

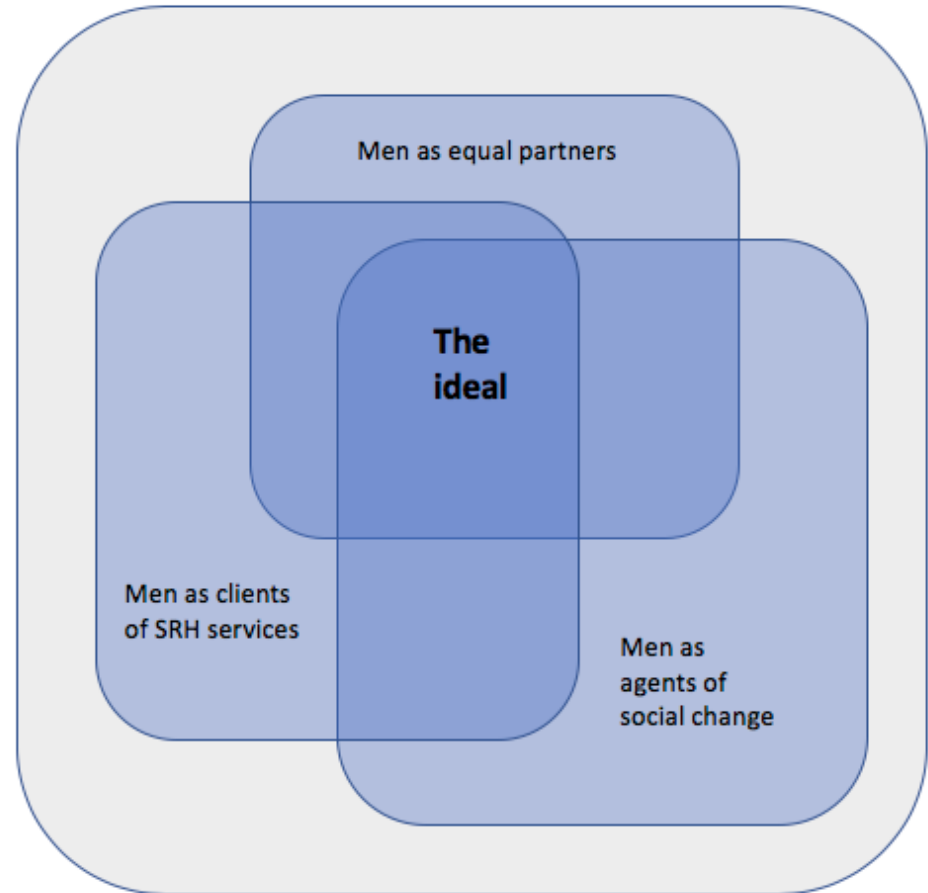
# Getting to Equal: Reframing Men and SRHR

