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Organizational Capacity Strengthening Workshop

The Global Fund for Children facilitated a 2-day Organizational Capacity Strengthening Workshop for Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) to strengthen the board, management, volunteers and staff capacity, strength and weaknesses and how they can leverage on each other's strength to achieve results.

The workshop also seeks to improve the strategic pillars of YAG in its efforts to build robust systems to enable empower and improve the wellbeing of children and young people.



Reproductive Health Education (RHE) held in 12 Northern Region communities



Youth leaders, religious and traditional leaders, assembly members and other community gatekeepers have been engaged to strategically promote community-based reproductive health education in Nanumba North, Saboba and Nanton Districts in the Northern Region of Ghana.

The community engagement was part of activities under the Youth for Health (Y4H) project which is co-funded by the European Union, and implemented by the Ghana Health Service with support from the Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG).

The activity was carried out in 12 communities in the three selected districts. The implementing communities were introduced to the Y4H project while identifying and engaging various stakeholders to deepen collaboration for a successful execution of the project.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3Mhn10I>





International Day for Women and Girls in Science

In celebration of the international day for women and girls in science on 11th February Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) held an interactive interview for the female students of the Akwamu Basic School in Nsawam to call attention to the gender gap in science-related fields. Only one third of researchers are female, who still face a lot of discrimination and repudiation in their job and achievements. Our guest speaker Lyna Nana Yaa Amofa, YAG volunteer and science student, familiarized them with a general understanding of science and its importance so that they develop more enthusiasm for corresponding subjects. Under her slogan “PHD-Perseverance, Hardwork and Determination” she broke down potential insecurities and aimed at encouraging the girls to oppose gender stereotypes and consider careers in STEM.





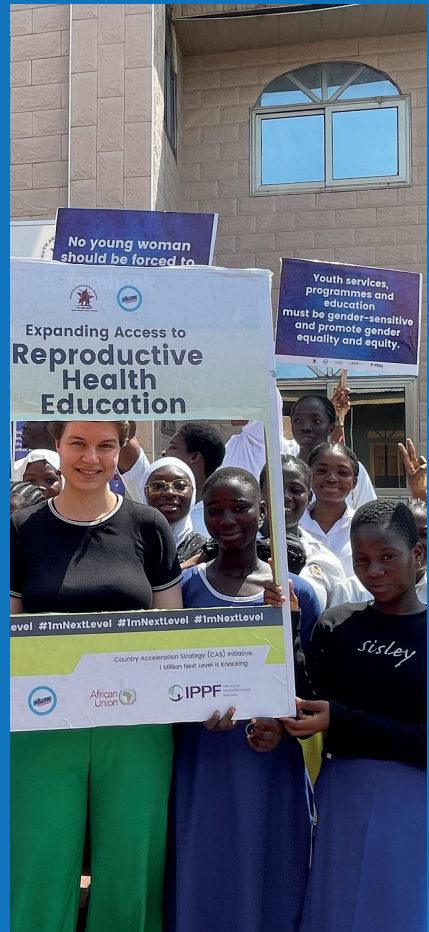
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Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) in partnership with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN ECA) and IOM African Region hosted the youth fixture workshop on Voluntary National Review (VNR) and Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Pre-event Workshop at the 9th Session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Niamey, Niger from February 27-29, 2023. The objectives of the Workshop were to strengthen the capacity of young people to enable them effectively participate and engage in VNR and VLR, and to facilitate the implementation of the VNR and VLR process national and subnational levels.

The workshop, through a hybrid format, hosted 30 young leaders from across African including delegation from the African Youth SDGs Summit, Pan African Youth Union, UN Youth Envoy, and staff from UN ECA and IOM Africa Regional Offices.

Stakeholders urged to increase support for reproductive health education.

Stakeholders have been urged to step up efforts in the sensitisation and education of adolescents and young people on their sexual and reproductive health to help them make informed life decisions. This was brought to the fore at Multi-Stakeholders Dialogue on Reproductive Health Delivery in Ghana, meeting held at Nsawam in the Eastern Region on Tuesday. Organised by Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) with support from Planned Parenthood Association, the meeting was attended by chiefs, queen mothers, opinion leaders and policy makers. The Multi- Stakeholder Dialogue on Reproductive Health Delivery in Ghana, is part of a series of activities under the Country Acceleration Strategy (CAS) Initiative funded by African Union Commission and International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region. Read more: <https://bit.ly/4OR47lr>



YAG engages students on sexual and gender-based violence to commemorate international women's day.



Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) with support from Planned Parenthood Association, Ghana, last Friday engaged senior high school students on sexual and gender-based violence in Commemoration of the International Women's Day.

The school engagement, implemented as part of the Country Acceleration Strategy (CAS) Initiative funded by African Union Commission and International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region, engaged eighty-one (81) students of Prince Boateng Memorial School, Nsawam, on unpacking concept, forms, consequences, and reporting mechanisms of Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Ghana, a statement issued by YAG copied the Ghanaian Times said.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/4OsPYdP>



YAG Marks Menstrual Hygiene Day with Adolescent Boys and Girls in Nsawam.

Menstrual hygiene day is a globally recognized day for celebrating and amplifying the need for reproductive health education for women and girls, particularly how they can maintain menstrual hygiene during their period to prevent infection. In countries like Ghana, this day is used to campaign for the removal of luxury tax on the importation of menstrual products.

In commemoration of this year's menstrual hygiene day, YAG with support from UNFPA Ghana, Global Fund for Children and Global Network of Religion for Children engaged adolescent girls and boys in a school educational outreach program and empowerment sessions. The students were taken through how to practice personal hygiene during menstruation, how to properly use the sanitary pad to avoid staining their clothes, the changes their body go through during this period and how to tend to those changes, and the adolescent boys especially were

educated and advised to embrace menstruation as it is a normal part of the female body.

Adolescent girls were empowered and advised to be confident and participate in school activities even when they are in their period. After these sessions, YAG with support from partners distributed sanitary pads to students.





Youth Advocates Ghana Undertakes Community-Based Reproductive Health Education Advocacy in 12 Communities in The Upper East Region.

Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) with the support from Marie Stopes International, in partnership with Ghana Health Service engages youth leaders, religious and traditional leaders, assembly members and other community gatekeepers to strategically advocate for community-based reproductive health education in Bolgatanga East, Bongo and Binduri districts in the Upper East Region of Ghana.

The community engagement is a part of activities under the Youth for Health (Y4H) project which is Co-funded by the European Union. The activity was carried out in 12 communities in the three selected districts. The implementing communities were introduced to the Y4H project whilst identifying and engaging various stakeholders to deepen collaboration for a successful execution of the project.

Read more: <https://t.co/u6li2fiPu>



20 Young Persons Undergo Online Media Training in RHE

Twenty young persons have undergone an online media training in Reproductive Health Education (RHE) in Accra on Wednesday to lead digital advocacy campaign and increase education, awareness creation on the Youth for Health Project (Y4H). The Y4H is one of the European Commission's flagship project to expand access to life-changing adolescent sexual reproductive healthcare in rural and hard-to-reach areas in six countries in Africa, including Ghana. Under the project which spans 2022-2025, Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) is partnering Marie Stopes Ghana (MSG) in the implementation of the "capacity

building in delivery of comprehensive sexuality education for in school and out of school adolescents, targeting public and community systems and education workforce.' The MSG collaborates with the Ghana Health Service in the provision of reproductive health services including Sexual Transmitted Infections screening, family planning services, post-abortion care safe abortion and fertility management while YAG complement with advocacy campaign.

Read more:

<https://t.co/imuG3P6k98>



**Youth Advocates Ghana
Trains Adolescents to Lead
Advocacy and Reproductive
Health Education at
Community Level.**

Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) with support from Marie Stopes International (MSI), in partnership with Ghana Health Service strengthen the capacity of 25 adolescent champions from the two implementing regions, Northern and Upper East regions of Ghana, on reproductive health education to lead advocacy at the community level.

The capacity strengthening workshop, a part of the Youth for Health (Y4H) co-funded by the European Union, was carried out from Thursday, June 22 to Friday, June 23, 2023, in Tamale, the Northern Region of Ghana.

The participants for this workshop were carefully selected from Nanumba North, Saboba, Nanton, in the Northern Region, and Bolga East, Binduri and Bongo in the Upper East Region of Ghana.

Read more: <https://t.co/buEp144Njq>



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