

Youth Actions and Progress in monitoring HIV Policy and Programme Implementation- the Youth In Broadcasting (YIB)/ curious minds approach

Issues

There are a number of policies and programmes directed at the prevention and cure of HIV/AIDS among young people in a number of countries including Ghana. Despite the beautiful frame works and programme lineout for these young ones, the decision of spending and actualising the paperwork lies in the hands of adults the gatekeepers

There are number of programme interventions for young people on paper in constituencies for religions leaders ministries for government officials and many more. How ever the involvement of the beneficiaries these programmes are either a token or lacking in some instances.

Description

The HIV infection among young people is on the rise despite the numerous policies and comprehensive programmes targeting this group, the issues at stake is involving the beneficiaries of these policies and programmes (young people). Unfortunately, the youth are not final decision makers they are only beneficiaries. How are the policies and programmes actualised?

The presentation will show the advocacy strategies and the importance of involving young people to track the policy and programme implementation for the prevention of HIV among young people.

The presentation will be case studies from Ghana on the actions and progress of the youth in monitoring policy makers at various levels on ASRH including HIV/AIDS policy and programme implement for the youth.

- Tracking parliamentarians and district chief executives (DCEs) for ASRH including HIV/AIDS policy implementation
- Action and measures by the youth on HIV policy and programme implementation by NGOs and CBOs.
- Evaluation of the youth interview with adults
- The impact of youth magazine as an advocacy tool on young people and policy makers

These experiences with meaningful youth involvement in policy and programme implementation are under the African Youth Alliance (AYA) programme which is being implemented by UNFPA, PATH and Pathfinder International in a unique partnership in four African countries, Ghana, Botswana Tanzania and Uganda with the primary aim focus on young people between the ages of 10 to 24.