all participants were satisfied because of the effective mix of asynchronous and synchronous activities, practical applicability to their community work, and the diverse backgrounds of the participants enriching group discussions. Workshops on Community Engagement, Designing Innovative Interventions and Comprehensive Sexual Education will follow.