



Annual Report

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Organization

Background and Status

Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) is a nationally recognized youth-led and youth-driven non-political non-governmental organisation (NGO) headquartered in Nsawam municipality in the Eastern Region of Ghana. YAG was formed out of the need to meet the challenges confronting children with respect to sexual abuse and its related consequences. It did so through awareness creation sessions and training program and counselling for affected children, their parents and communities. For the past 10 years, YAG has scaled up its programs and activities to cover domains like education (scholarship for children), and health (sexual and reproductive health) and peacebuilding and governance. It has also expanded the target scope from the children to the youth, noting the challenges that especially confront the adolescent and young girls. YAG has gained experience and credibility in these areas of program implementation and have extended this to the international arena, currently accredited to International Youth Federation and serve as the Secretariat for African Youth SDGs Summit). YAG obtained legal status in 2011, and it is registered with the Registrar General's Department (Registration No. CG 000722012) and with the Department of Social Welfare (Registration No. D.S.W./5450).



Who We Are

The strategies and operations of YAG is shaped, guided and influenced by its vision and mission as well as core values.

Our Vision

The vision of YAG is to see a “society where children and youth influence decisions that affect their lives, enjoy their rights, and assume their responsibilities as full citizens.”



Our Mission

The mission of YAG is to “transform the lives of children and youth by improving access to information and enhance participation in sexual and reproductive health, education and livelihood programmes.”

The mission is driven by the following IDD Approach:

1

Investigating barriers to access of the youth to services and information that affect their development. This will include making evidence-based arguments for improvement of the decentralized delivery of those services;

2

Deepening existing partnership relations whilst at the same time defining and developing new alliances and partnership to achieve the mission. The choice of new partners will be determined by the context (extent of marginalization), type of interventions planned (advocacy vs. service delivery or type of expertise needed);

3

Demonstrating and stimulating ways of scaling up the delivery of sustainable and equitable services focusing on the adolescent and youth especially the excluded and marginalised girls.

Core Values

The following Core Values underpin YAG's programming:

Youth-Driven: We believe in the power and potential of young people. We believe that the concerns and challenges of young people can best be addressed by and through them.

Cooperation/Partnership: We believe that we are citizens of the global community and we can achieve much when we share ideas, exchange information and work together, hence our slogan "One Voice, One World".

Teamwork: Providing internal support to one another, working co-operatively, respecting one another's views and making our work environment fun and enjoyable.

Evidence-Based: We seek to build our programmes, policy and advocacy on evidence-based approaches and emerging best practices that produce sustainable outcomes.



YAG Strategic Goals (SGs)

SG1

Enable the youth/young people to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and ensure that their human rights are respected, protected and fulfilled.

SG3

Provide educational and skill (enterprise-based) support for the development of vulnerable children and youth.

SG2

Empower young people to participate and hold duty-bearers accountable to ensure equitable and sustainable services for children and youth.

SG4

Strengthen the organization's capacity to effectively and efficiently plan and implement programs and projects

Affiliation, Membership and Recognitions

YAG, valuing partnership, has strategic affiliations and membership with diverse national and international networks, and its dedicated work has led to national and global recognition.

National

- Member of the CSOs Platform on SDGs Ghana
- Co-convener for the Youth Sub-platform on SDGs.

Regional

- Secretariat for the 2030 Youth Alliance for Africa, (Regional body for the mobilization and participation of youth on the SDGs in Africa).

Global

- Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC
- Member of UNDP 16X16 Youth Initiative
- Decent Job for Youth; Delta 8.7 Alliance
- UN Major Group for Children and Young People



CHAPTER 2

Strategic Goal 1: Organization Background and Status

YAG as a youth-led and youth-driven organization, works to ensure young people's capacity are built to enable them make informed decisions on SRHR. In this regard, the organization builds new and strengthen old systems that will grant young people the right education on their sexual and reproductive health rights. Throughout the year, YAG together with partners jointly implemented activities which will ensure this strategic goal of the organization is met.

Design of a Youth Agency Learning Hub

Youth Advocates Ghana believes that knowledgeable and skillful youth can effectively make informed decisions on choices affecting their lives, and also hold themselves and duty bearers accountable. To achieve this, YAG through a co-creation process assessed the learning needs of with young people to design the concept and operationalization of Youth Agency Learning Hub (YALH). The consultation and design process started in 2021, and finalized in 2022. The consultation process involved 15 youth groups and networks, and 10 civil society organizations in across Ghana. This YALH, part of YAG's Youth Engagement Strategy, aims at eliminating adult influence in youth learning spaces and engendering innovation with youthful energies to promote issues of interest for youth.



