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across 21 Asian countries

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## ***List of Acronyms and Abbreviations***

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
Alliance	International HIV/AIDS Alliance
APA	Asia Pacific Alliance
APCRSHR	Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights
APRO	Asia Pacific Regional Office
ARH	Adolescent Reproductive Health
ARROW	Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
CAT	Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CO	Country Office
DIC	Drop In Centre
GFATM	Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
GYCA	Global Youth Coalition on HIV and AIDS
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICAAP	International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific
ICPD	International Congress on Population and Development
IDU	Injecting Drug User
IWHC	International Women's Health Coalition
IPPF MA	International Planned Parenthood Federation Member Association
KAP	Key Affected Populations
KC	Key Correspondents
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MOH	Ministry of Health
MoEYS	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
RH	Reproductive Health
RTI	Reproductive Tract Infection
SEAP TS Hub	International HIV/AIDS Alliance South East Asia Technical Support Hub
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
SW	Sex Worker
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS
UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing services
WAC	World AIDS Campaign
YAP	Youth Advisory Panel
YSRH	Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health

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Jessie Freeman, Lead Consultant, March 2010.

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## Asia Regional Mapping

### 1. Youth led Networks

#### 1.a) Regional youth led networks

Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network (APIYN)							
<i>"An alliance of indigenous youth organisations and individuals in Asia and the Pacific"</i>							
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<b>Origins</b>	2002: There was resolution at the Indigenous Peoples' Conference to build a network. 2007: Founding Conference of APIYN.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Secretariat based at Cordillera Centre, Philippines (NGO). Members from across Asia Pacific including Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand.						
<b>Structure</b>	General assembly (highest policy making body of the organisation) is convened every two – three years. The Executive Committee is composed of the chairperson, vice-chair, Secretary General, and the program coordinators.  Programme Committees for 1. Organising, Empowerment and Networking, 2. Campaigns, Lobby and Advocacy, 3. Exchange programme, internships and Cultural Development, 4. Young Women's Development and Participation, and 5. Environmental Campaign Committee. Each committee has a coordinator, and three to four members.						
<b>Membership</b>	Up to 30 organisational members. Youth organisations become members following relevant conferences and meetings. No recorded number of individual members. Most individual members join through the website.						
<b>Goal</b>	The Network intends to contribute to building the capacity and self-confidence of indigenous youth in the Asia-Pacific region by providing alternative training, systems of information, exchange and networking.						
<b>Objectives</b>	1) To promote the rights of indigenous peoples; 2) To coordinate and facilitate exchange programs and integration among the Indigenous youth in Asia and the Pacific;			3) To campaign and lobby on issues that confront the indigenous peoples and the Youth: and 4) To strengthen the organisational capacity of APIYN and expand its membership.			
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	

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<b>Populations targeted</b>	Indigenous youth
<b>Resources</b>	Funding is mostly project-based. Donors include: United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Land is Life, Canadian Embassy in Philippines, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Insightshare UK. Longer-term funding support has been provided by Primates World Relief Development Fund, Canada.
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>In every conference there is a gender balance ensured, and a women's discussion group. HIV / SRH / women's health are key issues, which come up repeatedly as members' concerns. One of the conferences has a women's resolution. APIYN currently have a project on young women's capacity building. Members report work on reproductive health and HIV in Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Burma and India.</p> <p>Programmes on climate change and indigenous youth are a key focus.</p> <p>Partners: Cordillera Centre, Asia Students Association – Asian workshop on youth platform, Asia Indigenous People Pact (AIPP) Thailand (regularly invite them to attend meetings and conferences).</p>	
<b>Challenges</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching out to more indigenous youth</li> <li>• Sharing APIYN's experiences more widely</li> <li>• Limits in communication tools. Email is the most effective way to communicate, though many indigenous youth cannot access technology and website maintenance is difficult.</li> <li>• Limited funding to expand network's activities.</li> </ul>	

Bali Youth Force	
<i>Youth-led movement</i>	
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<b>Established</b>	For August 2009
<b>Overview</b>	Bali Youth Force (BYF) is an integrated alliance of local and international youth organisations and young people from Asia and the Pacific coming together to collectively advocate for the rights of Young People at the 9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. BYF partnered with the 9th ICAAP Committee and secretariat to ensure that young people had meaningful and active participation throughout the congress.
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	13 individuals from different countries and key organisations across the region formed the Steering Committee.
<b>Activities</b>	Included hosting a two-day informational and skills-building Youth Pre-Congress. This provided a platform for young participants to share experiences, network as well as develop advocacy key messages for the main congress together.
<b>Resources</b>	Sponsored by UNFPA, Plan International, IWHC and IPPF South Asia.
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>Following on from Bangkok and Barcelona Youth Forces.</p> <p>Recommendations are a compilation of the outcome of a month long online consultation with more than 50 Young people across Asia and the Pacific, as well as the experiences and inputs of over 130 youth delegates at the two day Youth Pre Congress.</p>	

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Network of Asia Pacific Youth (NAPY)							
Member-based network of young people aged 15 – 30.							
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<b>Origins</b>	NAPY was officially formed at the Asia Pacific Youth Workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in 2000 to serve as a mechanism for advancing the issues and concerns of Asia Pacific Youth.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Uncertain where remaining members are active. Possibly: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Krygyzstan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand.						
<b>Network structure / Membership</b>	The structure is not formalised, although there are plans to do this. At its peak in 2003, there were 25 members. In 2008, 2 / 4 coordinators have aged out. Coordinators have developed a proposal for revised structure but have not implemented this, due to lack of capacity.						
<b>Purpose</b>	It works towards the promotion, protection and advancement of young people's rights, especially their SRHR, and ensuring their meaningful participation and perspectives at all levels of decision-making.						
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Overview of Activities</b>	<p>NAPY gained momentum from the Youth Coalition on ICPD+5; an international coalition of young people which actively lobbied for the inclusion of youth-specific concerns and issues in the field of SRHR during the ICPD+5 review process.</p> <p>NAPY's general areas of advocacy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender equality and equity</li> <li>• Meaningful youth participation and perspectives in decision-making processes</li> <li>• Young people's access to SRHR information, education and services.</li> </ul> <p>Specific SRHR priority areas include :</p> <p>Early and unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, HIV/AIDS, Diversity of sexualities and Gender-based violence.</p> <p>Activities focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocating for the inclusion of youth-friendly language in international documents and agreements;</li> <li>• advocating to realise the full spectrum of SRHR for young people, including access to information and education, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, and meaningful participation in all decision-making processes that affect them; and</li> </ul>						

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building the capacity of young people working on SRHR issues to advocate on their own behalf.</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	Various UN agencies and international organisations to support participation in meetings and activities. Support was also provided by ARROW on a more ongoing basis to support NAPY's participation at such meetings.
<b>Comments</b>	
In the last two years NAPY's activities have been limited.	
<b>Achievements</b>	
NAPY members have engaged in various meetings and conferences including UN conferences, regional commissions and their preparatory processes. Had a representative on Board of ARROW. Participated in steering committees of 10 <sup>th</sup> International Women's Health Meeting (IWHM) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conferences on Sexuality and Reproductive Health (APCRSH). Members and Coordinators have kept some activities going over the past ten years on a voluntary basis.	
<b>Challenges</b>	
Lack of donor funding. Sustainability. Ageing out – out of touch with new regional youth leaders.	
<b>Future plans</b>	
Uncertain due to limited funds. Would like to explore restructuring and institutionalisation. Exploring potential project funded by I-COMP for visioning and strategic planning.	

### 1.b) International youth led networks

Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA)		
<i>Youth-led, global network</i>		
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<b>Origins</b>	Youth participants at the Barcelona and Bangkok International AIDS Conferences in 2002 and 2004 recognized the need for a global network which would allow them to share information and resources, strategise on collaborative projects and campaigns, and to increase coverage of HIV/AIDS interventions worldwide.	
<b>Coverage area</b>	Coordinated by a North Secretariat in New York and a South Secretariat in Ghana. The Secretariats act as catalysts for a decentralized network, operating through a Task Force of youth and adult allies including people living with HIV/AIDS, 12 Regional Focal Points, and a growing number of National Focal Points worldwide.	
<b>Network Structure / Membership</b>	More than 4,000 young leaders and adult allies working on youth and HIV/AIDS in 150 countries world-wide. GYCA members represent an array of organizations, programmes, and networks focusing on youth and HIV/AIDS. Network of young leaders (ages 15 - 30) and adult allies working in HIV/AIDS worldwide. No other membership criteria; members can sign up online.  <b>Regional Structure: Divided into Asia Pacific and South Asia</b> Regional focal points are elected every two years by fellow GYCA members in the region. Candidates must submit CV and essay. There are 4 - 5 National Focal Points in each region. Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh.	

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<b>Mission / Objectives</b>	GYCA's mission is to empower young leaders with the skills, knowledge, resources and opportunities they need to scale up HIV/AIDS interventions amongst their peers.			<b>Priorities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Networking and sharing of best practices;</li> <li>2. Technical assistance and capacity building;</li> <li>3. Political advocacy;</li> <li>4. Preparation for international conferences.</li> </ol>		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people, youth networks / youth organisations.						
<b>Resources</b>	UNAIDS and UNFPA						
<b>Comments</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme of Taking It Global and Global Action Youth Network.</li> <li>• GYCA provides members with 1. Free E-courses: Project Management, Political Advocacy, and Grant Proposal Writing and Fundraising, 2. Local Gatherings, 3. Opportunities to participate in events, 4. Access to resources, 5. Opportunities to shape governmental policies and programmes.</li> <li>• GYCA seeks to enhance the efficacy of existing programmes, training resources, or advocacy campaigns by publicising successes, connecting youth skills to initiatives in need of support and development, and by compiling resources to solidify the common cause.</li> <li>• UNAIDS and the Inter-Agency Task Team on HIV/AIDS and Young people supported GYCA's development. UNAIDS has provided seed-funding; UNFPA, partial staffing support.</li> <li>• GYCA seeks to better engage youth who represent civil society in decision-making, provide youth input to UN programming, and affect international policy formulation.</li> </ul>							
<b>Future Plans</b>							
<p>The current Asia Pacific coordinator was just elected in February 2010, and so is still developing a regional workplan. Ideas include:          Developing partnerships with organisations such as Dance4life.          Allies with stakeholder and state entities to raise awareness of youth issues (such as Association of South East Asian Nations - ASEAN)          Technical assistance at international conferences.          Produce youth UNGASS shadow report.          Advocate for Most at Risk Young People's programmes.</p>							

## 2. Youth Serving Networks and Organisations

### 2. a) Regional youth serving networks and organisations

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<b>Origins</b>	Formed over 10 years ago	
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	APA has 22 members, bringing together organisations from donor and emerging donor countries in Asia and the Pacific (including Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Thailand). APA works in a cooperative and strategic manner, engaging the skills and expertise of members to advocate for the promotion and inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights.	
<b>Impacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved sexual and reproductive health services and supplies in developing countries, with a focus in Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• An enhanced environment supporting sexual and reproductive health and rights programmes and policies in Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased and diversified funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights</li> <li>• Improved international assistance policies and priorities on sexual and reproductive health and rights</li> <li>• Strengthened voices on sexual and reproductive health and rights from Asia and the Pacific and regionally-determined priorities in the global arena.</li> </ul>	
<b>Comments</b>		
APA does not have a youth network but supports meaningful youth participation at relevant events, such as the 5 <sup>th</sup> APCSRHR, Beijing, Oct 2009.		

<b>Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)</b>		
<i>Regional NGO</i>		
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<b>Origins</b>	Formally established in 1993 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
<b>Mission</b>	ARROW is committed to promoting and protecting women's health rights and needs, particularly in the area of women's sexuality and reproductive health. We believe that good health and wellbeing, and access to comprehensive, accessible and affordable gender-sensitive health services are fundamental human rights.	
<b>Future plans:</b>		
<p>2011 – 13: Women's Health and Rights Advocacy Partnership (WHRAP) in South East Asia (Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Burma, Cambodia and China.)</p> <p><b>WHRAP-SEA</b> is a seven-country partnership project, led by ARROW, which aims to build the capacities of CBOs that work with marginalised women and girls to generate grassroots evidence, and then use this evidence to advocate and improve local access to comprehensive SRHR.</p> <p>ARROW's existing partners from South East Asia have identified young people as a critically at-risk population and therefore the primary beneficiaries with whom to implement the WHRAP strategy in this sub-region. The project will reach out to youth led organisations and ensure that young peoples' voices are heard in policy</p>		

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development.

WHRAP has already been implemented in South Asia and China, but the focus on young people's SRHR will be new for SEA. Project strategies include:

1. Capacity building of all partners to generate and use evidence
2. Information for change regarding the links between laws, policies and programmes, and understanding of the gaps within this
3. Partnerships for advocacy and collective action

ARROW identifies itself as the only regional organisation in the Asia Pacific working in the area of monitoring commitments to ICPD and MDG targets in a participatory manner, which involves capacity building of both NGO and government counterparts.

<b>7 Sisters</b>		
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<b>Origins</b>	Formally convened in 2001 in Kuala Lumpur.	
<b>Coverage area</b>	Asia and the Pacific.	
<b>Network Structure / Membership</b>	<p>The Coalition of Asia Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS (Coalition (7S)) is a broad-based alliance that brought together seven regional networks in 2001 with founding members as below:</p> <p>AIDS Society of Asia Pacific (ASAP), Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organisations (APCASO), Asia Pacific Network of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender, Asia Pacific Rainbow (APR), Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN), Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility in Asia (CARAM-Asia).</p> <p>2010 marks nine years into the existence of the Coalition and as the HIV epidemic continues to grow increasingly complex, the need is greater than ever for a collective body that can give voice to the HIV driven needs of the Asia Pacific's most marginalised, vulnerable, affected communities and constituencies or what the GFATM is calling Key Affected Populations (KAPS) at national, regional and global levels.</p> <p>With the recent restructuring of the Coalition in 2009, the Coalition brings together five key Regional Networks representing KAPs in the Asia Pacific region:</p> <p>Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility in Asia (CARAM-Asia), Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD), Asia Pacific Transgender network (APTN).</p> <p>The Coalition Secretariat, based in Bangkok, provides administrative</p>	

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	and logistic capacity.						
<b>Mission</b>	The Coalition (7S) mission is to raise awareness, collectively mobilise resources and strengthen and sustain the participation of the Asia and the Pacific KAP for an integrated and comprehensive more effective response to HIV/AIDS						
<b>Strategic Directions (2010 – 12)</b>	Focus on: Advocacy and Mobilisation, Strategic Information, Building KAP capacity, Strengthening the partnership of KAP networks, Organisational Strengthening.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation		Others	
<b>Comments</b>							
To explore further work in this area, 7 Sisters recruited two youth interns in 2009 (from Nepal and Myanmar) who were then commissioned to lead youth programme development. Previously, there has been limited work targeted with youth.							
<b>Future Plans</b>							
A Youth Key Affected Populations (KAPs) leadership development project (“Youth LEAD”) is a new initiative currently under development with 7 Sisters and UNFPA APRO. This project will provide an intensive, time-bound and youth-led process of quality skills building, aimed at preparing KAP youth to engage at community, national and regional levels. First, the project will reach out to young people most-at-risk to HIV and youth leaders throughout the region to hold a consultation meeting and establish a Youth Advisory Committee. The ultimate aim of Youth LEAD will be to establish an Asia Pacific Regional Youth Network for KAPs.							

