



## Summary Fact Sheet for Tanzania

### ASRH<sup>1</sup> Background<sup>2</sup>:

- Of the 34.8 million people in Tanzania, 20.6% are between the ages of 15-24.<sup>3</sup>
- There are 1.5 million Tanzanians infected with HIV/AIDS, 20% of this population are young people under the age of 20.
- 60% of adolescent females become pregnant between 15-19 years of age. In Dar es Salaam, 80% of boys and 60% of girls have their first sexual experience between the ages of 14-15; the median age of female sexual initiation is 17 and 16 for males.
- 82% of unmarried female adolescents and 32% of unmarried male adolescents are monogamous.
- 87% of all condom use is by unmarried male adolescents and 60% are obtained from pharmacies or retail shops.
- 42% of female adolescents and 25% of male adolescents have utilized SRH<sup>1</sup> services. For female adolescents, the primary reason for use of ARH services is for antenatal care followed by guidance and delivery; for male adolescents, the primary use is for HIV/AIDS counseling and services, followed by guidance and STI<sup>4</sup> treatment.

### AYA in Tanzania Program<sup>5</sup>:

- \$16.5 million<sup>6</sup>
- 10 districts
- 14 implementing partners

### Program Achievements<sup>7</sup> 2003:

- ASRH issues have been widely publicized through various mass media approaches, including through 74 television programs, 215 radio spots and programs, and the distribution of 625 solar-powered radios. AYA Tanzania has relied on a strong mass media approach and close partnership with government not only to provoke ASRH discussions, but to ensure that issues of ASRH are integrated in national policy.
- Ninety district, religious, and school leaders have been lobbied to change the Marriage Act of 1971 which states that the legal marriage age for boys is 18 and for girls, it is 16. If passed, the amendment would change the legal marriage for girls to be 18. Members of Parliament have resolved to table a private motion to push for an amendment of the Marriage Act. The Zanzibar House of Representatives has endorsed the review of the Spinsters, Widows, and Female Divorcee Protection Act of 1985. This amendment would remove a clause that orders the imprisonment of a pregnant girl.
- LPS<sup>8</sup> education has played a vital role in encouraging the active participation of young people, motivating them to talk about ASRH issues. AYA provided LPS training to 730 out-of-school youth, 64 teachers and instructors, and 70 traditional waries.
- Drama performances and community outreach programs at football games have reached nearly 6,000 young people.
- 122 service providers, 25 supervisors, 10 community para-professionals, and 344 peer educators were trained in YFS<sup>9</sup>. Between clinics and peer educators, 181,940 condoms were distributed.
- 234 key IP<sup>10</sup> staff members were trained in data collection and reporting, computer-based financial management and MIS<sup>11</sup> orientation. The availability of AYA MIS tools and simple software has led to improved daily and monthly service registers, and more than 90% of IPs submitted their quarterly reports accurately and promptly.
- The dissemination of AYA program materials such as 90,000 Femina magazines, 30,000 AYA newsletters, and 150,000 inserts for youth magazines, has generated interest in AYA, gathering support for the integration of ASRH into larger national reproductive health, health and development agendas. As a result, district coordinators are adequately informed of IP plans and can therefore facilitate coordinated implementation of activities. AYA IPs enjoy access and support from district authorities. For example, Arusha Municipality granted UMATI permission to reach in-school youth. This has facilitated implementation of BCC in-school activities in this site.

<sup>1</sup> ASRH: Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health / SRH: Sexual and Reproductive Health

<sup>2</sup> AYA Baseline Survey on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Fourteen Districts of Tanzania (2003). Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics. Makere University of Kampala: 2003.

<sup>3</sup> "County Profiles on The Situation of Youth: Botswana." *Youth at the United Nations*. 6 July 2004. <http://esa.un.org/socdev/unyin/countrys.asp?countrycode=bw>

<sup>4</sup> Sexually Transmitted Infections

<sup>5</sup> Please refer to the AYA Information Folder for more details.

<sup>6</sup> 2001-2005

<sup>7</sup> African Youth Alliance. *Annual Report 2003*. New York, NY: African Youth Alliance, 2003

<sup>8</sup> Life Planning Skills

<sup>9</sup> Youth Friendly Services

<sup>10</sup> Implementing Partners

<sup>11</sup> Management Information Systems