MRMV: engaging children & youth in their rights to health and education

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• Engaging marginalised children and youth, especially girls and young women, (and allies) in rights to health and education services

• Adapting project activities/focus based on specific needs of children and youth in countries

• Global level of learning, exchange and innovation

• New programme and new approaches
8 countries...

- Georgia
- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- Nepal
- Vietnam
- Mali
- Niger
- Tanzania
MRMV objectives

1: Awareness
Knowledge
Confidence

2: Skills
Organisation
Shared Voice

3: Influence
Duty Bearers to listen & act

4: Organisational capacity and campaigning force supporting children & youth to claim rights

Children and youth are agents of change and quality services allow them to fulfil their potential and shape their future.
What was needed for effective child participation

- Relevance of issues (education, health and SRH) - child/youth involvement
- Support of parents/guardians/carers
- Space – physical (complimented by virtual) & time
- Peer-to-peer support
- Capacity building
- Awareness of gender and power relations
- Engagement from ‘duty bearers’
- Creativity and…
INNOVATION
MRMV in Vietnam

• Promoting social accountability in the education sector
• Working with ethnic minority children and parents
• Promoting dialogue and accountability with schools and education authorities
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Three levels:
1. Empowering children to express needs
2. Helping to improve school governance & management
3. Driving policy implementation
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Innovations:

• Training in digital photography – major exhibition
• Establishment of innovation fund – to support child rights
• Establishment of creative clubs (journalist club, digital media club)
Results so far...

• Increased awareness & knowledge of child rights & education laws/policies/services;
• Greater involvement of ethnic minority parents in school governance;
• Enabling environment where children have space & support (confidence & voice);
• Organised clubs pursuing child rights;
• Increased women & girls’ participation;
• Engagement from ‘duty bearers’ – influencing plans.
Thank you