This strengthens the capacity of young people to make with whom we work will feel ownership of the tools and methods used and will be able to strengthen their skills to use the products for their lobby and advocacy agenda. The YALH manual contains learning needs of young people, and learning content centered on harmful norms practices against young people in communities; sexual and reproductive health education and services; youth empowerment and activism; advocacy and influencing social norms, practices and policies; media engagement; digital and problem solving skills; project management; entrepreneurship; social media marketing; grant writing, applying for funding; law and human rights, and psychology and mental health issues



Capacity Strengthening of Youth Advocates in SRHR and Policy Influencing Process

This capacity strengthening workshop improved the capacity of youth advocates from 9 youth group and networks with 4000+ membership base from the Northern, North East, Savannah, and Upper East regions of Ghana. These youth groups and networks, mostly female led include Young Urban Women Movement, Sawla Model Girls, Kpandai Model Girls, Sangbana Girls Cluster, and Neutral Parliament. The 3-day workshop carried out in Tamale, the capital of Northern region, was attended by 16 youth advocates from June 6-8, 2022.

This workshop was part of YAG efforts to enable young people lead advocacy on SRHR issues in their respective communities, districts, regions. The youth advocates were taken through practices and simulation process that deepen their understanding in meaningful and inclusive youth participation; youth-adult Partnership; Group formation and small team management; peer to peer education and learning; tools for decision making (agency, voice and empowerment); media and community engagement; advocacy strategies (types and levels) and tactics (tool and approaches); community action plans, and public policy making process and analysis. Youth Advocates in consultation with their youth groups communities developed action plans to address SRHR issues facing their communities.

CHAPTER 3

Strategic Goal 2: Empowering young people to participate in decision making and hold duty-bearers accountable

Introduction

YAG as a youth-led and youth-driven organization, works to ensure young people are empowered to participate in decision making and hold duty-bearers accountable. In this regard, the organization builds and strengthens systems that will grant young people the right education to be empowered, resilient and more well-vested to hold duty-bearers accountable. Throughout the year, YAG together with partners jointly implemented activities which will ensure this strategic goal of the organization is met.

Capacity strengthening of YAG Fellows on Policy Influencing Process

Youth Advocates Ghana selected its first cohort of one its flagship programs, YAG Fellowship. This is in line with strategic objective to “Strengthen the capacity of young people to enable them effectively participate and engage in policy-



making processes and implementation of programs.” As part of preparations to improve their policy influencing journey, a capacity strengthening workshop on policy influencing was organized. The workshop took place in the Maple Leaf Hotel in Achimota, Accra, from June 16-17, 2022. The participants were mainly 12

YAG Fellows drawn from the Ashanti, Central, Greater Accra, Northern, Upper East and Upper West regions of Ghana.

The training sought to expose YAG fellows to various frameworks, tools and approaches such as meaningful and inclusive youth participation, and youth-adult partnership used in the policy influencing process. This activity mainly focused on technical and legal frameworks on sexual and reproductive space in Ghana. Additionally included digital advocacy, communication and public speaking skills. See Box 1 for learning from YAG Fellows are some improved outcomes on YAG Fellows

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First, I was taught about safeguarding policies and meaningful youth engagement. Second, also, I learned the distinction between youth participation and engagement and the need to involve the youth in issues impacting them as early as problem identification. Finally, this session demonstrated unequivocally how policies and initiatives impacting youth are implemented without youth engagement despite evidence of youth participation. This portion was quite intriguing to me.

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After the two-day workshop, I must say that I have learned and unlearned so much which is going to help me be a better advocate. I learned the difference between an advocate and an activist. All this while I thought I was an advocate cause that's what I thought I was doing but after the session, I realized that I was an activist

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I was taken through a stakeholder mapping and it broadened my knowledge on which institutions to reach out to on specific issues or topics.