**2.b) International youth serving networks and organisations**

<b>International HIV/AIDS Alliance (Alliance)</b>		
<i>International NGO implementing South Asian youth SRH networking project</i>		
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<b>Project dates</b>	Feb 2010- Feb 2013	
<b>Coverage area</b>	India and Bangladesh.	
<b>Structure</b>	The Alliance is prime contract partner of the project, with direct management responsibility by the India HIV/AIDS Alliance (Alliance India) and partnerships with MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA), Social Awareness Service Organisation (SASO), and HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance Bangladesh (HASAB).	
<b>Specific Objective</b>	To increase access to comprehensive SRHR education and services amongst young people, especially from the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Manipur (India) and the four Divisions of Bangladesh	
<b>Estimated Results</b>	1. Increased advocacy capacity of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to influence national policy and programming for youth sexual and	3. Innovative mechanisms developed through electronic media, YPPs and KC mechanisms for linking youth

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	reproductive health & rights (SRHR), including through Global Fund Country Co-ordinating Mechanisms (CCM).	groups/networks, at different levels, to advocate for effective national responses that meaningfully include young people in SRHR policy and programme development.					
	2. Increased capacity, knowledge and networking of youth groups about SRHR and the linkages with HIV and AIDS, especially amongst young people from vulnerable and marginalised communities.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil society organisations and youth groups/ networks. Government officials and decision-makers, healthcare providers, parents, religious leaders.</li> <li>Final beneficiaries are up to 150,000 adolescents / young people aged 15-24, with a particular focus on those most at risk.</li> </ul>						
<b>Resources</b>	European Commission						

<b>International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)</b>							
<i>International organisation</i>							
<b>Comments</b>							
IPPF has set a target of 20% youth participation on Governance Boards for Member Associations (MAs). Not compulsory, though some MAs are implementing. Need to build MA capacity to ensure meaningful youth-adult partnerships.							
In South Asia, IPPF provides technical and financial support to country level youth committees / advisory panels for MAs to strengthen youth participation.							
<b>“One Voice” Network, South Asia Region</b>							
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<b>Established</b>	2007						
<b>Purpose</b>	This 8-country network aims to empower youth volunteers in South Asia to be a strong regional constituency for advocacy and governance.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Resources</b>	IPPF. Supported by resource persons from the IPPF South Asia Regional Office						
<b>Comments</b>							
Network activities are limited; mainly focusing around online networking: facebook and google groups, blog on IPPF website.							

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Future Plans	
2010: Relaunch network. Finalise documentation (such as TOR and Constitution) by June. Regional meeting in November.	
East & South East Asia and Oceania Region	
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Comments	
No formalised youth network. Supports Annual Youth Forum, with youth reps from each MA.	
Future Plans	
2010: Conduct advocacy skills training workshop for partners' youth reps. Support small national youth SRHR advocacy projects as follow-up. An e-group will help these youth to share experiences throughout the year. If project goes well, could lead to more youth networking activities.	

International Women's Health Coalition							
<i>International NGO</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:asia@iwhc.org">asia@iwhc.org</a> Khushbu Srivastava Program Officer, Asia			333 Seventh Avenue, 6th floor New York, NY 10001 USA Tel: 212-979-8500			
<b>Established</b>	1984, to counter the "Mexico City Policy" ("Global Gag Rule"). IWHC was established to promote reproductive health and rights and defend access to safe abortion.						
<b>Overview</b>	IWHC Asia Program has developed a core group of youth leaders who have helped to build a network of young leaders who have taken the forefront in advocating for youth issues and rights in their own countries and beyond their borders. IWHC support provided includes: various training programs, direct foundational support to youth-led and youth-established organizations and coalitions, a series of regional and international "advocacy in practice" training sessions, mentorship, technical assistance and advocacy support to attend regional-level and international conferences.						
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Resources</b>	Funded by private foundations, UN agencies, European governments, individuals and corporations. Do not accept funding from the U.S. government.						

World AIDS Campaign (WAC)		
<b>Contact</b>	Greg Gray. <a href="mailto:grayg@worldaidscampaign.org">grayg@worldaidscampaign.org</a>	<a href="http://www.worldaidscampaign.org">www.worldaidscampaign.org</a>
<b>Origins</b>	Established as a civil society entity in 2004	
<b>Coverage Area</b>	Global	
<b>Network Structure</b>	The campaign is governed by a steering committee of global constituency-based networks and supported by a team of support staff based primarily in Cape Town, South Africa and partially in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with additional satellite staff currently based in Asia and North America	

## ASIA REGIONAL

<b>Mission</b>	To ensure that governments and policy makers meet the targets to which they have committed and that they mobilise the resources required in the response to HIV and AIDS.
<b>Future plans</b>	
<p>April 2010: Three day consultation with MSMY in Asia. Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a safe environment for a focused consultation with young (aged between 16 and 25) MSM including young transgender from the region to articulate their concerns and unmet needs in relation to their sexual health, STI and HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.</li><li>• Develop a mechanism for MSM youth participation in regional networks and to ensure their meaningful participation in those processes.</li><li>• Ensure that the rights of MSM youth (MSMY) within the region are upheld.</li><li>• Identify key campaigning and advocacy issues that can be supported by regional and international MSM networks and key organisations.</li></ul> <p>Create networking opportunities within the region and establish meaningful partnerships with like minded organisations.</p>	
<b>Resources</b>	
<p>HIVOS - Dutch NGO, providing financial support, exchanging knowledge, policy influencing and the strengthening of the capacity of its partner organisations. Paul Jansen, <a href="mailto:p.jansen@hivos.nl">p.jansen@hivos.nl</a>, <a href="http://www.hivos.nl">www.hivos.nl</a></p>	

## Country Profiles

### Afghanistan

% of total population aged under 25 <sup>1</sup>	68%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	151 per 1000	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24)	N/A	
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2007 <sup>3</sup>	M: 28%	F: 9%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Deputy Ministry of Youth Affairs (DMYA) under the Ministry of Information & Culture	
<b>Status of National Level Youth Policy</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A comprehensive policy is not in place, however a draft has been formulated by DMYA</li> <li>• A Child and Adolescent Health Policy and Strategy 2009-2013 has been developed by the Child and Adolescent Department of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)</li> </ul>		

There seem to be no youth-led networks in Afghanistan, however the following youth-serving organisation with a strong volunteer base was identified through the mapping process.

<b>Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA)</b>		
<i>Not-for-profit and non-political NGO</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Akbari, Chief Executive Officer. +93-799023627 <a href="mailto:nakbari@afga.org.af">nakbari@afga.org.af</a> Dr Feriba Hosham, Adolescent RH & HIV/AIDS Programme Manager. +93-799347569 <a href="mailto:fhosham@afga.org.af">fhosham@afga.org.af</a>	House # 1434, St. No. 2 Shushal Kahn mina part A, West Side of Shadab Zafar Blocks Afghanistan <a href="http://www.afga.org.af">www.afga.org.af</a>
<b>Established</b>	1968. Activities were suspended in 1992 due to war and conflict, and resumed in 2002.	
<b>Coverage</b>	Kabul and neighbouring provinces	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	AFGA has trained 30 youth volunteers (20 female and 10 male) from 8 districts of Kabul city as Peer Educators. Two youth volunteers (1 male and 1 female) serve as AFGA board members (out of total 9 board members).	
<b>Mission</b>	All women, men and young people have access to the information and services they need concerning the Reproductive Health and Rights; and Choices are fully respected and where stigma and discrimination have no place.	
<b>Objectives</b>	- To improve the quality of life of individuals by campaigning for RH and rights through advocacy and services, especially	- To eliminate STIs and reduce the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS

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		for poor and vulnerable people - To empower Afghan youths by increasing their awareness and capacity through ensuring access to quality RH services, information and education			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Adolescents and youth, women, and men and communities at large					
<b>Resources</b>					
Financial support from IPPF. Other donors include BMZ (project approved) and Danida (applied, in the process).					
<b>Comments</b>					
AFGA established Youth Information Centre in collaboration with Union of Afghan Youth in Kabul city in 2006. AFGA also partners with MoPH. Member Association of IPPF. Technical and networking support received from UNFPA by involving AFGA in various conferences and meetings.					
<b>Challenges</b>					
Youth programming is very young in Afghanistan and it is a challenge reaching out to young people on sensitive issues of SRH due to cultural and social barriers, which gets even more difficult in absence of any policy.					
<b>Future Plans</b>					
2010: To conduct a youth retreat meeting with the aim to build the Afghan youth network					

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% of total population aged 10-24 <sup>4</sup>	32%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>5</sup>	135	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24)	N/A	
Secondary School Enrolment, 2000/2004 <sup>3</sup>	M: 45%	F: 50%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports	
Status of the National Youth Policy		
The National Youth Policy in Bangladesh was adopted in 2003. In addition, Bangladesh has a National Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Strategy (2006) and national action plan based on the ARH Strategy.		

Few networks with national level presence including a large government network have been identified. Information on other organisations and a government project focusing on young people have been collated and presented below.

<b>The Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports</b>		
<i>Government Ministry</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman +880-2-9550535 <a href="mailto:mizan_yep@yahoo.com">mizan_yep@yahoo.com</a>	Ministry of Youth and Sports Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Youth <a href="http://www.moysports.gov.bd">http://www.moysports.gov.bd</a>
<b>Established</b>	Ministry of Youth and Sports created in 1978 and the Department of Youth Development was formed in December 1981	
<b>Coverage</b>	6739 youth organisations/clubs registered with the department. Total number of trained youth: 25,68,292 64 district and 475 upazila (sub-districts) offices (including 10 metropolitan unit thana (administrative divisions) 309 Youth Training Centres of the Department of Youth Development all over Bangladesh.	
<b>Objectives</b>	To encourage the youth for self-development and gainful employment through motivation, training and other necessary support including micro-credit.  To organise the youth through voluntary youth organisations and motivate them to take part in community development activities.  Promoting formation of youth organisations at the grass root levels and ensuring their involvement in participatory development.	To involve the youth in socio-economic development activities like literacy programme, disaster management, environment conservation, primary health care such as advocacy on prevention of HIV/AIDS, drug abuse etc  To take necessary steps for empowerment of youth through mainstreaming their in national development process
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>		
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education
		SRH/R

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Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth (18-35 years)					
<b>Resources</b>					
<p>Various UN agencies (UNDP, UNEPA, ESCAP, ILO, UNESCO)            Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)            Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)            "Youth welfare fund" created by the government to ensure the participation of youth clubs/youth organisations in nation-building activities, through which grant-in-aid is being sanctioned to youth clubs/youth organisations every year.</p>					
<b>Comments</b>					
<p>The Department of Youth Development conducts trainings with the youth such as vocational training, management, personal management, leadership, motivation, communication, civic education, problem solving and decision making and national social services. The centre also organises seminars, workshops, youth summits and youth exchange programmes at national and international level.</p> <p>UNFPA CO supports advocacy on Reproductive Health/Gender/HIV/AIDS through Youth Clubs with various stakeholders in communities as well as with the government.</p> <p>From 2006-2010 UNFPA has supported this youth clubs network through 50 youth clubs in two districts: Cox's bazar and Sylhet by providing Life Skills Education on SRH issues adopting peer approach and linking that with livelihood initiative of the government.</p>					
<b>Future Plans</b>					
Strengthening of networking between the Department of Youth Development and non-government youth organisations through information, education and communication activities.					

<b>Network for Ensuring Adolescent Reproductive Rights and Services (NEARS)</b>		
<i>Not-for-profit and non formal Network</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Dr. K M Rezaul Haque, Chairperson, NEARS <a href="mailto:k_haque2@yahoo.com">k_haque2@yahoo.com</a>  <a href="http://www.nearsbd.net">http://www.nearsbd.net</a>	<b>NEARS Secretariat: Marie Stopes</b> House # 6/2, Block # F Lalmatia Housing Estate Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh +88-2-8114392 / 8114394 / 8116117 / 9121208 / 9129022 / 9146478 <a href="mailto:info@nearsbd.net">info@nearsbd.net</a>
<b>Established</b>	NEARS started as an informal network in 2001 and became operational in 2003	
<b>Coverage</b>	Secretariat based in Dhaka and includes members from all over Bangladesh.	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	<p>The Network works through a four member executive committee headed by one Chairperson, two Co-chairpersons, and a Member Secretary. Tenure of the committee is ideally for two years and members of the executive body are selected in consultation with Network's members.</p> <p>The network consists of organisations and individuals working, or interested to work, in the field of ASRH and rights and has a</p>	

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	membership of 55 organisations and 10 individuals. The network is open to all services recipients, partner agencies, individuals and other stakeholders				
<b>Mission</b>	NEARS seeks to improve the adolescent's access to culturally sensitive affordable quality ASRH information and health care services across Bangladesh by sensitising the community as well as the target group in favour of the adolescent's rights towards their SRH issues.				
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase collaboration, coordination and linkages among agencies, government initiatives, partners, NGOs, INGOs, and individuals working in the area of ASRH</li> <li>To share respective experiences and information on working in the field of ASRH</li> <li>To facilitate increased access to adolescent friendly SRH services provided by government, NGO and other health services centres</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To advocate for developing policies and creating enabling environment for ASRH programmes</li> <li>To enhance capacity of Network members for policy advocacy</li> </ul>		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	x
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others		Rights	
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth Advocacy with policy makers and other stakeholders					
<b>Resources</b>					
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Plan Canada. UNFPA is one of the founding members of the network and provides technical and sporadic financial assistance for the network. Membership fees.					
<b>Comments</b>					
NEARS is a platform for organisations working on adolescent SHR/R. It coordinates and shares activities of its members. These include: Orientation for adolescent/Child Journalist on Adolescents reproductive Health; Roundtable with News Editor /Chief Reporter/senior reporter on ARH issues; Participating in national Book Fair to disseminate information on ARH issues Koishore Shova (adolescents' meetings).					
<b>Challenges</b>					
Donors are reluctant to support directly a network not having a formal entity; Members expect network to mobilise support for their ARH related programmes; The informal nature of the organisation cannot support strong activity development and advocacy efforts that is expected of NEARS.					

