



What is

INTERSECTIONALITY?

« There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.

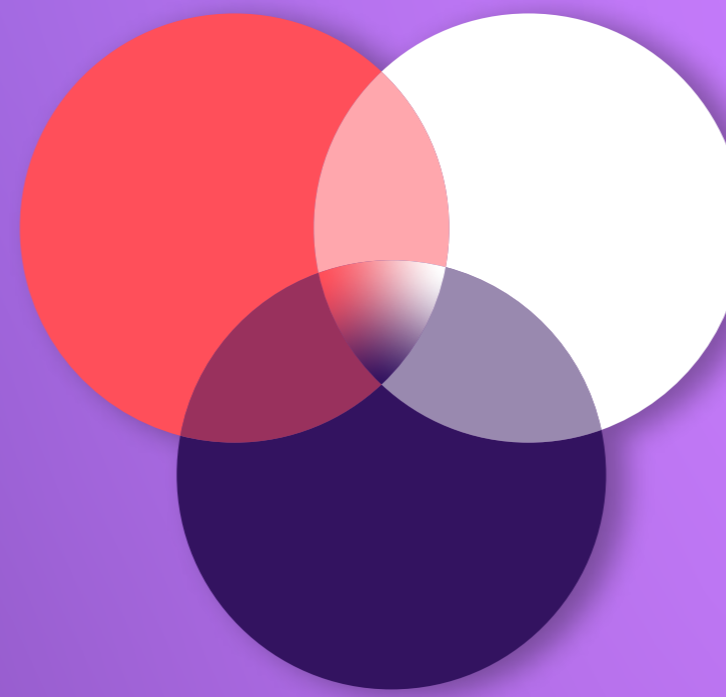


— *Audre Lorde*





Intersectionality is a way to understand how different aspects of a person's identity overlap to create unique experiences of discrimination and privilege.



- Gender
- Education
- Family history
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Ability
- Skin colour
- Class
- Religion





For example, a young black woman with a disability from a rural area, does not have the same access to contraception, as a white woman from the city without disabilities.





Why is intersectionality important?

Minoritised

Power



1. It helps recognise our differences and understand how these differences shape our experiences in the world.
2. It makes us aware of power and privilege – who has it and who does not.
3. It serves as starting point for truly inclusive equity and justice work.





Sexual and
reproductive
health
and rights



An intersectional approach to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) means working to transform systems of oppression, so that everyone can live and enjoy their rights and freedoms no matter who they are and where they are located in society.





Putting intersectionality into practice

- 1 Reflect on how your social identities grant you privilege, even unintentionally.
- 2 Listen to and collaborate with diverse people, especially marginalised voices, to educate yourself.
- 3 Amplify the stories of those with lived experiences, making room for them to speak.
- 4 Challenge policies and practices that exclude, instead push for equity and justice.
- 5 Request disaggregated data to better understand and address marginalisation.





Embracing
Intersectionality
for Health Equity
& Justice

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