YAG Fellows Engage in Ghana's National Youth Policy Launch

In commemoration of the International Youth Day the National Youth Authority of Ghana organized the 1st Annual Youth Conference and [National Youth Policy Launch](#) at the Anagkazo Campus at Akwapem-Mampong in the Eastern region of Ghana from August 10-12, 2022. The 2-day activity drew youth groups and networks consisting of 500 Ghanaian youth across Ghana including four YAG fellows.

The activity consisted of policy dialogue where there was a presentation by the head of policy, monitoring and evaluation at the Ministry and Youth and Sports and plenary on issues covered in the policy set to be implemented from 2022-2032. On the Second day, the new policy was launched by the President of Ghana, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. The policy will highlight the current state of young people in Ghana and the pressing challenges hindering youth development. It also provides guidelines for all stakeholders involved in the implementation of policies, programs and projects across sectors for the attainment of positive youth development outcomes. YAG collaborated with the National Youth Authority to host a side event which focused on using social media to create awareness for the youth policy and conference. The National Youth Conference was a crucial state event where key state actors including the president and state ministries converged to discuss key issues confronting young people. This provides a unique opportunity to interact with important state actors who are usually inaccessible and unavailable. A post-event [discussion](#) (39:10 - 45:35) was held for the YAG Fellows to share perspectives on the newly launched policy. The outcome of the activity includes increased participation of YAG Fellows in national dialogues to share their voice on the policies that directly affect them.

YAG holds Stakeholder Consultative Workshop for Youth-led Organizations for Ghana's Youth SDGs Report 2022

YAG has one of its strategic objectives to "Facilitate the implementation of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process." In line with that, YAG has pioneered a youth-focused Voluntary National Review process to produce the "Ghana's Youth SDGs Report 2022." This report captures youth-led and youth-driven innovative SDG-related interventions, and assess overall implementation and impact of SDGs on youth, and document strategies youth groups and organization are adopting to build back from COVID-19. To achieve this, YAG, held a stakeholder consultation workshop to draw practical ways young people are affected by "Leaving no one behind" principle, and share opportunities and challenges in building back from the COVID-19- pandemic. The workshop was attended by 43 youth leaders representing youth groups and networks across Ghana at the Volta Serene Hotel in Ho on June 10, 2022. The inputs from this Stakeholder Consultative Workshop were adopted into Ghana's Youth SDG Report 2022, amplifying the voice and concerns of the Ghanaian youth.

YAG Fellows Engage with Parliamentarians of Ghana

One the of the key objectives of the YAG Fellowship program is to “Enhance the knowledge and awareness of the youth on national, regional and global law and policy making processes.” The exposure engagement gave the YAG Fellows the opportunity to meet and have meaningful engagement with national law makers. This created space for YAG Fellows to ask curious questions about issues and processes in the law-making process with the aim of bringing them closer to decision making and improving their self-confidence. The activity was implemented at the Coconut Grove Hotel in Accra on August 3, 2022. The participants consisted of a total of 13 parliamentarians from the Young Parliamentarian Forum, Gender and Health Committee, Population and Development Committee of the Ghanaian parliament. Among the parliamentarians was the youngest parliamentarian in Ghana, Francisca Oteng, who called on youth to be more active in development and politics of Ghana. See Box 2 for what other parliamentarians’ thoughts with the Ghanaian youth:

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Member of Parliament for Shai-Osudoku, **Linda Akweley Ocloo**, highlighted that it was important to make policies that would help the young adolescent build on their capacities and also strengthen women to take up roles in the community to enable them position themselves as virtuous and empowered women.

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Thomas Nyarko Ampem, Member of Parliament for Asuogyaman constituency appealed to the Ghanaian youth to continually exhibit good traits in their capacities and also mentioned that we should take steps to amend the law to enable the youth to assume certain leadership positions due to age restrictions.

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Abed Bandim, Member of Parliament for Bunkpurugu bemoaned that most youth are not able to articulate what they lack to policy makers and politicians because they lack the courage to fight for what belongs to them.



CHAPTER 4

Strategic Goal 3: Provide educational and skill support for the development of vulnerable children and youth.

Introduction

In our efforts to provide educational and skill support for the development of vulnerable children and young, we undertook the following activities which have been explained in the subsequent sections in this report.