Disadvantaged Adolescents' Working NGOs (DAWN) Forum		
<i>Non formalised network</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Ms. Gulshan Ara Chowdhury, Chairperson, DAWN Forum <a href="mailto:info@dawnforum.org">info@dawnforum.org</a> <a href="mailto:dawn.forum@yahoo.com">dawn.forum@yahoo.com</a>	House # 599 (Ground Floor), Road # 10 Baitul Aman Housing Society, Adabar

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	<a href="http://www.dawnforum.org">www.dawnforum.org</a>	Dhaka- 1207, Bangladesh Phone: +88 02 8114487 / +88-1712-614451			
<b>Established</b>	Began as an Action AID project in 1995 and has independently operated since 1997				
<b>Coverage</b>	32 member organisations - NGOs working with urban adolescents based in Dhaka				
<b>Mission</b>	DAWN is a forum of NGOs working with adolescents, more particularly the underprivileged seeks to increase the individual and collective strength of the member organisations and empower the adolescents to influence the society to think and act in protecting and promoting their rights.				
<b>Objectives</b>	Engage in campaigning, advocacy, mobilising public opinion and influencing national policy in favour of social security, realisation of rights and improvement of the standard of living of adolescents.		Capacity building of member organisation for translating development zeal into concrete action and to establish close coordination among them.		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X
Youth participation	X	Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Urban adolescents Advocacy with service providers and policy makers					
<b>Resources</b>					
Member Registration fees Technical and financial support sources such as Action Aid, Foundation for Women and Child Assistance (FWCA), and international and national agencies					

Other organisations, government and non-government that work with youth in Bangladesh but do not have SRH focus or activities are listed below. These present an opportunity for reaching more for youth with SRH messages and organisation.

<b>Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), Ministry of Education</b>					
<i>Government Ministry</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	Director General, DSHE <a href="mailto:prof_sirazul@yahoo.com">prof_sirazul@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.dshe.gov.bd/">http://www.dshe.gov.bd/</a> +880-2-9552367		DSHE, Ministry of Education Building#6, Floor#17th & 18th, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh		
<b>Established</b>	The youth project started in 2006 with support from UNFPA CO.				
<b>Coverage</b>	2 districts: Cox's bazar and Sylhet				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	GBV prevention		
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth and adolescents					

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<b>Resources</b>
UNFPA (January 2006- December 2010)
<b>Comments</b>
The project has reached out to about 14,000 youth through the network of Bangladesh Scouts and Girl Guides using the peer education approach. This project provides a good opportunity of formalizing the youth involved into a youth network on SRH/R issues at the country level.

<b>Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)</b>			
<i>NGO</i>			
<b>Contact</b>	684-686 Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka 1217, Bangladesh. Phone: +880-02- 933 0188 Fax: +880-02-935 2303 Email: <a href="mailto:info@bdracs.org.bd">info@bdracs.org.bd</a>	Contact Person: Ms. Sayma Ferdowsy, Youth Volunteer Department Email: <a href="mailto:sayma_ferdowsy@yahoo.com">sayma_ferdowsy@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Coverage</b>	National network, covering all administrative districts and four Metropolitan Cities with 68 units (branches)  160,000 youth volunteers		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>			
HIV/AIDS	Sexuality education	SRH/R	
Peer education	Youth friendly SRH services	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	Others	Disaster mitigation MCH	
<b>Comments</b>			
The BDRCS has been mobilizing school and college level students and youth group to work as Red Crescent Youth (RCY) to support the BDRCS National Head Quarter and Units for implementing their humanitarian activities.  Apart from BDRCS own initiative, Japanese Red Cross and International Federation has been supporting BDRCS to develop the RCY capacity.			

<b>Bangladesh Garment Manufacturer and Exporter Association (BGMEA)</b>		
<i>Corporate representative organisation</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	BGMEA Head Office BGMEA Complex 23/1 Pantha Path Link Road Kawran Bazar, Dhaka 1215 Bangladesh Phone: +880-2-9144552/3 Email: <a href="mailto:info@bgmea.com">info@bgmea.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bgmea.com.bd">www.bgmea.com.bd</a>	Mr. Murad Hossain (Sohel), Project Director Mr. Prabir Kanti Das, Deputy Project Director Email: <a href="mailto:healthproject@bgmea.com">healthproject@bgmea.com</a>
<b>Populations targeted</b>		
Young garment workers (more than 80% female).		
<b>Comments</b>		
UNFPA Bangladesh is already supporting a health program for BGMEA. It would be useful to explore possibilities of integrating SRH and HIV issues within their mandate and scope of work.		

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% of total population aged 10-24 <sup>4</sup>	33%
Adolescent fertility rate Total fertility rate (TFR) (per woman): 2.6 <sup>6</sup>	6% of the TFR is attributed aged 15-19 <sup>7</sup>
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s <sup>8</sup> Age 10-19 Age 20-29	2.4% 26.3%
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>9</sup> <i>Total recorded number of cases of HIV in the country:</i> 185. 15-19 years: 8, and 20-24 years: 28	19.45%
Adult literacy rate >15 years (%) <sup>10</sup>	59.5%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	The Department of Youth and Sports and Non-formal Education, Ministry of Education
Status of the National Youth Policy	
Department of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Education took lead to draft youth policy of Bhutan	

The mapping has not identified any existing youth networks working on SRH. Therefore, this profile includes a network with youth volunteer base with the potential to focus on SRH issues in the future.

Youth Volunteers in Action (Y-VIA) network of the Youth Development Fund (YDF)		
<i>Non formal youth network</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Mrs. Yandey Penjor, Director <a href="mailto:ydf@druknet.bt">ydf@druknet.bt</a> <a href="http://www.ydf.org.bt">http://www.ydf.org.bt</a>	PO Box 255, Thimphu, Bhutan  +975-2-327483/329135/326730
<b>Established</b>	June 1999 YDF launched March 2003 first youth wing under YDF	
<b>Coverage</b>	All dzongkhags (districts) of Bhutan	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	The first group of Y-VIA consisted of 30 youth members from different sectors and background comprising of students, out of school youth, graduates, young office goers, and members from other organisation. Y- VIA has more than 100 youth volunteers	
<b>Mission</b>	Through sustained financial support, the Youth Development Fund will enable Bhutanese youth to realize their full potential as productive citizens of this world.	
<b>Objectives</b>	To ensure that Bhutan has a national financing mechanism to sustain youth development programming, which is of paramount importance to policy makers  Plan activities for youth mainly on issues that concern them and offer youth perspectives as required by	Volunteer during all YDF activities, mobilize Y-VIA throughout the country, and create awareness on youth participation and volunteerism

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	YDF for developing youth programs and projects				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X
Youth participation	X	Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth Policy makers through the youth members and volunteers					
<b>Resources</b>					
Royal Government of Bhutan					
<b>Comments</b>					
Y-VIA is one of the most important wings under the YDF since it involves youth participation and involvement in not only implementing the activities, but also through the appraising and planning phases of projects.					
UNFPA CO is exploring future partnership with Youth Development Fund to address ASRH issues among marginalised youths and geographically hard to reach youths.					

These organisations do not have youth membership but are working with adolescents and youth extensively on various issues including SRH and HIV. These present potential for forming youth networks due to their work and outreach amongst youth:

<b>Respect, Educate, Nurture, Empower Women (Renew)</b>					
<i>NGO</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	RENEW Centre Phenday Oudpel Lam Phenday Gatshel, Lower Motithang P.O.Box No. 1404, Thimphu Bhutan			+975-2-332159 / 334751 <a href="mailto:enquiry@renew.org.bt">enquiry@renew.org.bt</a> <a href="http://www.renew.org.bt">www.renew.org.bt</a>	
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	GBV Prevention		
<b>Comments</b>					
Since 2004, Renew has engaged with students, and addressed issues of violence and SRH for marginalised women and girls with the support of UNFPA.					
Through its Community Support Systems Groups, Renew reaches out to youth volunteers in the community and wishes to formalise these volunteers into a youth network.					

<b>Save the Children</b>					
<i>International NGO</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	GPO Box 281 Thimphu, Bhutan +975-2-323 419/ 325 599 <a href="mailto:kwangmo@savechildren.org.bt">kwangmo@savechildren.org.bt</a> <a href="http://www.savethechildren.org/countries/asia/bhutan.html">http://www.savethechildren.org/countries/asia/bhutan.html</a>				

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<b>Coverage</b>	Youth Centres established in Thimphu, Phuntsholing and Zhemgang, where over 10,000 adolescents and youth access informational materials, attend youth forums, receive counselling services, watch educational movies/documentaries, learn basic computer skills and interact with friends/peers to discuss relevant issues.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X
Youth participation	X	Others		Education and crime	

## Cambodia

### Context

% of total population between 10 – 24 years <sup>11</sup>	34.8%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	52 per 1000	
Percent of ever-married 15-24 year old females who ever used a modern method of contraception <sup>12</sup>	37.3%	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.8%	Female: 0.3%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004, gross	Male: 31%	Female: 20%
<b>Status of National Youth Policy</b>		
A draft policy has been technically endorsed by the National Technical Working Group, and will be submitted for review by senior leaders of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) and debate at the Council of Ministers for finalisation in 2010.		

Cambodia has a growing number of youth serving networks organisations and youth led associations with SRH programmes. In 2007, Cambodia developed the first ever UN-wide YAP anywhere in the world. However, there is no national youth network established. In addition, Cambodia's existing networks for populations most at risk to HIV have large youth constituencies, but currently have limited capacity to recognise and address the specific needs of youth.

ChildSafe Network							
<i>Youth serving network</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Vann Khemreth. ChildSafe Network Cambodia Coordinator.			<a href="mailto:tito@friends-international.org">tito@friends-international.org</a> . +855 92 449223.			
<b>Established</b>	Formed in 2005, as an initiative of the Friends-International NGO.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Cambodia: Started in Phnom Penh and then replicated the network out to other tourist provinces including Siem Reap and Sihanoukville. Also operational in Lao, Thailand and Indonesia.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	In Cambodia, the network currently has over 1,000 members, trained and certified by Friends-International staff.						
<b>Mission</b>	An initiative for the protection of children with strategic members of society.						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in the global reduction in the number of children having to live and work on the streets</li> <li>Improve the protection of children from all forms of abuse</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase society's involvement in the protection of children</li> </ul>			
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation		Others	X
<b>Populations</b>	Street children and children most at risk aged under 25. Families of						

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<b>targeted</b>	street children. Tuk tuk / moto / taxi drivers, hotel / restaurant / internet café staff, travel agents and tour operators.
<b>Resources</b>	AusAID, Save the Children Australia, British Embassy and the Skoll Foundation.
<b>Comments</b>	
Achievements: strong membership and coverage, and links with the Ministry of Tourism and other networking movements such as ECPAT and ChildFund. Challenges: intensive monitoring and staff time required to sustain the network's impact, and difficulty growing the network whilst dealing with high turnover of existing members.	

<b>Khmer Youth Association (KYA)</b>							
<i>Local NGO</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Seng Rithy. Secretary-General. <a href="mailto:rithy_kya@yahoo.com">rithy_kya@yahoo.com</a>	#135A, Gr. 33, St. 259, Sangkat Toek La-ak I, Khan Toul Kork Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA					
<b>Established</b>	1992						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Central office in Phnom Penh. Eight provincial branch offices in Siem Reap, Svay Rieng, Takeo, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces. KYA work also extends to provinces where there is no office presence.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	KYA's different projects across Cambodia have over 1,000 volunteer members. Network members, selected through application process, are usually 15 – 22 years old, although they can be older.						
<b>Mission</b>	To upgrade and promote youth participation in human rights, democracy, peace building, health, gender equality, education and vocational training for young people in Cambodia.						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promote and encourage young Cambodians in democratic and development processes in order to fight corruption and maintain sustainable peace in Cambodia</li> <li>promote and improve vocational training and education for young people to have more skills and experiences to develop the nation</li> <li>promote human rights, democracy, health and gender equality among young people</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encourage youth participation in protection of the environment, human rights and national heritage</li> <li>increase cooperation with concerned institutions, national and international NGOs to promote youth policies</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	1. Youth and children of both sexes, especially the most at risk and vulnerable groups which include students, street children, unemployed youth, dropouts and child / youth labourers in schools and communities, aged 12 - 35 years old. 2. Citizens who play an influential role on youth and children, especially teachers, monks, parents, local authorities and people in decision making positions.						
<b>Resources</b>	KYA has a wide range of donors. Two of these noted are UNFPA						

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	and CESVI.
<b>Comments</b>	
KYA's Adolescent RH project provides RH information and HIV prevention activities, conducts advocacy and builds capacity for young people between 12 – 24 years old.	

<b>Reproductive Health Association Cambodia (RHAC)</b>							
<i>Local NGO</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Dr. Var Chivorn. <a href="mailto:chivorn@rhac.org.kh">chivorn@rhac.org.kh</a> <a href="http://www.rhac.org.kh">www.rhac.org.kh</a>			#14, Street 317 Sangkat Boeung Kak II, Khan Toul Kok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.			
<b>Established</b>	As a national NGO and IPPF affiliate in 1997.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	In 2009, RHAC worked in nine provinces and municipalities, supported youth-friendly services in 53 Health Centres, and trained 3,583 Peer Educators (youth volunteers).						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	RHAC has an advisory youth council with all members under 25.						
<b>Mission</b>	To enable the Cambodian people to exercise their rights to achieve optimal quality of life through model services, gender sensitive health communication, and training, focusing on family health, including sexual and reproductive health, maternal and child health and HIV/AIDS.						
<b>Objectives</b>	RHAC currently has a Youth Health programme which utilises a behaviour change communication framework with four objectives:			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge and awareness</li> <li>• Ensure availability of quality services</li> <li>• Referral and follow up</li> <li>• Build a supportive environment for target group</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people, vulnerable and high risk groups, rural populations, People Living with HIV/AIDS, TB patients, mothers.						
<b>Resources</b>	USAID, GFATM, UNFPA, EC, MoH, IPPF, Japan Trust Fund, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), Australian Family Planning Association, World AIDS Foundation.						

<b>Cambodian People Living with HIV/AIDS Network (CPN+)</b>							
<i>National network of groups and organisations of PLHIV</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Keo Chen, Coordinator. <a href="mailto:keochen@cpnplus.org">keochen@cpnplus.org</a> +855 12 889 285			#84, St. 606. Toul Kork. Phnom Penh Cambodia			
<b>Established</b>	July 2001, in response to Cambodia's rapidly growing HIV epidemic.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	14 provinces and municipalities, with Head Office in Phnom Penh.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	Since its inception, the network has grown from 200 of PLHA and 13 support groups in 2001 to 32,448 members and 640 support groups						

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	at the end of 2007.						
<b>Mission</b>	Endeavours to strengthen the capacity and involvement of PLHAs and empower them with collective voice in creating an enabling environment to reduce stigma and discrimination towards them, to protect their rights, and to sustain their well being.						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacity of PLHA to deal with health issues and access health care services and social support;</li> <li>• Build a movement at the national and local levels to reduce stigma and discrimination towards PLHA;</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build strong community participation in supporting PLHA and the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic;</li> <li>• Further strengthen CPN+ and its membership of PLHA groups; and</li> <li>• Strengthen links and coordination with other local, national and international organisations that address issues relating to HIV/AIDS.</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	People Living with HIV						
<b>Resources</b>	KHANA, USAID, Global Fund, UNAIDS.						
<b>Comments</b>							
CPN+ is closely affiliated with APN+ and GPN+. It has been recently undergoing a new strategic planning process.							

