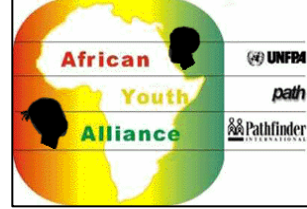


The African Youth Alliance

Implementing Adolescent
Reproductive Health Policy

African Youth Alliance



The African Youth Alliance (AYA) was a programme directed towards the youth of four African countries

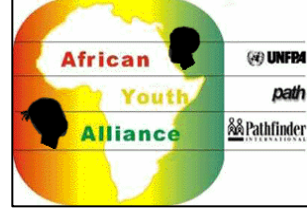
- ❖ Botswana
- ❖ Ghana
- ❖ The United Republic of Tanzania and
- ❖ Uganda

In Ghana, the AYA project goal was to Contribute to the reduction of young people's health problems, including HIV and STI infections and unwanted pregnancy.

The project purpose was to increase the adoption of positive sexual behaviour by adolescents and to

Increase access to and utilisation of reproductive health services by adolescents

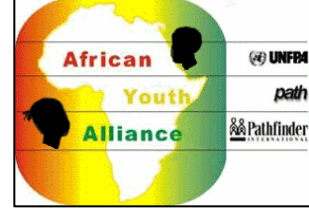
The Alliance Partners



The programme was jointly managed by three partners:

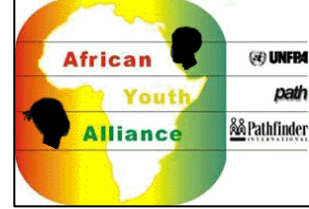
- ✓ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA),
- ✓ Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), and
- ✓ Pathfinder International,

Funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the U.S. Committee for UNFPA.



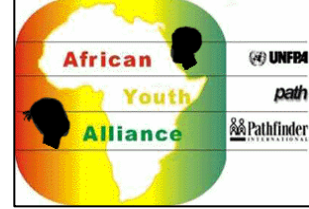
AYA Purpose

- Invest in the future health of Africa
- Improve the health of African youth
- Use dynamic partnering to scale-up youth programs
- Support nation-wide youth programs to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic



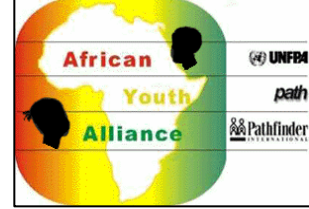
AYA Purpose (cont'd)

- Advance the acceptance and demand for multi-sectoral approaches
- Implement effective programming through nimble partnering and results-oriented implementation.
- Substantially advance the concept of best-practices in the field.



AYA Beneficiaries

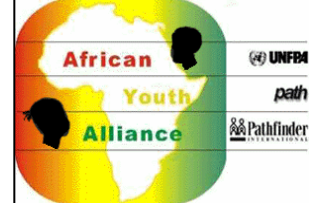
- **Primary beneficiaries:**
 - young people aged 10-24, with an emphasis on adolescents aged 10-19.
- **Secondary beneficiaries**
 - health providers, teachers, youth workers/ counsellors, parents and local organizations.
- **Tertiary beneficiaries**
 - community and religious leaders, media workers, politicians and policy makers



AYA Programme Areas

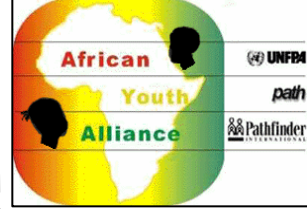
- Advocacy and Policy
- Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- Youth-friendly Services
- Institutional Capacity Building (ICB)
- Life and Livelihood Skills Development
- Coordination and Dissemination

Priority Outcomes



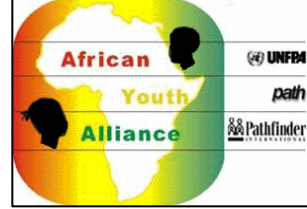
AYA Programming is guided by the following priority outcomes and indicators:

Outcome	Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce incidence of HIV/AIDS • Reduce incidence of STIs • Reduce pregnancy rate * Reduce rate of unsafe abortion • Delay age of sexual onset • Increased CPR • Increase use of condoms among sexually active youth (first time, last time, consistency) • Reduce proportion of first sex that is forced/coerced/just happened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence rate • Incidence rate • Pregnancy rate • Rate of unsafe abortion • Age of sexual onset • CPR • Percentage of sexually active youth using condoms • Proportion of first sex that is forced/coerced



AYA IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

PPAG	CEDEP
CHAG	VSO
MOH/GHS	GCG: Junior Graphic
NYC	NMCG
NPCS	
FIDA	
PIP	
MoEYS/GES	



Where did we Operate?

Currently AYA operates in five regions and twenty districts as follows:

GREATER ACCRA

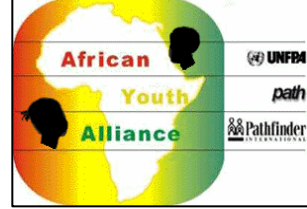
ACCRA METRO. CORE

DANGBE WEST

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TEMA



ASHANTI

KMA

Bosomtwi AtwimaKwanwoma

Afigya Sekyere

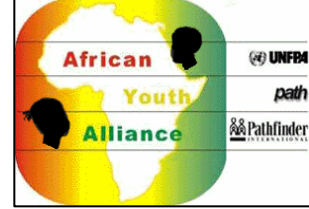
Atwima

Ejisu-Juabeng

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Wa

Nadowli



CENTRAL

Awutu-Effutu-Senya

Cape-Coast

Assin

KEEA

Gomoa

EASTERN

Akim East

Akwapim North

Kwahu South

Update Programme Success

- All IPs subcontracted for implementation
- Advocacy:
Traditional/Religious/Political/Opinion
leaders in Community/Teachers/Parent
- GHAYA, HIV/AIDS GAMES, JUNIOR
GRAPHIC, TV COMIC

- Youth Involvement
- TAAN/YAM/RAN/PAN
- 50 young people (YAB/Curios minds) have been trained in video and interviewing skills as well as basic media
- Formed associations of trained paralegals in all districts to advocate ASRH rights and gender equality and equity. These expanded the circle of community advocates through downstream training
- Lawyers and law students trained on ASRH advocacy

- Paralegal training with FIDA
- Media Advocacy Network/Media personnel trained and part of AYA/MEDIA Community entries
- BCC: PLA, LPS, CFC capacity training, Manuals Developed, Posters and IEC Materials, In & out-of School, BCC training for IPs (Capacity building ++)
- Material development training
- ASRH integrated into curricula of Vocational Institutions
- Visually/hearing challenged incorporated in ASRH/BCC access-VSO

- YFS: All regions have resource teams for ADHD trained
- ADHD manual developed with facilitators guide, and job aid
- Facility assessment done for 10 CHAG/50 GHS facilities/5 PPAG
- Static & Out reach services
- Minimal package YFS available and staff exposed to this
- Challenge cup with NYC revived and implemented
- Non traditional distributors/PD actively working

- ICB: Financial Management Training, Proposal development training, M&E training (MIS), done
- Some EDs sent for management training
- ILSD: ASRH integrated into curricula of VTI.
- C&D: DPACs launched/DFPs identified/DPMT in place. Logistics supplied

WHAT DID AYA BRING?

- AYA brought a lease of life to ASRH in Ghana
- AYA built capacity (human, resource, equipment and coordinated approach)
- AYA net worked IPs for joint programming
- AYA redefined community mobilisation and active involvement in programming
- AYA actively involved the youth in programmes
- M&E Framework of AYA was comprehensive and tools available (OCAT, YEI, FAT etc)
- Innovative approaches developed through AYA-IP collaborations

*Thank you very much for
your attention*