Capacity Strengthening of School Health Education Program (SHEP) Coordinators

YAG's strategic objectives include establishing youth/adolescent networks/platforms in schools and communities for sexual health and reproductive education to realize their sexual and reproductive rights. As part of the Youth for Health project, which aims to expand life-changing access to adolescent sexual and reproductive health care in

Ghana, YAG organized a capacity strengthening workshop School Health Education Program (SHEP) Coordinators from Ghana Education Service, and Adolescent Health Focal Persons (AHFP) from Ghana Health Service. The purpose of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of the SHEP Coordinators and AHFP was to improve the knowledge and skills in delivery and monitoring reproductive health education as well as managing adolescent health clubs in- and out-of schools. The workshop was attended by SHEP and AHFP regional and district level officers from 6 district in the Northern and Upper East regions, including Nанumba North, Nanton and Saboba; Binduri, Bongo and Bolgatanga East. The activity was held at Hotel Mariam in Tamale from December 13-14, 2022. The SHEP and AHFP be working together to strengthen the adolescent health clubs to ensure delivery of reproductive health education and services in selected schools and communities.

CHAPTER 5

Strategic Goal 4: Strengthen the organization's capacity to effectively and efficiently plan and implement activities, projects and programs.

Introduction

Capacity strengthening is a key pillar in efforts to efficiently and effectively plan and implement activities, projects and programs. Hence the organization (staff, board, volunteers, etc.) have been trained to enable them work to have efficient results.

Staff Training on Anti-Fraud, VCAT, and Safeguarding

The management and staff of YAG went through capacity strengthening workshop on anti-fraud, value clarification and attitude transformation, and safeguarding. This refresher training is key given that YAG's operations revolve around procurement of goods and services, and engaging young people, especially girls and women on sexual and reproductive health and rights. The training improves management and staff knowledge, capacity and awareness in working with partners



across all levels to ensure individuals and properties are protected. The training took place at Marie Stopes Headquarters in Accra, Ghana from August 15-17, 2022.

Staff gets training on Gender Transformative Approaches

The programs and communication team of YAG underwent a capacity strengthening to adopt and integrate Gender Transformative Approaches (GTA) into programming and advocacy using the socio-ecological model, and the six principles of GTA. The learnings from this workshop have sharpened YAG's critical examination of human rights-based approach; power dynamics; gender and diversity; norms and values; empower girls and women, and engage men and boys regarding activities and strategies. The workshop was held at Nim Avenue Hotel in Tamale, Ghana from November 15-18, 2022.



Monitoring and Evaluation Lead trained at University of Washington

As part of strengthening the monitoring and evaluation unit of YAG, the Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Lead got enrolled to study Monitoring and Evaluation in Global Health at the University of Washington, United States. The 4-month long course covered topics such as program monitoring and evaluation; evaluation methods; setting and participants' selection; data collection, analysis, visualization, and dissemination, and ethics in monitoring and evaluation. This training has shaped and integrated the operations of the monitoring and evaluation at all levels of programming in the organization.

YAG introduces quarterly newsletters in 2022

As part of YAG commitment to keep partners and stakeholders updated on happenings within the organization, and ensure accountability, YAG has introduced a quarterly newsletter. The purpose of this publication is to share emerging issues, success stories; updates on project, and participation in policy influencing spaces. This newsletter, led by YAG's Communication Team, is published on our website and social media handles



CHAPTER 6

YAG Engagement in Events and Development Activities

Introduction

As part of YAG's effort to have an international reach and status, we engaged in development activities. These activities gave YAG reach at the national, regional and global level.



YAG holds a pre-Workshop Training and participate in the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development in Kigali, Rwanda

The African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development (ARFSD) is one of the three essential parts of the formal follow-up and review architecture of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The other two include the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). These reviews are voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and provide a platform for partnerships, including the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders with the goal of accelerating efforts towards the achievements of the goals. Considering the enormous effort of young people in working towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals it was imperative that we engage the youth in the Voluntary National Review Process to make it all inclusive and participatory for all.

YAG in partnership with the UN Economic Commission for Africa organized a side event at the ARFSD bringing together young leaders implementing the five selected goals to share ideas and experiences and lessons learned as implementers of the SDGs. Additionally, the event, in the form of a workshop, introduced young people to the Voluntary National and Local Review process and how they can actively participate in the process in their respective countries. One key outcome from this engagement is the call to develop youth-led SDGs Report, as a complementary to the Voluntary National Reviews in their various countries.