<b>HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (HACC)</b>		
<i>Umbrella organisation</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Tim Vora, Acting Executive Director, <a href="mailto:pm@haccambodia.org">pm@haccambodia.org</a>	N° 175, St. 155, Sangkat Tuol Tumpoung, Khan Chamkarmorn, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. <a href="http://www.haccambodia.org">www.haccambodia.org</a> <a href="http://www.nac3.haccambodia.org">www.nac3.haccambodia.org</a>
<b>Established</b>	1993	
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	A network in representative, comprising over 115 national and international NGOs and CBOs working on HIV/AIDS and related social and health issues. Over 50 of those members work on SRH and HIV, and up to 20 of those work on youth issues. HACC is governed by voluntary Steering Committee, so-called as Board of Directors, which is elected for and by its members.	
<b>Mission</b>	HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (HACC) is a strong HIV/AIDS NGOs network with the capacity to build strategic partnership with all players for an efficient, effective and sustainable response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and its impact in Cambodia.	
<b>Strategies</b>	1. Strengthening the capacity of NGOs (collectively and individually) to have input into the development of HIV/AIDS related policies and plans. 2. Enabling effective NGO	3. Identifying, mobilising and effectively using resources for the NGO response and implementation of the HACC strategic plan. 4. Increasing HACC organisational capacity.

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	sector implementation of the response to HIV/AIDS at national and local levels.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	NGOs and civil society working on HIV/AIDS in Cambodia.						
<b>Resources</b>	USAID, KHANA, CAFOD, Canadian Catholic Organisation for Development and Peace, UNAIDS.						
<b>Comments</b>							
HACC does not have a specific working group for youth, although youth-related issues do occur for discussion from time to time.							
<b>Challenges</b>							
Capacity constraints, Limited resources setting, Unplanned and urgent works, Different ideas and views from members, Different voices of CSOs, Staff turnover, Internal conflict.							
<b>Future Plans</b>							
Advocacy work, Resource mobilisation for NGO members, Coordination both at national and sub-national levels, Information sharing, HIV/AIDS campaign, Monitoring and evaluation, Capacity building for NGO, Strengthen HACC institution.							

<b>Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA)</b>							
<i>National NGO</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	1996, as a project of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, operating independently in 1997 and officially registered in 2000.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	17 provinces and municipalities.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	It supports more than 60 local NGOs and CBO partners.						
<b>Mission</b>	To contribute to the development, health and well-being of communities through reducing vulnerability and mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS.						
<b>Strategic Directions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving coverage and quality of the community response to HIV and AIDS to effectively contribute to meeting Cambodia's Universal Access Targets.</li> <li>Building the capacity of civil society to support PLHIV and OVC with sensitivity to their needs, including the need to reduce stigma and discrimination.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fostering policy dialogue based on practical approaches with decision-makers and resource providers and lessons learned.</li> <li>Strengthening strategic alliances with Government, across civil society and with resource providers in Cambodia and internationally.</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality		SRH/R	X	Peer	X

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		education				education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	PLHIV, OVC, MSM, drug users, entertainment and sex workers.						
<b>Resources</b>	USAID, GFATM, EC, WFP.						
<b>Comments</b>							
KHANA is a linking organisation of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.							
Many of KHANA's partners support activities with youth. KHANA serves as a coordinating mechanism to share lessons learnt between these groups and provide technical expertise to ensure quality programming – the <i>Standard Package of Activities on Youth</i> is one product of this work.							

The CYTI Alliance							
<i>International network of organisations.</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	David Harding. Drug Programme Technical Advisor. Friends International.			<a href="mailto:david@friends-international.org">david@friends-international.org</a> , +855 12 790 961.			
<b>Established</b>	In 2007 as an initiative of Friends-International NGO						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Egypt, Mexico and Honduras.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	There are currently 20 members and affiliates of the CYTI Alliance, composed of: 1. full members: organisations that have signed the CYTI Charter and have a running CYTI collaboration agreement. 2. affiliate members: organisations that actively collaborate with a CYTI Alliance member. 3. resources members: organisations that are not providing direct service to children but who are interested in providing training / experience / tools to other network members.						
<b>Vision</b>	We build best practice services so that together we can better protect marginalized urban children and youth and with them create innovative and exciting opportunities to build their futures.						
<b>Mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>protect</b> urban children and youth from all forms of abuse within the scope of the International Convention of the Rights of the Child;</li> <li>• <b>reintegrate</b> marginalised urban children and youth so they become actively involved in the development of their society;</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>prevent</b> marginalised urban children and youth from engaging in risky behaviour and/or dangerous situations that compromise their futures; and</li> <li>• <b>improve</b> the way organisations work by promoting innovative and effective approaches with the active participation of the children and youth.</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation		Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	1. Marginalised urban children and youth (0-24 years), 2. Their families and communities, 3. Other related groups, and 4. Society as						

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	a whole.
<b>Resources</b>	N/A
<b>Comments</b>	
Supported 18, 200 children and youth in 2008. The network does not directly address SRH issues, but acknowledges its importance and the needs for integration. It supports partners to make linkages with local organisations and service providers.	

Cambodian Red Cross (CRC)							
<i>Local NGO, government supported</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Kosal. Organisational Development Coordinator +855 12 931430						
<b>Established</b>	1996						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Country-wide (all provinces and municipalities)						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	13,541 youth volunteer members. Over 400 Youth Advisers; these are affiliated to each branch office and guide the work of the youth members. Recruited from primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.						
<b>Mission</b>	Youth programme follows the CRC mission, but is in the process of developing its own priorities						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	X
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people aged 13 – 24 years old.						
<b>Resources</b>	International Federation of Red Cross, Cambodian Government (particularly Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport)						
<b>Comments</b>							
Peer education activities include topics of HIV, road safety and mine victims. Some volunteer members attend regional and international level youth camps for knowledge sharing and information exchange on Red Cross youth programmes.							

UN Country Team Youth Advisory Panel (YAP)			
<i>UN-convened youth participation mechanism</i>			
<b>Contact</b>	Chanthida Dum. UN Youth Officer. Officer of the Resident Coordinator.		53 Pasteur St. Phnom Penh. Cambodia. <a href="mailto:Chanthida.dum@un.org.kh">Chanthida.dum@un.org.kh</a> +855 12 704098
<b>Established</b>	Established in 2007, under the guidance of the UN Country Team with full support from the UN agency Youth Focal points		
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	10 young leaders, representing 10 Cambodian youth organisations.		
<b>Mission</b>	To establish a mechanism for open dialogue and exchange between UNCT-Cambodia and youth groups, to advise the Country Team on strategic opportunities and actions to address adolescent and youth issues across the UN system.		
<b>Aims</b>	(i) increase dialogue and knowledge sharing between the UN system	(iii)	provide a means for

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	(ii)	and Cambodian youth, based on best practices and lessons learned from youth policies and programmes, build up leadership and communications skills of the panel members and increase young people's understanding of the role of the UN, its comparative advantages and its Cambodian development priorities; and				young people to discuss issues with the UNCT and share youth perspective on development.	
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	X
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people under the age 24.						
<b>Resources</b>	UN						

**Others**

- **Youth Committee for Unity and Development Network**

A coalition of six – eight local youth organisations formed in 2007.

- **MoEYS supported youth networks**

National Scouts movement, Cambodian Youth Red Cross (listed above).

## China

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	319.9 million 24%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	5 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	0.1%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004	Male: 71%   Female: 69%
Status of National Youth Policy	
No specific national youth policy that addresses SRH	

China presents a challenging environment for community / youth led initiatives. The mapping profiles a strong and relevant youth network which has gained legitimacy and operational ability through its affiliations to UNFPA and the China Family Planning Association.

China Youth Network							
<i>Youth network</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	Established in 2004 with direct programme support from UNFPA to promote youth participation, address adolescent SRH at the local level through youth-adult partnership pilot project in UNFPA programme sites.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Managed by university students in Beijing (the core group). 15 project sites across China.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	Volunteer-based structure with all members under 24 years old. Members fall into one of the five following categories: the core group (decision-making body), interns, program volunteers, local program volunteers, local youth representatives.						
<b>Mission</b>	To promote all young people's rights and access to inclusive sexual and reproductive health information, education and quality, youth-friendly services.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people in schools aged 12 – 24.						
<b>Resources</b>	Most of the funding is from UNFPA.						
<b>Comments</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links with IPPF, PATH and MSI.</li> <li>CYN is hosted as a project of the China Family Planning Association (CFPA).</li> </ul>							
<b>Achievements</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoH and National Population and Family Planning Commission invited CYN to participate in policy dialogue; now, the MoH defines "youth participation" as one of the criteria for a qualified youth-friendly service.</li> <li>In 2008, CFPA launched a National SRH Education Strategy for Young People with input from CYN members.</li> </ul>							

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYN developed a four-year CYN Strategic Plan (2009 – 2012) that focuses on the following four key areas: peer education, youth-friendly services, advocacy, organisational development.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited geographical reach and limited human resources.</li> <li>• Very limited reach with youth most-at-risk of HIV.</li> <li>• Restricted independence due to strong affiliations with China Family Planning Association and UNFPA.</li> </ul>

### **Others**

- **The Communist Youth League of China (CYL)**

A mass, national organisation for young people aged 14 to 28, run by the Communist Party of China. The CYL has contributed a number of top echelon leaders to the Communist Party. Most high school students are CYL members when graduating. 73 million league members were reported at the end of 2006, of which 49.9% were students.

### *Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)*

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	5.7 million 25%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	2 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people	N/A
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004	N/A
Status of National Youth Policy	N/A

There are no youth networks working on SRH. In DPRK, SRH is only considered to be pertinent for married couples. The IPPF Member Association, KFPA, may be the only relevant organisation. UNFPA CO does not have any links to youth networks; an invitation to a youth group to participate in ICPD +15 Conference in Beijing was refused by the government. Supporting ARH is not a priority for UNFPA in DPRK; the policy environment does not support this.

*India*

% of total population aged under 25 <sup>14</sup>	30.6% (53% male; 47% female)	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	45 per 1,000	
Contraceptive prevalence in married adolescents, 15-19 years <sup>15</sup>	7%	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>16</sup>	0.3%	
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000 – 2004 <sup>17</sup>	Male: 58%	Female: 47%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MOYAS)	
Status of the National Youth Policy		
The National Youth Policy was enacted in 2003. The Policy clearly articulates greater participation of youth in decision making processes and implementation at all levels. It strongly emphasises the need to work <i>with</i> youth, rather than just for them.		

There are numerous organisations in India working with youth and on SRH issues. Most of the organisations have youth clubs/forums or membership of young people at local levels. This mapping covers a few networks with national level presence, and also highlights a few organisations which have large youth membership but not currently focusing on SRH issues.

<b>SRIJAN (Sexual and Reproductive Health Initiatives for Joint Action Network)<sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>National Youth Network</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	2001	
<b>Coverage</b>	The Secretariat is based in New Delhi, India	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	136 organisational partners in 101 districts in 7 states Youth forums in 90 districts with 18-25 youth members in each forum (with approx. 50-50 male-female membership)	
<b>Mission</b>	SRIJAN Network will work towards empowering young people and creating an enabling environment at national, state and district level whereby young people can manage and take ownership of the youth forums	
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidation of the network and reinforce understanding of the YRSHR amongst the network partners.</li> <li>Expansion of the SRIJAN network for greater outreach of YRSHR issues and concerns of young people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolving and setting momentum towards the creation of distinct strategy for greater involvement of young people.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Further details in case study

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Thematic areas of relevance					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others		School retention, prevention of early marriage and pregnancy	
Populations targeted					
Youth and organisations working with (or interested in working with) young people and / or SRH related issues					
Resources					
Received initial funding from SIDA, however MAMTA (secretariat of SRIJAN) has been sustaining the network activities through their other project funding. In addition, some of the state level networks have been successful in securing state level funds.					

National Peer Educators Forum (NPEF) formed by Expressions India		
<i>Youth network</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	Launched in July 1999 and formally registered as an NGO under the name of Expressions Children Homes Organisations of India (ECHO) in April 2005.	
<b>Coverage</b>	Based in New Delhi, India, and covers the National Capital Region and other neighbouring states with regional nodal centres for co-ordination functional at Mumbai, Jaipur, Hyderabad and Guwahati.	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	Peer Educator groups formed in over 110 schools (1 teacher and 4 adolescents between 14-17 years from each school trained as 'master trainers/peer educators') reach at least 3000-4000 students annually. 30 youth peer educators at various colleges. A peer educators alumni is being formed with the mission of handholding and building perspectives for the adolescent peer educators.	
<b>Mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towards healthy, happy harmonious children of India.</li> <li>• Towards aware, responsible and empowered adolescents of India.</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensitisation and awareness in school going and out of school children and adolescents about the relevant psychosocial needs and general health concerns.</li> <li>• Promotion of life skills as abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour, enabling children and adolescents to deal effectively with challenges of everyday life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To initiate and maintain a dialogue between students, teachers, parents and other stakeholders for effective partnerships towards responsible and empowered youth.</li> <li>• To identify and assess the social, emotional, school and family needs of children through structured questionnaires and scales.</li> <li>• To monitor and evaluate the process and impact of implementation.</li> </ul>

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Thematic areas of relevance					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	Life skills, mental health and family education		
Populations targeted					
Children and adolescents, youth, teachers, parents, educational institutions and other stakeholders including policy makers and international agencies.					
Resources					
Adhoc contributions					
Comments					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It has had links to network for the adolescent education programme (AEP) in schools and other health related pilot projects at various levels (National and regional).</li> <li>Formulation of the school health policy and programme on relevant themes through awareness and advocacy campaigns is a hallmark achievement.</li> <li>UNFPA CO works mainly with the adult facilitators in Expressions India to provide orientation training to school teachers who further directly work with young people.</li> <li>Networking with other professionals (in the field of education, mental and sexual health etc.) and establish facilitation forums in other metropolitan cities of India involving the network of professionals developed to reach out to large number of young population.</li> </ul>					
Future Plans					
Established the first <b>NPEF</b> in the country and has plans to organise the first national conference of peer educators this year (2010) onwards along with evaluation of school based health education standards.					

Student Partnership Worldwide (SPW) India					
<i>Non formal youth network</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Emma Koshi. SPW India Country Director. <a href="mailto:Director@spwindia.org">Director@spwindia.org</a> <a href="mailto:Prqcoordinator@spwindia.org">Prqcoordinator@spwindia.org</a> <a href="http://www.spwindia.org">http://www.spwindia.org</a>		No. 2, 8th East Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore - 632 006 Tamil Nadu, India Phone: +91-416-2243165/2242695		
<b>Established</b>	SPW India is a part of the SPW International, which was established in 1985.				
<b>Coverage</b>	136 young people as volunteer peer educators (aged 18 to 28 years), who are reaching out to about 25,000 rural young people in the state of Tamil Nadu.				
<b>Mission</b>	Harness the energy and talents of educated young volunteers. Utilise the huge untapped resource of Indian school leavers and graduates from local communities, so that they can empower others to make more informed decisions about their health and environment.				
Thematic areas of relevance					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Livelihoods and leadership		
Populations targeted					

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Young people, communities and policy makers
<b>Resources</b>
SPW India is a part of the SPW International and works in partnership with the Government Education Departments in India.
<b>Comments</b>
Programmes have a strong youth volunteer driven approach. Volunteers work with young people in and out of school, community members and local NGOs to identify local needs and problems. UNFPA CO has worked with SPW to map and document programmes working with out-of-school youth.