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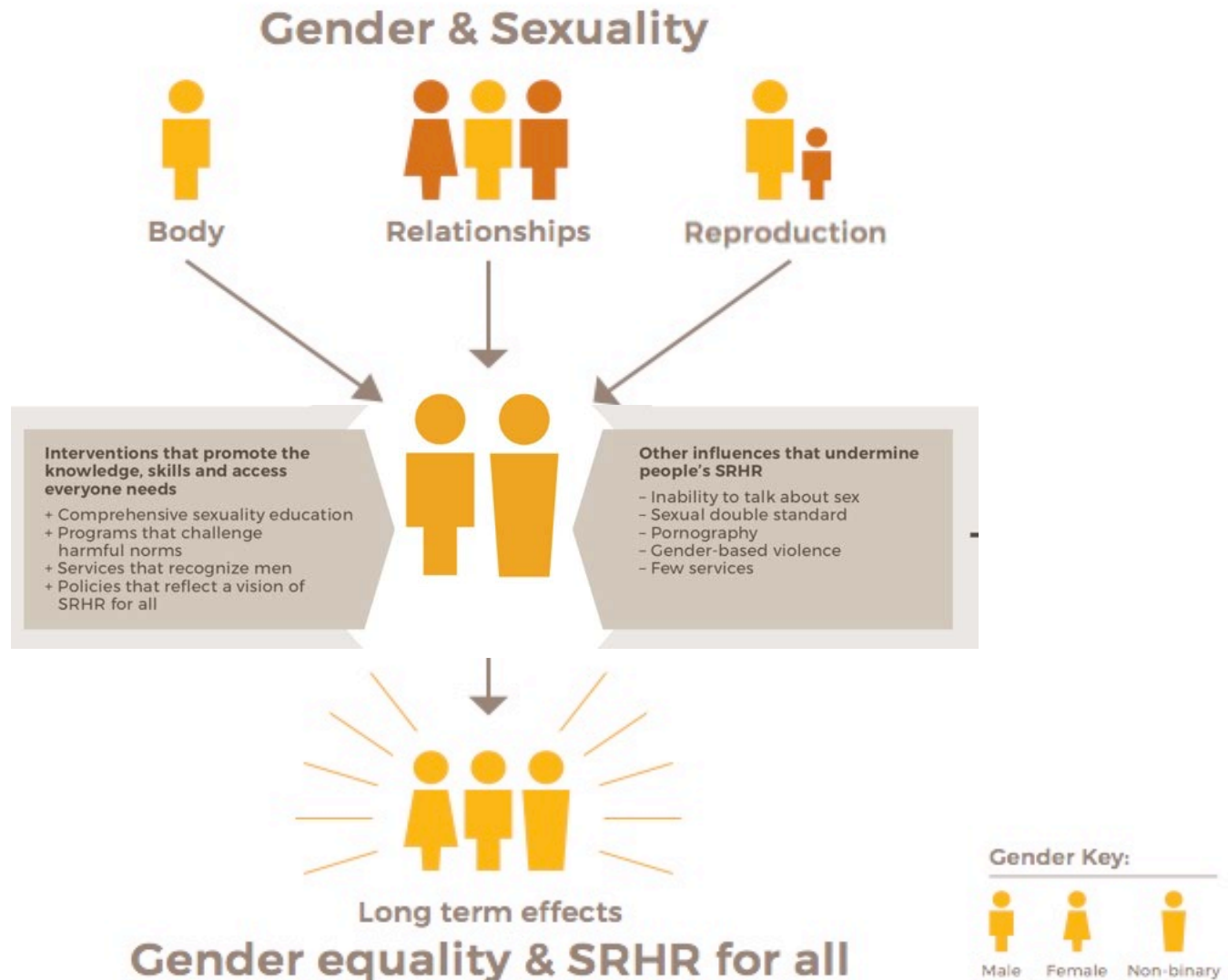
# Framing: Men and (women's?) SRHR

- Men as partners
- Men as clients
- Men as agents of social change



Source: Laura Pascoe, Maja Herstad, Tim Shand and Lucinda van den Heever (2012). *Building Male Involvement in SRHR: A basic model for Male Involvement in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*. Sonke Gender Justice Network, Cape Town, South Africa.

# Framing: SRHR and men (people!)



# Key equation of the review

## Men's bodies +

- Learning from pornography vs. RH information
- Knowledge, skills, confidence for life

## Men's relationships +

- Respect and communication
- Gender equality and its impact on health

## Men's reproduction =

- Male dominance in couple vs. community
- Gender equitable attitudes supports contraceptive use
- Delayed fertility  $\cong$  foregone

## Men's lives

- Impact on physical & mental health
- Lasting economic impact
- Lasting implications for companionship

# Points of resistance

- A culture of men's disengagement requires reframing the connections between men's lives and SRHR
- Services do not prioritize gender-transformative programs
- Policies do not recognize men's roles and needs
- Investing in men is viewed as competing with investing in women

## Questions for us:

- How can we open the reluctant SRHR field to a new perspective on men?
- What are the key policies that would need to change to make this transformation possible?



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