YAG holds 4th African Youth SDGs Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The African Youth SDGs Summit secretariat hosted by Youth Advocates Ghana in collaboration with Talent Youth Association Ethiopia, the United Nations Association of Ethiopia and the Office of the UN Residence Coordinator in Ethiopia convened the 4th African Youth SDGs Summit at the United Nations Economic Commission for African Conference Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in a hybrid format (in-person and virtual participation) from March 9-11, 2022. The Summit was attended by 250+ in-person participants and about 5000 virtual participants consisting of young leaders, government officials, ambassadors, diplomats, student bodies, United Nations agencies, bilateral organizations. Held on the theme “Youth Resilience in Covid-19 era; pathways to accelerate actions towards achieving the SDGs”, among the outcome statements of the Summit was the call upon national governments and intergovernmental organizations to move beyond collaboration between health and education sectors to work with youth-led or women-led organizations to address SDG 3 (Health for All) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality).



YAG speaks at the Annual Conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development in Berlin, Germany

The Executive Director of Youth Advocates Ghana and Convener of the African Youth SDGs Summit, Mr. Emmanuel Ametepey has urged young people to collectively strengthen engagement and efforts towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a sustainable future for all at the 21st Annual Conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE).

The Annual Conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development which seeks to focus on how we can foster the potential of international cooperation and partnerships to make progress towards globally sustainable development pathways, access opportunities ahead of us and which priorities we should set in order to improve and promote multilateral action and restore trust, areas we need to deliver and enhance our respective commitments, “Our common agenda” process on the SDGs and the perspectives of African youth on achieving the SDGs. Speaking at the 21st Annual Conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), in Germany, Mr. Ametepey underscored the African Youth SDGs Summit calls for development partners, and state institutions to empower and strengthen the youth in pushing for the development of the continent.



YAG make inputs into VNR 2022 at Stakeholder Consultative Workshop in Accra, Ghana

This activity was organized by National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) of Ghana as part of the developing the Voluntary National Review present to present at the High-Level Political Forum of Sustainable Development in New York in July 2022. The activity took place at the AH Hotel in Accra on May 4, 2022. The activity was characterized by opening statements

from stakeholders from Executive Director of NDPC , Head of UN Country Team for SDGs, and YAG Fellow Keziah Porepeya Nsoh, who acknowledged the need to ensure meaningful youth inclusion in all decision making processes, and recommended that the report should include strategies that, “Address the rising cases of teenage pregnancy among young people and the issue of sexual exploitation, gender-based violence among adolescent girls and young women.” The activity continued with presentation on the progress of the implementation of the SDGs, and later continued with a breakout session for youth-focused stakeholder to share their perspective on the progress and

achievement of the SDGs and strategies to build back from COVID-19 and leave no one behind. The outcome of the activity of was increased participation of young people (YAG Fellow) in policy and decision-making spaces (Voluntary National Review of the SDGs) and participation as meaningful (YAG part of the technical committee, and given an opportunity to make statements and inputs into the VNR report).



YAG attends I AM AWARE Project Retreat at Teiman, Ghana

Youth Advocates Ghana joined other IAA project partners at a project closing retreat at Hill View Hotel at Teiman in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana from July 27-30, 2022. The retreat comprised of the presentations from partners across Ghana sharing their success stories, opportunities and challenges they faced during the implementation of the project. YAG, implementing partners in Nsawam-Adoagyri and Ga West Municipalities, shared the success stories of increased accountability activities of SAG in their communities, collecting and making data available to duty bearers for accountability and improved partnership with local assemblies. The challenge shared

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YAG Participates in Stakeholder Consultation Workshop for the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit in Lusaka, Zambia

Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) in partnership with Alliance for Accountability Advocates Zambia (AAAZ) held a Stakeholders Consultative Workshop ahead of the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit (AYSDG) from Monday, September 12-16, 2023. The Workshop was characterized with a number of activities that took place on the margins of the consultation workshop. The Africa Youth SDGs Summit Secretariat and its local implementing partner in Zambia, AAAZ and 2nd Door paid courtesy calls on UN in Zambia, UNDP Zambia, UNFPA Zambia, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Arts, UNICEF, UN Economic Commission for Africa, and Ministry of Finance and National Development. During the consultation workshop, stakeholders discuss the content, modalities and structure that the 5th AYSDG Summit. Additionally, stakeholders discussed the opportunities and challenges, taking into consideration the socio-economic landscape of the African continent. One of the immediate outcomes of the workshop was the theme and date set for the Summit. The theme for the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit is "Attaining the SDGs through youth innovation and financing for inclusive development in Africa ", and scheduled to be held in August 2023.