Indian Committee of Youth Organisations (ICYO)					
<i>Youth Network</i>					
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<b>Established</b>	1982				
<b>Coverage</b>	Based in New Delhi, with member organisations in 122 districts of 23 states of India. Also has partners throughout South Asia.				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	Functions as an umbrella organisation of youth NGOs in India, consisting of over 356 organisations including voluntary agencies, youth groups and clubs and individuals.				
<b>Objectives</b>	To strengthen the existing youth agencies and foster development of new agencies in the area of youth mobilisation.  To arrange seminars, conferences, workshops to discuss and study the problems faced by the members, issues concerning youth development, health and environment and to provide training to the member organisations in various aspects of project planning, budget, implementation and evaluation.	To set up training centres, to assist members in research and evaluation to help members with advice and other means in raising funds, and to act as a liaison between members and other agencies.  To assist and guide member organisations to conduct all kinds of activities in the field of youth development, mobilisation and education.			
Thematic areas of relevance					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	Sexual exploitation and abuse of children and youth		
Populations targeted					
Civil society organisations, young people					
Resources					
Various national and international agencies (unnamed)					

The YP Foundation		
<i>NGO</i>		
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	N 204, Greater Kailash - Part 1, New Delhi – 110048, India Phone: +91-11-46792243/44		
<b>Objectives</b>	The YP Foundation (TYPF) is a youth led and run non-profit in New Delhi, India that develops young people's leadership skills to take action on issues that young people are passionate about. Founded in 2002, the organization supports young people between the ages of 13 and 28 to conceptualize and implement community based projects that challenge stereotypes, forge sustainable partnerships and promote the uninhibited expression of young people.		
<b>Established</b>	2002, Registered 2007		
<b>Coverage</b>	It works with adolescents, youth organisations and institutions working directly with young people.		
<b>Structure/Youth Participation</b>	21 young staff members, who work both full time and part time, between the ages of 18 and 26, run TYPF. TYPF's management team works with volunteers on developing the internal capacity of youth led management, accountability and evaluation systems. Here they gain direct experience working with Volunteer Management, Fundraising, PR, Finance, Administration, Event Management, Training and Project Management.		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>			
HIV/AIDS	x	Sexuality Education	x SRH/R x
Peer Education	x	Youth Friendly SRH Services	x Most-at-risk young people x
Youth Participation		Others	Street Children (in Healthcare and Education), Mental Health, Life Skills and Substance Abuse, Gender, Sexuality, Rights and Health, Human Rights and Peace Building, Citizenship and Governance, Performing and Visual Arts, Film and Literature, Climate Change and the Environment
<b>Population Targeted</b>			
Based out of Delhi, work in partnerships across 5 states. In the last 8 years, they have worked directly with 5,000 young people to set up over 200 projects, reaching out to 300,000 young people. Their work reaches communities through performing and visual arts, literature, research, peer education, policy and advocacy, awareness and skill building projects.			
<b>Resources</b>			
Community and Corporate Fundraising, Global Fund for Children, International Women's Health Coalition, partnerships with UN Agencies i.e. UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNFPA etc.			
<b>Comments</b>			
TYPF supports young people's work through 3 key programmatic focus areas, which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Awareness and Advocacy:</b> TYPF develops young people's work with Gender, Sexuality, Health &amp; Rights, Peer Pressure and Mental Health, Life Skills and Education, Healthcare and Governance and Accountability (The Right to Information Act).</li> </ul>			

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- **Community Based Partnerships:** TYPF works mainly in the NCR, and also works with youth led groups in 5 states across India along with partnerships at national, regional and international levels. They currently work with young activists from 10 states across India and support 125 slum and street children in two locations across North and South Delhi.
- **Communication & Skills Development:** They train young people to develop their communication as well as technical skills, working with film, literature and platforms for independent music in India.

Pravah				
NGO				
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<b>Established</b>	Registered in 1993 based in New Delhi			
<b>Mission</b>	Pravah works with young people to impact issues of social justice through youth citizenship action.			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>				
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people
Youth participation	X	Others		
<b>Populations targeted</b>				
It works with adolescents, youth organisations and institutions working directly with young people.				
<b>Comments</b>				
Its programmes with youth include SMILE (Students Mobilisation Initiative for Learning through Exposure), Youth for Development (YfD) program, Global Xchange and campus catalyst. Its Young Influencers program promotes active citizenship among young people.				

Youth Venture (India)				
NGO				
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<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	<p>Youth Venture, set up by Ashoka India, supports young people in two key ways:</p> <p>Its '<u>Youth Venture Challenges</u>' programme supports young people who are inspired by an issue and committed to making a change in society by helping them to develop their ideas and start their own social initiatives.</p> <p>The '<u>Change Looms</u>' programme recognizes and enables young people who have already established compelling social ventures and wish to deepen and sustain their efforts. It's a joint partnership initiative between Youth Venture and Pravah, supported by the Youth and Civil Society Initiative of Sir Ratan Tata Trust.</p>			

**Others**

- **Ministry of Human Resource Development**

Training master trainers and teachers who then reach out to students and sensitise school principals and parents on adolescent concerns. Recognizing the gap in this program with respect to directly reaching the young people, UNFPA CO is supporting government schooling systems to include peer facilitated models within their annual programs for 2010, thereby hoping to have much stronger and direct linkages with young people by March 2011.

- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

This programme operates through teen clubs predominantly set up in rural areas. The activities are facilitated through Adolescent Peer Volunteers (APVs) who are contractual government staff. In 2010, the CO plans to build the capacities of APVs through relevant NGO partnerships. There is a strong potential to create a peer network with APVs, however it has not been yet. The APVs do not interact with other APVs outside their own allocated geographical area. In 2010, UNFPA CO wishes to further work on connecting them to establish a peer network.

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### *Indonesia*

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	62.9 million 28%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	54 per 1000	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
% of youth aged 15 – 24 years intend to use modern contraceptives as a method of family <sup>18</sup>	77%	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15– 24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.3%	Female: 0.1%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004	Male: 61%	Female: 60%
<b>Status of National Youth Policy</b>		
Youth policy exists. Indonesia has ratified 6 out of 8 human rights conventions. In 1999, the State Minister of Women's Empowerment and Head of BKKBN established a special division to deal with adolescents' and reproductive rights protection. UNFPA believes that various laws need to be reviewed including Family Welfare Law, Marriage Law, Health Law and the basic education compulsory Law.		

Several youth initiatives have been identified as part of the mapping. However, Indonesian youth networks tend to be affiliated with religious and political organisations and do not work specifically on Sexual Reproductive Health. UNFPA YAP has been running for four years.

<b>UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel (YAP), Indonesia</b>						
<i>UN-convened youth participation mechanism</i>						
<b>Contact</b>	Margaretha Sitanggang <a href="mailto:sitanggang@unfpa.org">sitanggang@unfpa.org</a>					
<b>Origins</b>	2006 / 07					
<b>Coverage area</b>	Members from seven provinces: DKI, West Sumatra, Papua, NTT, NTB, Yogyakarta, West Kalimantan.					
<b>Membership</b>	12 members (5 females, 6 males and one waria), aged 17 – 23, selected through application process from 70 applicants.  YAP members are young, articulate activists that represent marginalised youth groups and organisations in Indonesia and come from various districts and provinces to participate in national and international youth events through UNFPA sponsorship.					
<b>Purpose</b>	UNFPA Indonesia has established a Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) to provide views and recommendations for programs that impact on young people such as HIV and AIDS and adolescent reproductive health.					
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>						
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others
<b>Comments</b>						
UNFPA organises periodic YAP meetings to allow members to share knowledge and experiences and for UNFPA to obtain inputs concerning the planning for future activities in their respective areas.						

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YAP Indonesia is now on its second generation: The induction of new members to YAP allowed UNFPA to organise a workshop that aimed to develop a common understanding of the YAP role in providing inputs and support to UNFPA. The workshop indicated a need for YAP to network and interact with youth panels in other countries and to build capacity to allow YAP members to engage effectively in advocacy on various issues that affect youth in Indonesia.

### Opportunities

- Expanding the network with stakeholders such as: other young people's organisations and NGOs supporting young people's empowerment (internationally, nationally and locally), government (national and local level).
- Increased access to dialogue with Government, involvement in analysing youth-related policies, and space for advocating on policy gaps.
- Becoming familiar and experience of working with the UN.
- Increased up-to-date understandings on youth issues, including ARH.
- Increased capacity for advocacy.
- Inputting to UNFPA's programmes and activities.

### Challenges

- No youth focal point in UNFPA and no UNFPA staff in the provinces to follow up on YAP recommendations.
- Lack of clarity on YAP's tasks and the outcome of being a YAP member.
- YAP's workplan has not been finalised.
- Lack of effective communication mechanism / system among YAP members, because of the geographic distances and time constraints.
- Lack of understanding from some institutions and people on young people's roles in developing youth-related policies.

### Independent Youth Alliance (Aliansi Remaja Independen Indonesia – ARI)

<i>Youth-led network</i>							
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<b>Origins</b>	Established in 2008, as a project within the Indonesian Red Cross						
<b>Mission</b>	To gather and unite young people from various background in Indonesia to boost their roles as advocates and young leaders						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstream youth participation (especially young women and girls) on policy and programmes within stakeholder body.</li> <li>• Advancing young people's esp. young women and girls, SRHR.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating safe spaces for young people from diverse background to transfer knowledge and share best practice on SRHR and rights services and access (esp. Comprehensive Sexuality Education).</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Membership / Structure</b>	National coalition, allies with youth led organisations, networks and initiatives. There are 40 youth focal points from 9 provinces.						
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Young people from diverse background including students, PLHIV, transgender, SW, MSM, IDUs, former child prisoners.						
<b>Resources</b>	Financial Resources: UNFPA, IWHC, Plan International. Technical Support: Indonesian Red Cross, MoH, Ministry of Youth and Sport, UNAIDS, National AIDS Commission.						

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<b>Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARI advocates with the government and community on youth issues and policies, such as SRHR.</li> <li>• At the provincial level in NTT, ARI members have developed a network among the young people and raised young people's awareness on their challenges. They aim to empower voice and create a stronger youth voice, encouraging government to be more responsive and involve youth in the development of policies that affect them. In NTT, ARI has also worked together with the local AIDS commission in providing IEC materials for young people.</li> <li>• ARI networks with NGOs, Government and donor organisations. With UNFPA support, ARI organised session to commemorate the International Youth Day 2009 during the 9th ICAAP in Bali.</li> <li>• Allies with GYCA at the regional level, and many members are also on YAP.</li> </ul>
<b>Achievements</b>
Establishing credibility and accountability as a youth led-organisation focused on SRHR and HIV/AIDS.
<b>Challenges</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability of resources.</li> <li>• Need for career advancement opportunities and rewards for members.</li> <li>• Ageing out.</li> </ul>
<b>Future Plans</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming of youth friendly services in community health centres (together with MoH)</li> <li>• Mentorship Programme</li> <li>• Campaign and caucus on MDG 3 and 4 with National AIDS Commission.</li> <li>• UNGASS shadow report; youth constituencies.</li> </ul>

<b>International Planned Parenthood Association (IPPA)</b>		
<i>National NGO, with youth-serving project</i>		
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<b>Origins</b>	1957, IPPF affiliate since 1969	
<b>Objectives</b> <i>(please note: unofficial translation)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Empowering children and adolescents to be able to take decisions and behave in terms of responsibility and rights - SRHR.</li> <li>2. Encouraging community participation, especially the poor, marginal, and not served to gain access, information, services, and rights - the rights of sexual and reproductive health and the quality and equitable gender.</li> <li>3. Play an active role in reducing the prevalence of sexually transmitted</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Fight for rights - reproductive and sexual rights of women are recognised and appreciated, especially related to the various alternative treatment of unwanted pregnancy.</li> <li>5. Getting support from policy makers, stakeholders, media, and the community to health programs and sexual and reproductive rights - reproductive rights and sexual health</li> <li>6. Maintaining PKBI's role as a pioneer NGO, professional, credible, sustainable, and self-reliant in the field and also the right to reproductive and sexual health with the support of volunteers and professional staff.</li> </ol>

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	infections and HIV-AIDS, and reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.	
<b>Coverage area</b>	28 Youth Centres in 24 provinces.	
<b>Comments</b>		
Activities conducted by the Youth Centres include: information dissemination, training on SRH/R, discussion groups and advocacy on ARH.		

### Others

#### **Government-convened Working Group:**

WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA have jointly supported the MoH to establish a national task force for adolescent health. This task force is expected to accelerate the provision of good quality policy and services on adolescent health.

- Muhammadiyah is the second largest Islamic organisation in Indonesia with 29 million members, and a large youth constituency.
- 25 Messengers – see Key Correspondent article in main report.
- Indonesian Future Leaders.
- Pontianak AIDS commission and Pontianak youth community.

## IRAN

### *Iran*

% of total population aged 10 – 24 <sup>4</sup>	30%	
Adolescent fertility rate (Age-Specific Fertility Rate per 1000 Women, 15-20) <sup>19</sup>	33.3%	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>20</sup>	0.0%	
Secondary School Enrolment, 2000 - 2004 <sup>4</sup>	Female: 75%	Male: 81%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	National Youth Organisation <sup>21</sup>	
Status of the National Youth Policy		
There is no national level youth policy in Iran yet, however the next five year plan includes the development of a comprehensive policy for the young people.		

Currently, Iran has no network of youth working on SRH/R. However, the mapping has identified a few organisations that are working primarily on HIV prevention with one of them focusing on SRH issues, engaging young people either as volunteers or reaching out to them through events and campaigns for creating awareness and sensitisation. There is scope and potential within these to form networks.

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran (FPA/IRI)					
NGO					
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<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	FPA/IRI is a member association of IPPF. FPA/IRI has a membership programme with hundreds of youth members from around the country, however it has not been formalised as a youth network.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others			
<b>Comments</b>					
FPA/IRI launched a campaign called “Mobilising Support for an HIV-free Generation” on the World AIDS Day (WAD 2009) addressing the concern over the fact that Iran has no network of youth on SRH issues. The campaign aims to recruit a large number of youth and build their capacity on different aspects of HIV and SRH in general.					

Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS)					
NGO					
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<b>Coverage</b>	Established a National Committee to implement HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programmes and remove stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV. The programme, based in rural west Iran, focuses on increasing public awareness on HIV prevention, reducing AIDS-related stigma and improving access to services at the Red Crescent counselling and medical centres for care and treatment.				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	The IRCS Youth Organisation, led by youth volunteers, intends to increase the co-operation of youth in decision-making, build up their activities, as well as provide training for the new youth members to prepare them to render relief and humanitarian services. Many voluntary humanitarian activities are undertaken by the youth volunteers at the IRCS youth organisations however, it has not been set up as a network of youth yet.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others			
<b>Resources</b>					
IRCS has a programme with UNFPA and the Government of Iran					

<b>Hamyaran Mosbat - The Mashhad Positive Club, Iran<sup>22</sup></b>					
<i>Non formal network</i>					
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<b>Coverage</b>	Works in close partnership with local, national and international institutions in the north and east regions of Iran. It focuses its activities on PLHIV, and high risk groups such as injecting drug users, sex workers, and refugees.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X
Youth participation		Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
It offers comprehensive services to PLHIV in a complex environment through peer education, prevention workshops, referral support system and counselling, home-based care, as well as advocacy with religious leaders.					
Harm reduction efforts have benefited 2,500 injecting drug users					
16,000 youths and adolescents have been reached through its outreach materials, and many more through its quarterly publication that provides a voice for people affected by HIV.					

**Others**

- **Literacy Movement Organisation**

A network of 50,000 instructors is spreading messages on population and reproductive health through basic literacy classes and continuing education for

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adults. Instructors who are native to an area and aware of local sensitivities have been ideal messengers for information on reproductive health. Supported by UNFPA.

Laos

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	2 million 33%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	110 per 1000	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.2%	Female: 0.1%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 50%	Female: 37%
<b>Status of National Youth Policy</b>		
There is no comprehensive national-level youth policy in Laos, though there are several policies and laws which relate to some areas of adolescent and youth health. It is envisaged a strategy guiding this area comprehensively will be developed during 2010.		

The mapping has not identified any youth-led networks, which is principally attributed to the political and socially conservative context. Youth-serving government agencies have reported good coverage and reach down to grassroots level. However, these agencies face challenges with youth participation. Civil society organising is emerging slowly.

<b>Lao Youth Action Program (LYAP)</b>							
<i>“A peer-to-peer organisation bringing important health messages to sectors of Lao society that are hard for other channels to reach.”</i>							
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<b>Origins</b>	Set up in 2000 by three Lao university graduates, as an interactive school-based AIDS education program.						
<b>Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 active volunteers</li> </ul>						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop self-belief among vulnerable young people on leadership skills, and a desire to be engaged in society by addressing health and other social issues relevant to their daily lives.</li> <li>To nurture a spirit of empowerment by improving and fostering</li> </ul>			a network of young volunteers through promoting creativity, independent thinking, problem solving, participatory processes, spirit of team building and community cohesion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the life and wellbeing of vulnerable young people through the delivery of health education programs, care support and treatment.</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Resources</b>	12 Staff. Donors – GFATM and UNICEF						
<b>Comments</b>							
Partners with Government, community organisations and international organisations. UNFPA CO describes this as a relatively new organisation which therefore has							

limited reach and technical and organisational capacity building needs.

Lao Youth Network							
<i>Youth Platform</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	2004						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase information sharing and improve knowledge management between member agencies.</li> <li>To strengthen the organisational management of the network.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the capacity of member agencies, committee members and other youth in specific areas.</li> <li>To increase the awareness and knowledge of the LYN, particularly with the LYU and other important stakeholders.</li> </ul>			
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	
<b>Membership</b>	11 youth-led or youth-serving local organisations. Members alternate responsibility for acting as the Secretariat, each serving as the leadership for one year.						
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Member organisations, youth and key stakeholders						
<b>Resources</b>	12 Staff. GFATM. UNICEF						
Comments							
At the time of this research, the Coordinator was relatively new in post. Linked to Thai Volunteer Services (TVS) – a youth network in Thailand.							

**Others**

- **MoH’s Thematic Working Groups on Sex Workers and MSM** could benefit from increased youth participation.
- **Takieng Lao Community Theatre Group and Kabong Lao Puppet Artistic Group in Vientiane** - Youth-led initiatives performing theatre in schools and universities on HIV, AIDS and sexuality. Supported by MTV Staying Alive Foundation.
- **Burnet Institute** - for collaborative work on research and peer led interventions for young women. <http://www.burnet.edu.au/home/cih/programs/laos>
- **Lao Women's Union (LWU)**. Implementing Migrant Youth SRH Project and Program Operations of the Vientiane Youth Centre for Health and Development, with support from UNFPA.
- **Lao Youth Union (LYU)**

MALAYSIA

Malaysia

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	7.4 million 29%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	13 per 1000	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.6%	Female: 0.3%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 67%	Female: 74%
Status of National Youth Policy		
The National Youth Development Policy of Malaysia was first issued by the Cabinet in 1985 and revised in 1997.		

The mapping has identified little in the way of youth-led SRH networks. Malaysia has a few national organisations and government-supported programmes implementing adolescent reproductive health activities and other organisations working with most-at-risk.

Kafe@teen							
<i>Government-run services for adolescent reproductive health</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	Set up in 2006 under the National Population and Family Development Board (NPFDB) within the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	3 centres (Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Pulau Pinang)						
<b>Aims</b>	One-stop family service and training centres to provide programmes and services in strengthening the family unit including counselling, parenting skills and reproductive health services. The <i>kafe@TEEN</i> aims to provide information and knowledge on adolescent sexuality and reproductive health, as well as guidance and services tailored to adolescents.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	
<b>Resources</b>	NPFDB, UNFPA.						
<b>Comments</b>							
14,000 adolescents registered under this programme and a quarter of those actively participating (April 2008)							
<b>Challenges</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target to replicate the services in all states is progressing very slowly. As a relatively new programme, there are some management and staffing issues.</li> <li>• Need to maintain the quality of services to clients.</li> <li>• Training and budget commitment issues.</li> </ul>							

<b>PROSTAR (Program Sihat Tanpa AIDS untuk Remaja /</b>
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<i>Healthy Without AIDS programme for Youth)</i>							
<i>Organisation, funded by Government</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	Launched by the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia in 1996, following discussions between the Ministry of Health and various Governmental and Non – Governmental Agencies. To effectively execute anti-AIDS programmes, PROSTAR registered an NGO, PROSTAR CLUB in 1997.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	The PROSTAR CLUB possess a network of branches in every state and district, staffed by members (mostly adolescence trained by PRS PROSTAR).						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	PROSTAR membership is divided into four categories: Ordinary, Junior, Honorary, Life. Applications are approved by the District / State-level PROSTAR CLUB Committee.						
<b>Overview</b>	“ <b>PROSTAR</b> adapts the concept of <i>By Youth, Through Youth, and For Youth.</i> ”						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PROSTAR CLUB is an organisation that strives to ensure that the problems of AIDS and other social ills can be checked by activities that are positive and acceptable to Malaysians.</li> <li>• To create a stratum of youths with the ability, endurance and mental strength to deal with the AIDS problem and other social ills.</li> <li>• To increase youths' knowledge about and awareness of the dangers of HIV infection, as well as its prevention and control.</li> <li>• To instil positive attitudes and healthy lifestyles among youths based on pure moral values in the efforts to prevent, deal with, and eradicate HIV, AIDS, and other social ills.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To foster spiritual values and leadership qualities among youths who are worthy, healthy, bright, and innovative; who are visionary and love their country.</li> <li>• To develop a generation of youths who are moral, self-respecting, and who are responsible towards themselves, their families, their races, their religions and their country.</li> <li>• To train youth facilitators, consultants and counsellors who are empowered to coordinate efforts to counter and eradicate the threat of AIDS to our youths.</li> <li>• To organise campaigns, exhibitions, seminars and training sessions designed to educate and explain, as well as to disseminate information.</li> </ul>			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly		Most-at-risk		Youth		Others	

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SRH services	young people	participation		
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Peer Counsellors aged 13 to 25 are trained to conduct HIV/AIDS education activities.			
<b>Resources</b>	Funding comes from the Ministry of Health and membership fees. Annual and entry membership fees range from 2 – 30 RM, depending on the category of membership.			
<b>Comments</b>				
Activities of PROSTAR Club Members include: HIV/AIDS awareness education and campaigns, adolescent counselling and newsletter publication and distribution.				

**Youth Centres of the state family planning/reproductive health associations under the Federation of Reproductive Health Associations, Malaysia (FRHAM)**

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<b>Origins</b>	Formerly known as Federation of Family Planning Associations, Malaysia (FFPAM). Established in 1958 with the aim of educating, promoting and supporting Malaysians in family planning, sexual and reproductive health and responsible parenthood.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	A federation of 13 State Member Associations (State MAs) of State Family Planning Associations, Family Health Association, Family Health Development Association and Reproductive Health Association.						
<b>Objectives of Adolescent Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for and provide education, which promotes a positive approach to young people's sexuality and promotes a non-prescriptive, evidence-based, rights-based approach.</li> <li>Identify and implement programmes to reach young people with diverse needs and sexual orientations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form partnerships and have dialogue with parents, teachers and local authorities.</li> <li>Involve young people in the development and implementation of information and educational programmes.</li> <li>Provide comprehensive youth-friendly, high quality services that meet the specific needs of young women and young men.</li> </ul>					
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Adolescents						
<b>Resources</b>	UNFPA and IPPF (Netherlands Govt under SALIN)						
<b>Comments</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes include: 1. Youth-friendly and gender-sensitive peer education programme to help young people develop the skills and confidence to protect them against unwanted pregnancy, HIV and STIs. The target groups for this project are residents (boys and girls) of juvenile homes under the age of 18 years. 2. Establishment of 11 Youth-Friendly Centres to provide quality youth-</li> </ul>							

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friendly services and information to young people aged 15-24 years. This project is expected to reach a total of 13,000 young people, providing them with services and information on SRHR.

### Recommendations

The youth centres were facing sustainability issues until the SALIN project funding began in 2009, to further increase technical quality, enhance youth friendliness, and integrate gender-sensitive approaches. The programme could also improve sustainability through the development of strategic partnerships with other youth serving organisations.

### Malaysian AIDS Council

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### Thematic areas of relevance

HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation		Others	

<b>Populations targeted</b>	Programmes focus on marginalised groups including DUs, MSM, SW and TG.
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### Comments

Some activities with youth. Dedicated staff person for youth work, demonstrating MAC's recognition of the significant youth constituencies within most-at-risk populations.

### Others

- Malaysian Youth Council

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% of total population aged 10 -24 years <sup>23</sup>	37%
Adolescent fertility rate, 2000-2007 <sup>2</sup>	8 per 1,000
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>24</sup>	Below 0.1%
Education <sup>25</sup> Lower Secondary ( 8 - 10): Male: Female: Higher Secondary ( 11 - 12) Male: Female:	49.6% 50.3%  51.7% 48.2%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Ministry of Human Resources, Youth and Sports
<b>Status of the National Youth Policy</b>	
The National Youth Policy in Maldives came into effect in 2003. The Ministry Human Resources, Youth and Sports plans to revise the policy, realigning it with the Strategic Action Plan (the national guiding framework) developed in November 2009.	

There are no formal youth networks in Maldives. The mapping has identified one organisation working on health issues, with one of its focus areas being SRH. This organisation has youth membership but has not institutionalised this in the form of a youth network, though it plans to do so in 2010.

Society for Health Education (SHE)		
<i>Informal network</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	1988	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	28 youth members (16 males and 12 females) who are registered with the organisation and have voting rights at the policy level of SHE. They help in program planning and execution with youth and help in reaching out to other youth. Youth can become a member or a volunteer.	
<b>Mission</b>	Strive to improve the quality of life of Maldivian people through awareness and self-reliance. Harness the expertise of national professionals, on the voluntary basis, for development programmes.	
<b>Objectives</b>	Facilitating and improving access to sexual and reproductive health information and services  Providing psychosocial support and counselling	Creating awareness on the high prevalence and consequences of thalassaemia, and supporting the reduction in the number of thalassaemia majors born in Maldives

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	services				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X
Youth participation	X	Others			
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth as the primary group Also reaches out to families, communities and policy makers					
<b>Comments</b>					
Youth volunteers who come to join/collaborate with SHE according to the event/program/activity SHE organises, however SHE does not have a registered database of most of these volunteers.					
SHE is in contact with various youth serving organisations/associations working for the development of youth based in different island, who conduct many programs for the youth in their respective areas. Collaborative programs have been undertaken by SHE with these NGOs and SHE plans to form a network of various organisations working with youth as well.					
SHE is a member association of IPPF.					
<b>Future Plans</b>					
At present, SHE does not have a youth network. However, SHE plans to establish a network of youth within this year.					

Youth Centre of the Ministry of Youth and Sports		
<i>Government Department</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	1981	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	Free membership to participate in these activities and currently there are more than 2000 members	
<b>Mission</b>	To bring the youth into the main stream of national development by providing education and training in various areas and to provide opportunities to enable them to manage their leisure time in a productive manner by engaging them in social and recreational activities.	

### Others

An attempt was made by UNFPA CO in Maldives to form a Youth Health Advisory Committee comprising of young people and other relevant stakeholders to coordinate and monitor the Adolescent Sexual Health Services without much success.

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### Mongolia

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>26</sup>	843,729 30.85%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>27</sup>	8.2 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence rate, (15-19 year old girls)	4.1%
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.1%    Female: N/A
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 78%    Female: 90%
Status of National Youth Policy	
The overarching policy is the State Population policy 2004-2015. A National Programme on Adolescent and Youth (2007-2015) synchronises the government efforts.	

UNFPA supports three different mechanisms for youth networking related to SRH in Mongolia, which are explored in this mapping. There are growing numbers of youth organisations, some of which are represented in the UN YAP.

Teen Boards at Future Threshold Adolescent Health Centres (FTAHC)							
<i>Informal youth network linked to youth-friendly Health Centres</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	FTAHCs were established by UNFPA.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	18 HCs across Mongolia.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	Boards consist of 15-20 students aged 13 to 18 years.						
<b>Purpose</b>	To contribute to successful clinic activities, ensure health services respond to adolescents' needs and interest, initiate and organise community based activities among adolescents and youth						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Youth aged 12 - 24						
<b>Resources</b>	Direct funding and technical support from UNFPA CO.						
<b>Comments</b>							
Teen board members work closely with health professionals, and clinic staff support their capacity building. UNFPA organises a Regional Forum, quiz on STI and HIV/AIDS. There are trainings for Teen board members to promote information exchange and networking but there are few group meetings due to limited funding. UNFPA CO would like to increase support to youth led networking through this mechanism.							

Human Development, RH and Rights NGO network	
<i>UNFPA-convened mechanism</i>	

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<b>Established</b>	2002	
<b>Coverage area</b>	Nationwide	
<b>Membership</b>	29 member organisations, at least 10 work on youth	
<b>Purpose</b>	To support information exchange, capacity building and coordination efforts, and linkages between civil society and the UN	
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>		
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education X SRH/R X Peer education
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people X Youth participation Others X
<b>Targeted</b>	NGOs working on population, reproductive health and gender equality	
<b>Resources</b>	NGOs support their own participation, and some specific events are directly supported by UNFPA.	
<b>Comments</b>		
Current support includes capacity building trainings, small grants for outreach activities, participation in international events, and networking with local and international agencies working in similar areas.		
<b>Future Plans</b>		
To develop a web page for information exchange and improved networking.		

YAP Mongolia							
<i>UN-convened youth participation mechanism</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Focal point: G.Uranchimeg <a href="mailto:uranchimeg@unfpa.org">uranchimeg@unfpa.org</a>  <a href="mailto:yap_mongolia@yahogroup.com">yap_mongolia@yahogroup.com</a> <a href="http://www.yap.mn/">http://www.yap.mn/</a>			Mr. Batsaikhan, UN YAP coordinator <a href="mailto:batnice_d20@yahoo.com">batnice_d20@yahoo.com</a>			
<b>Established</b>	In 2006 as a UNFPA initiative and was later restructured as a joint UN YAP in 2008.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	15 Members from 13 different organisations and local groups. On an annual basis, up to 30% members are replaced with new members. YAP has a part-time Coordinator, a secretary and finance officer.						
<b>Mission</b>	UN YAP aims to support young people's productive and healthy development and to nurture them into becoming responsible citizens and leaders.						
<b>Purpose</b>	To ensure UN YAP participation and inputs in UN programme design, planning and implementation including monitoring and evaluation processes.			Establish a mechanism for open dialogues and information exchange between government, UN agencies, youth organisations and groups.			
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations</b>	Young people aged 17 – 24.						

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<b>targeted</b>	
<b>Resources</b>	UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF and RC Office.
<b>Comments</b>	
YAP conducts a mini UN Forum every two years and round table discussions among young people and other UN agencies. There has been capacity building training on working with media, communication skills and fundraising. Awareness raising events are held on special days, such as World AIDS Day.	
<b>Achievements</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports produced on: Recommendations from Mini UN forum, Writing project proposals, Essay compilation on Climate change issues.</li> <li>• Regular maintenance of UN YAP web page and e-mail exchange through yahoo groups.</li> </ul>	
<b>Challenges</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory function of YAP needs clearer roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Limited visibility of UN YAP among communities, especially in remote areas.</li> <li>• Capacity building of UN YAP members, particularly new ones.</li> <li>• Limited collaboration and information exchanges with UN YAPs in other countries.</li> </ul>	

### **Others**

- Mongolia Scout Federation
- Mongolia Democratic Youth Federation
- Mongolia Student Association

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Myanmar

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	15.4 million 30%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.7%      Female: 0.6%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 40%      Female: 38%
Status of National Youth Policy	
There is no national-level youth policy. However there is a National Strategic Plan on Adolescent Health (2006-2010) in place.	

The mapping has not identified any youth-led initiatives or networks linked to SRH. Forming youth networks or groups is politically sensitive.

Youth Working Group							
<i>Group of organisations</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Dr. Ne Win, Assistant Representative (HIV and youth)		UNFPA Myanmar. <a href="mailto:nwin@unfpa.org">nwin@unfpa.org</a>				
<b>Established</b>	In December 2008 and February 2009, UNFPA conducted two youth forums with involvement of 80 youth leaders, youth coordinators, youth peer educators and youth volunteers. The “youth working group” was formed and this group took the leading role in organizing the whole event successfully.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	This Working Group has the widest coverage across Myanmar of any network.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	UNICEF, UNFPA and five partners implementing a UNFPA-funded project to promote ASRH: Central Health Education Bureau through JOICFP, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Red-Cross Society, Marie Stopes International, Francois Xavier Bagnoud. On a rotating basis, youth leaders, peer educators and representatives attend from the above named organisations. On an adhoc basis, UNFPA and UNICEF invite other partners working on HIV prevention among young people to reflect views and voices of young people nation-wide.						
<b>Aims</b>	Information sharing, coordination, programme development and youth empowerment through workshops, meetings, capacity building trainings and other fora.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Adolescents and youth.						
<b>Resources</b>	Each organisation covers the costs of its own participation. Follow-up activities may be resourced by the relevant organisation.						
<b>Comments</b>							
Youth Forums held by the group have developed recommendations for the future							

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<p>implementation of project activities in order to improve youth involvement and geographic expansion in the country. UNFPA is planning to establish the “Youth Working Group” formally with participation of the youth leaders from implementing partners on a rotating basis.</p>
<p><b>Achievements</b></p> <p>Developed five IEC materials on HIV prevention among young people, with the effort of these youth leaders. These are now used by at least 11 implementing partners nationally. UNFPA CO feels that this group has “more coverage, wide representations, more systematic (although it does not stand as a youth network so far).”</p>
<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <p>Turn-over of trained youth is notable challenge for most of the organisations.</p>

Youth Network							
<i>Group of Organisations</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	In January 2010, ActionAid UK and ActionAid Myanmar convened a meeting with active youth groups and organisations in Yangon.						
<b>Participation</b>	Fifteen youth groups including Social Care Volunteer Group (SCVG), Web to Acquire the Value of Education (WAVE), Metta Moe Myanmar, Youth Development Initiated Network (YDIN), Civil Society Initiative (CSI), Capacity Building Initiative (CBI), Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM) and ActionAid.						
<b>Aim</b>	To share current and future work activities.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Youth groups who are working on different issues ranges from education, environmental, charity, social welfare, civic education to HIV/AIDS issue in society.						
<b>Resources</b>	ActionAID						
<b>Comments</b>							
Initial meeting with plans to formalise more networking in future. Youth groups expressed their desire to build a platform for better cooperation and planned to organise fundraising event in February 2010.							

Interfaith Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS – (IYCA-Myanmar)							
<i>Youth led local NGO</i>							
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<b>Established</b>	In 2006 with seven youth from different religions.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Leadership in Yangon, coverage extended to six regional networks.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	Youth leaders of different faiths, leading their own faith groups. Patrons include Religious and Community Leaders. Has more than 15,000 members, 150 of whom are active in programme. Members belong to over 30 CBOs and local networks.						
<b>Goal</b>	Mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS among interfaith youth and to						

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	promote health, peaceful and co-existing atmosphere among them by using interfaith network.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Children and youth, General Community, People Living with HIV/AIDS						
<b>Resources</b>	N/A						
<b>Comments</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICYA's main activities have included community development and cooperation projects among interfaith youth at the Cyclone "Nargis" effected areas, for which it has received international acknowledgements.</li> <li>• Core activities also include: Advocacy with local religious leaders, Behaviour Change Communication, Community-based Care, Counselling, Education, Gender.</li> <li>• Has developed linkages with international networks, with youth participating in International Conferences, Seminars, Forums and programmes, including those relating to SRHR and HIV. Network links with: GYCA, Global Health Council, International and Mekong GNH Movements, Asian Interfaith Network on AIDS (AINA), Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), World AIDS Campaign.</li> </ul>							

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### *Nepal*

% of total population aged 10-24 <sup>4</sup>	33%	
Adolescent fertility rate (per 1000 births) <sup>28</sup>		
15-19 years	98	
20-24 years	234	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s <sup>29</sup>		
All women		
15-19	5.2%	
20-24	24.7%	
Currently married women (2006)		
15-19	16.0%	
20-24	30.6%	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24)	N/A	
Secondary School Enrolment, 2000/2004 <sup>4</sup>	Female: 39%	Male: 50%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Ministry of Youth and Sports	
Status of the National Youth Policy		
Youth Policy in Nepal was initiated in December 2008, however has not yet been approved.		

Nepal seems to have many youth serving and youth-led organisations, however two networks working at the national level have been included in this mapping:

Youth Action Nepal (YOAC)		
<i>Youth led network</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	2003	
<b>Coverage</b>	Secretariat in Kathmandu, with 6 additional district offices. 1500 young people have been reached through HIV/AIDS and Sexuality programmes	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	YOAC engages youth in three different ways i.e.: As members As volunteers As participants in various events and programmes organised by YOAC specifically for youth such as trainings, work camps, workshops, and campaign related activities.	
<b>Mission</b>	Educates, engages and empowers diverse youth in nation building process by making them responsible to contribute at the local, national and international level.	
<b>Objectives</b>	To develop YOAC as a human rights learning centre to prepare multiplier frontline HR activities from grassroots to national level	Engage 500 local youth peace facilitators to build five model villages for social harmony  Initiate activities for institutional

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	Increase meaningful youth participation by promoting democratic culture in decision making level  Engage 40,000 youths in SRHR to establish youth friendly SRH service and advocate at decision level	development and promote human resource development within YOAC, among partners and volunteers		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>				
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services	Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	Democracy	
<b>Populations targeted</b>				
Youth (aged 15-29 years) in both urban and rural areas				
<b>Resources</b>				
Te Ora Hou ( <i>New Zealand</i> ), NED ( <i>US</i> ), NHRF ( <i>Norway</i> ), MISEREOR, CHOICE for youth and Sexuality (The Netherlands), International society for peace&HR(NGCPP), GTZ ( <i>Nepal</i> ), Action Aid ( <i>Nepal</i> ), DRL/Search for common Ground, International Alert.				
<b>Comments</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of a National Network, AYON (Association of Youth Organisations Nepal)</li> <li>• Affiliations with national and international organisations and networks working with youth and/or key focal issues of interest.</li> <li>• YOAC has been part of the drafting of youth policy of Nepal together with other network partners.</li> </ul>				
<b>Challenges</b>				
Lack of youth friendly SRH/R policy. School enrolment of out of school youth or engaging such youth through non-formal education system.				

<b>Association of Youth Organisations Nepal (AYON)</b>		
<i>NGO</i>		
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<b>Established</b>	2004	
<b>Coverage</b>	AYON is based in Kathmandu with coverage in all 75 districts of Nepal through its member organisations.	
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	<p>Within its board, AYON has board members who are responsible for different geographical region.</p> <p>Comprises of organisations working on youth with 52 full members and 20 further applications in process. The organisations must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A youth organisation run by young people aged 16-35</li> <li>• Conducting activities directly targeting youth focusing on</li> </ul>	

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	<p>their development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisations should have at least 75% youth in its membership base and the executive committee.</li> </ul>				
<b>Mission</b>	To create a platform for collaboration, cooperation, joint action and collective endeavour between Youth Organisations in Nepal.				
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To bring together nationwide youth organisations and movements to foster cooperation, dialogue, network and collaboration for youth empowerment and development.</p> <p>To act as an umbrella organisation for youth organisations in Nepal.</p> <p>To advocate, lobby and facilitate mainstreaming of youth issues in the national agenda and organise youth events of national and international significance.</p>		<p>To organise capacity building programs, trainings and workshops to strengthen the network and its member organisations.</p> <p>To serve as consulting and advisory body to the government agencies and relevant stakeholders regarding youth issues in Nepal.</p> <p>To represent Nepalese youth in international policy/decision making bodies, associations, conferences, and various fora.</p> <p>To build network and alliance with international youth organisations and networks to foster youth development.</p>		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education	X	Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Lifeskills, environment, leadership and good governance.		
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth Organisations					
<b>Resources</b>					
Membership fees; Ministry of Youth and Sports; ILO, UNFPA, UNDP, UN- AIDS and the World Bank					
<b>Comments</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In February 2010, AYON was selected as a part of the “Strengthening Leadership of CSOs in South Asia: Empowering Key Populations with Higher Risk of HIV Exposure” Project. International Council on Management of Population Programme (ICOMP) will lead the project, which will focus on the Leadership development and the organisational sustainability.</li> <li>AYON is the official implementing partner of UNFPA in Nepal. The support from UNFPA is focused on addressing issues of SRH/R and Youth participation. Besides this, one of the AYON’s board members is also nominated as a global youth advisory panel (YAP) of UNFPA.</li> <li>Through AYON, UNFPA has conducted various advocacy and capacity building activities including advocacy for review of the youth policy, events at central and district levels such as International Youth Day, World Population and AIDS Day and World AIDS Day, various trainings, and monitoring of programmes.</li> <li>AYON is currently mapping youth organisations in Nepal which will result in a database.</li> <li>AYON has initiated a ‘Youth Voices Campaign’, completely ‘youth-led for youth’ initiative with the aim to reach more than 10,000 young people in Nepal.</li> <li>It organises at least two national level events annually covering about 3000</li> </ul>					

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youth participants per event. At the local/district levels, it organises five events annually reaching out to about 5000 or more youth. Hence, AYON is able to engage about 11000 youth every annually through these advocacy events.

- In addition, the member organisations of AYON reach out to youth in their respective communities through direct intervention programs. Some of the youth organisations are reaching at least 20,000 youth every year and there are five leading youth organisation of this kind. AYON affirms that it reaches at least 150,000 youth through its member organisations' programs every year, with the aim of male-female ratio as 60:40 respectively.
- At the international level, AYON is a partner organisation with Global Youth Network (GYAN) but does not have any project with GYAN as yet.

### **Challenges**

- Being a NGO, it is challenging and difficult to bring youth issues within the main agenda of the nation.
- Sustainability of youth organisation
- Practice of good governance and transparency with the management of the association and transfer of leadership
- Keeping the balance between maintaining and implementing projects and a 'Youth Movement' (Running Project vs. facilitating a Youth movement)
- Networking and liaison with all the political parties

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% of total population aged 10-24 <sup>4</sup>	34%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	20	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	-	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>30</sup>	0.1%	
Secondary School Enrolment, 2000/2004 <sup>4</sup>	Female: 19%	Male: 26%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Ministry of Youth Affairs	
Status of the National Youth Policy	In January 2009, Ministry of Youth Affairs adopted the National Youth Policy. It took almost two decades to be developed.	

There are many youth serving organisations in Pakistan but three networks have been identified in the mapping – two of them focusing on youth on SRH issues at the national level and one of a unique nature in terms of its focus primarily on young girls and women.