YAG Invited to Speak for Ghanaian Youth and Children at VNR 2022 Launch

YAG was invited to speak at the Launch of the Ghana's Voluntary National Review Report 2022. The event was organized by the National Development Planning with President of the Republic of Ghana and United Nations Resident Coordinator for Ghana in attendance. The event was held at the Accra International Conference Centre on August 19, 2022. YAG's presentation called on the government to scrap the 20% luxury tax on menstrual products to improve school attendance and retention for adolescent girls and young women. Additionally, to ensure the SDG Coordination and implementation in Ghana is meaningfully inclusive and participatory, YAG called on government and NDPC to institutionalize representation of youth groups and organizations as members within the Implementation Coordinating Committee and High-Level Ministerial Committee for the SDGs.

YAG engages in Budget Analysis Workshop in Tamale, Ghana

The budget analyses and advocacy training were led by SEND Ghana under the project "CSO capacity building in sustainable domestic finance for SRH/FP. This is aimed at empowering Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with expertise and skills in national budget analyses with special interest in budgetary components relating to health, particularly sexual and reproductive health and family planning. The three-day event took place from October 17-19, 2022 at Modern City Hotel in Tamale. The workshop was attended by 25 participants, mostly young people from various CSOs across Ghana. The workshop was characterized with presentations and equipped participants with knowledge and skills on the state of sexual and reproductive health rights and family planning practices; national budget documentation processes and timelines; introduction to key budget terms; creating a dataset for a national budget analysis; national budget calculations/appreciation; budget advocacy strategies, and assessing budget advocacy briefs.

YAG Participates in United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report 2023 Consultation Workshop for Africa in Lilongwe, Malawi

YAG participated in United Nation Global Sustainable Development Report 2023 Regional Consultation Workshop, which sought to explore sustainable development challenges and opportunities in Anglophone Africa. The workshop took place at the President Walmont Hotel in Lilongwe Malawi from November 30 – December, 2022. Youth Advocates Ghana joined other 40 experts from academia, the United Nations, government officials, civil society organizations for the workshop. YAG had the opportunity to represent the Ghanaian and African youth, sharing insights from the Ghana's Youth SDGs Report 2022 and the African Youth SDGs Summit. Consultations revolved around entry points including human well-being and capabilities; energy decarbonization and universal access, and global environmental commons. The discussions and outcome of this workshop serves as inputs to the 2023 United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) which will inform the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit).



CHAPTER 7

Opportunities and Challenges for 2022 and Outlook for 2023

YAG has increased visibility and strong reputation to local and international organizations delivering youth-related advocacy making it a suitable partner in the youth and development space.

YAG continues to expand its youth constituents that command respect and attention in national and international decision-making spaces, and gives YAG an urge in influencing policy.

Leveraged the existence of a strong, dedicated and committed partnership with development organizations and government agencies.

Align YAG's upcoming strategic plan with new Ghana's National Youth Policy, which is set to be implemented from 2022–2023.

Leverage on increased attention to climate change and nutrition, and integrate into sexual and reproductive health and rights programs.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGES

The global economic shocks have increased the dependency risk program planning and implementing disrupting the gains sustained over the years.

In as much as Ghana has at low- and middle-income country (LMIC) status, there is no trickle-down effect of this status on most adolescent and young people in Ghana leaving them behind in terms of benefitting from appropriate interventions.

Leveraged the existence of a strong, dedicated and committed partnership with development organizations and government agencies.

A largely unfriendly socio-cultural and legal environment for SRHR service delivery and advocacy in Ghana are affecting the full realization of human rights for adolescents and young people.

Outlook for 2023

- Further Strengthen the visibility through development and sharing of visibility materials and enhanced website
- Increase the design and implementation of activities tailored to meet specific challenges through stakeholder engagement and proposal development
- Further strengthen existing partnerships and identifying and building new partners.
- Strengthen capacity to effectively manage and take part in networks/platform activities
- Further design and implement projects and activities to complement government's efforts at dealing with challenges faced by the adolescent and young people regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Collaborators and Partners