Youth Advocacy Network (YAN)					
<i>Youth led network</i>					
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<b>Established</b>	2005, although in the process of formal registration.				
<b>Coverage</b>	Actively working at National level with its secretariat based in Islamabad and chapters in the four provinces with membership from various districts.				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	150 youth members involved as volunteers through various events and campaigns.  YAN chapters have minimum of 12 (6 Males and 6 Females) active members with focal and co-focal points and treasurer, activities at the national/province/district level are designed, and implemented by YAN members of that respective chapter in consultation with the board members.				
<b>Mission</b>	Young people participate fully and are represented at policy level, in all youth related SRHR policies and programmes in Pakistan.				
<b>Objectives</b>	To improve the quality of life of young people, by campaigning for the protection and promotion of their SRH and rights through advocacy  To reduce high risks sexual behaviour in youth by behavioural interventions		To organise young people into groups, building their capacity so that they can play their role as agents of change in their communities		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk	

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education			young people
Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>			
Youth			
<b>Resources</b>			
World Population Fund (WFP) and Choice, Netherlands			
<b>Comments</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2009 YAN organised the first National Youth Summit in the country where the National Youth Policy (NYP) was submitted following advocacy efforts.</li> <li>UNFPA CO engaged the network in its program activities when needed and also extended capacity building opportunities to them.</li> </ul>			
<b>Challenges</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring their voice is heard in accordance with its mission, and overcoming the influence of adult-led organisations to work as an independent organisation. Once registration is finalised, this will enhance independence.</li> <li>Generating financial resources to run and sustain the network</li> <li>Coordination with various stakeholders and members</li> </ul>			

<b>Y-PEER Network: Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER)</b>					
<i>Youth network initiated by UNFPA</i>					
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<b>Established</b>	2009				
<b>Coverage</b>	National network with secretariat in Lahore Reach of 5000 youth through 40 CSOs				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	40 Civil Society Organisation (CSO) members as well as 48 Y-PEERs trained as Master Trainers. Organisations in Pakistan meeting any of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisations working with young people on SRH/R issues or any other developmental issue such as peace and harmony</li> <li>Organisations particularly using peer education approach</li> <li>Organisations directly working with populations vulnerable to HIV</li> </ul>				
<b>Mission</b>	Y-PEER envisions young people to have meaningful participation in decision making on issues related to their health in order to have equal access to information and services to live a healthy, content life.				
<b>Objectives</b>	Y-PEER aims to promote a healthy life style through peer to peer approach and to empower young people to make responsible decisions.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Life skills		
<b>Populations targeted</b>					

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Youth at the primary level, and reaching out to policy makers and other stakeholders in Pakistan.
<b>Resources</b>
UNFPA, UNAIDS and other International Organisations such as WAC, MTV-Staying Alive and GNP+. Academic institutions: Harvard University, The American University of Beirut, Yale University
<b>Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y-PEER has grown in a short span of time and started its advocacy initiatives</li> <li>• UNFPA sponsors and monitors Y-PEER</li> <li>• Developed Life Skills manual for out of school youth that is being implemented in UNFPA- Youth Friendly Centres in 9 districts of Pakistan.</li> <li>• Y-PEER is working in close coordination with the provincial Ministry of Youth Affairs on advocacy, awareness raising and capacity building of young people on SRH issues and Peer Education</li> </ul>

AWARE GIRLS					
NGO					
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<b>Established</b>	2002				
<b>Coverage</b>	North-West Frontier Province				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	A young women membership organisation and has 500 young women members from different districts of the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan (NWFP). The organisation is governed and directed by young girls and membership is open to girls in the age 12 to 29 years of age.				
<b>Mission</b>	To enable young women to have equal access to Decision making, education, health, recreation, and to advocate for 50/50 opportunities for young women in Governance and employment.				
<b>Objectives</b>	To promote and protect young women's rights and responsibilities to enable them to have equal access to decision making, education, health, recreation and other social services  To advocate for 50/50 opportunities for women in employment and governance		To organise and strengthen the leadership and capacity of young women groups  To work collectively towards women empowerment  To promote equity, justice, equality, peace, Non violence and tolerance in the society through holding dialogues		
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	Womens and human rights, non-violence, micro enterprise.		
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Young girls and women					
<b>Resources</b>					

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World Bank (Small Grants), The Hesperian Foundation USA, Global Youth Coalition Against AIDS, MTV Staying Alive Foundation UK, Urgent Action Fund for Women

### **Comments**

- This is the only young women's' network in Pakistan
- Successful activities include: Establishing Anti-AIDS Clubs in Girls Schools ; Raising Awareness among young women in rural and urban areas about HIV/AIDS and supporting behaviour change; Research on Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perception of young women to HIV/AIDS; Building Capacity of young women in Family Planning and Safe Motherhood.

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*Philippines*

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	26.8 million 32%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	55 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24)	N/A
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 80%   Female: 88%
Status of National Youth Policy	
There is no existing national policy but there is a national framework for your development for 2004-2010 which serves as a guide for concerned government agencies working on youth concerns.	

Several youth SRH networks and organisations can be found in Philippines. The UN also supports youth participation and networking through YAP and Y-PEER.

<b>Reproductive Health Advocacy Network – Youth (RHAN Youth)</b>							
<i>Youth-led network, part of SRH NGO network</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Brayant Gonzales Chair. <a href="mailto:gonzales_brayant@yahoo.com.ph">gonzales_brayant@yahoo.com.ph</a>			Unit 305 Diplomat Condominium Bldg., Russel Avenue., cor. Roxas Blvd. Pasay City Philippines 1300			
<b>Established</b>	Formed 2000. RHAN Youth was created as a way for youth leaders from the different organisations to meet, collaborate and share their ideas on ASRH.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Secretariat based in Manila.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	RHAN Youth is the Youth Arm of the Reproductive Health Advocacy Network (RHAN). RHAN is a coalition of over 40 NGOs championing reproductive health, reproductive rights and development concerns for the health, well-being and empowerment of the Filipino people. The Youth Arm is composed of Youth Leaders from ten different NGOs working together to support youth in advocating for SRHR, freedom from violence, discrimination and stigma through gender equitable policy and program reforms. Chair of Youth Committee serves for two years. Nominations and elections through Youth assembly.						
<b>Mission</b>	RHAN advances the sexual and reproductive rights of every woman, man and young person, free from violence, discrimination and stigma, through advocacy for gender equitable policy and program reforms, resource mobilisation with key stakeholders and communities.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Resources</b>	Funding comes from its member organisations or the “mother organisations”. They pool a percentage of their resources to support						

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	the secretariat.
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>Activities include: Education and Training, Community Development and Organizing, Counseling and Support. The network mainly focuses on advocacy related to SRH/R. It works with Congress, and other stakeholders. The network can provide technical support to congress and other organisations on youth issues. However membership is limited to affiliated organisations and existing representation and presence is not nationwide.</p>	

UNFPA YAP Philippines							
<i>UN-convened youth participation mechanism</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Lady Lisondra Chair			<a href="mailto:lisonralady@yahoo.com">lisonralady@yahoo.com</a>			
<b>Established</b>	2007						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Members from different provinces in the three main regions of the Philippines – Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	<p>20 members aged 15 – 24.</p> <p>YAP comprises three different committees – Programme, Policy, and Information, Media and Networking. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Panel. It is composed of the Chairperson, Secretary General and the Chairpersons of the three different committees.</p>						
<b>Goal</b>	There will be an overall improvement in the quality of life of Filipino adolescents and youth in terms of reproductive health and rights, gender equality and equity, and STI with special focus on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support.						
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the mechanism of information exchange about best practices and lessons learned that are experienced by the YAP members;</li> <li>Ensure active Youth Advisory Panel involvement in the development of UNFPA's policies, programs and activities across the areas of its mandate that will have greater appreciation and understanding on youth issues; and</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensify YAP networks with other YAPs and youth groups in the national and global arena through constant collaboration and coordination of adolescents and youth concerns.</li> </ul>			
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Member organisations work with youth in- and out-of-school, MSM, SW, PLHIV, indigenous groups.						
<b>Resources</b>	UNFPA						
<b>Achievements</b>							

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in UN programming through inter-agency meetings, planning and evaluation.</li> <li>• Participation in UNFPA programs and activities.</li> <li>• Supporting an ongoing RH advocacy through strategic planning and implementation in partnership with networks, coalitions and other partners.</li> <li>• Provision of technical assistance in youth programming for non-youth-led organisations wanting to develop youth projects.</li> <li>• Provision of technical assistance to other youth organisations on programming.</li> <li>• Creation of internal and external governing mechanisms.</li> <li>• Capacity building of YAP members to support the Panel's sustainability.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of members – The pioneer members will soon end their term. There is a challenge in passing on the knowledge, skills and responsibilities to the incoming members.</li> <li>• Geographic boundaries – The Philippines being an archipelago makes it difficult for all members to physically meet and work together.</li> <li>• Communication barriers – Access to communication technologies varies across different Philippines provinces which hinders regular contact. There is also a limited budget for telecommunications. The UNFPA office provides a venue for teleconferencing but there are often technical problems encountered with this.</li> </ul>
<b>Future Plans</b>
Drafting of an ARH module for Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council)

YPEER Pilpinas							
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<b>Established</b>	Launched officially December 2009						
<b>Coverage area</b>	The scope of operations will be both national and local and will look into national ARH programs as well as assist in strengthening local ARH initiatives in the UNFPA areas and those covered by the member organisations and partners.						
<b>Membership</b>	The new network has 17 members nationally.						
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
Comments							
Successful launch involving media. Recently developed action plan for 2010 in close collaboration with UNFPA YAP.							

Youth AIDS Filipinas Alliance	
An online network of Filipino Youth working on HIV and AIDS in the Philippines and worldwide.	
<b>Contact</b>	Igor Mocorro, founder <a href="mailto:admin@youthaidsfilipinasalliance.org">admin@youthaidsfilipinasalliance.org</a>
<b>Established</b>	March 2008
<b>Coverage area</b>	2 Chapters: one in Central Visayas, and one in Eastern Visayas. Affiliated to universities.
<b>Overview</b>	"Yafa members are committed to STOP AIDS – to end the sufferings and inequities brought by HIV and AIDS stigma and discrimination. We value and support the meaningful participation of

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young Filipinos, including the greater involvement of young persons living with HIV, in all levels of HIV and AIDS interventions (prevention, care, treatment and support) in the Philippines and worldwide.”							
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Comments</b>							
Little documentation regarding possible work with most-at-risk youth. Has a small online group for YAFA Positive Lives (private page: 4 members)							

**Others:**

- Girl Scouts of the Philippines
- Family Planning Organisation of the Philippines
- Philippine NGO Council
- National Youth Commission

## Sri Lanka

% of total population aged 10 – 24 <sup>4</sup>	26%	
Adolescent Fertility Rate <sup>2</sup>	28 per 1,000	
Contraceptive prevalence in married adolescents <sup>31</sup>	65%	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24)	N/A	
Secondary School Enrolment, 2000/2004 <sup>4</sup>	Female: 89%	Male: 84%
Key Ministry/Department responsible for youth affairs	Ministry of Youth Affairs	
Status of the National Youth Policy		
In 1998, there was a Population and Reproductive Health Policy developed that included ASRH issues, however implementation of this policy has been very weak. Currently, there is a draft policy on the health of young persons which has been developed through a consultative process over the last 3 - 4 years.		

One youth led network and a network of youth organisations, has been explored during mapping. There are other organisations and networks as well that have good youth membership and outreach but do not focus on SRH issues.

National Youth Coalition of Sri Lanka (NYCSL)					
<i>Youth Led Network</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	There is no registered office of NYCSL Contact Person: Mr. Milinda Rajapaksha, Convenor, NYCSL <a href="mailto:nycsil@gmail.com">nycsil@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:milinda.rajapaksha@gmail.com">milinda.rajapaksha@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:nycsrilanka@gmail.com">nycsrilanka@gmail.com</a> Mobile No: +94-772543307		Mr. Nooranie Muthaliph Former National Focal Point – GYCA & Youth Programme Coordinator – ICAAP 8 Email: <a href="mailto:n.muthaliph@gmail.com">n.muthaliph@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:nooranie@youthaidscoalition.org">nooranie@youthaidscoalition.org</a> Mobile: +94-773413985		
<b>Established</b>	2007				
<b>Coverage</b>	National				
<b>Mission</b>	To create opportunities for SRH awareness (including HIV & AIDS and Sexuality) and advocacy on SRH rights, stigma and discrimination of PLHIV amongst society in general with a focus on young people.				
<b>Objectives</b>	To bring together agencies to form a common voice in SRH, HIV & AIDS and Sexuality awareness, and advocacy in Sri Lanka.  To develop the capacity of youth volunteers to use innovative awareness and advocacy tools amongst their peers		To create awareness on PLHIV needs  To recruit and train grassroots volunteers as peer educators		
Thematic areas of relevance					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others			
Populations targeted					
Youth, PLHIV, policy makers and other stakeholders					

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<b>Resources</b>
UNAIDS campaign support, Family Planning Association, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS
<b>Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Coordinator of NYCSL, Mr. Milinda Rajapakshe is a youth advocate working closely with UNFPA regionally and nationally and with IPPF regionally. UNFPA CO works closely with the NYCSL providing technical support, and plans to support the coalition in skills development including peer educator training.</li> </ul>

There are other networks that have good youth membership and outreach, and present a high scope of integrating SRH issues in their mandate:

<b>National Youth Services Council (NYSC)</b>					
<i>Government organisation</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	NYSC No 65, High Level Road, Maharagama, Sri Lanka Phone: +94-11-2850986		Fax: +094-11-2850991 Email <a href="mailto:youngnet@slt.lk">youngnet@slt.lk</a> , <a href="mailto:young@slt.lk">young@slt.lk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.nysc.slt.lk">http://www.nysc.slt.lk</a>		
<b>Established</b>	With the establishment of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Employment in 1978, the reorganisation work of the NYSC was commenced.				
<b>Coverage</b>	National				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	<p>NYCL has established youth clubs at village level in Sri Lanka for youth development. Most of the activities of the NYCL are implemented through the youth clubs.</p> <p>The Divisional Federations of Youth Clubs have been formed by bringing together the youth clubs at Divisional Secretarial level with representatives from those divisional federations.</p> <p>The Sri Lanka Federation of Youth Clubs is composed of representatives from Divisional Federations of Youth Clubs and representatives from the District Federation of Youth Clubs.</p>				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Leadership building		
<b>Populations targeted</b>					
Youth					
<b>Resources</b>					
Government funded					
<b>Comments</b>					
It conducts training courses for youth that provide them vocational training opportunities and conducts leadership building initiatives.					

<b>Sarvodaya</b>		
<i>NGO</i>		
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<b>Coverage</b>	Sri Lanka's largest peace organisation with the largest participation of youth focusing on peace building and conflict resolution. It has established over 8,000 units throughout Sri Lanka, enrolling over 86,000 male and female youths aged 15 to 30 years from all ethnic groups.				
<b>Mission</b>	The main objective is to develop youth leadership to help encourage a disciplined society free of violence and suffering.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Peace building and conflict resolution		
<b>Comments</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement is the largest people's organisation in Sri Lanka.</li> <li>UNFPA CO in Sri Lanka is planning a small initiative to mainstream ASRH components within their existing work.</li> </ul>					

YMCA					
<i>NGO</i>					
<b>Contact</b>	143, St. Michael's Road Colombo – 03, Sri Lanka Phone: +94-11-2447331/2451468 Fax: +94-11-2422164		E-mail: <a href="mailto:srilankaymca@eureka.lk">srilankaymca@eureka.lk</a> , <a href="mailto:ymcayouth@eureka.lk">ymcayouth@eureka.lk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.srilanka-ymca.org">www.srilanka-ymca.org</a>		
<b>Coverage</b>	The YMCA Movement is one of the oldest NGO in Sri Lanka and at present there are round 15,000 registered members and over 100,000 well wishers, participants and beneficiaries.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R	
Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation	X	Others	Education, peace and conflict resolution, migration		
<b>Comments</b>					
They are willing to include ARSH issues in their work and UNFPA CO has explored their interest in doing so, however no activity has yet been initiated.					

AIESEC					
<i>International organisation</i>					
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<b>Established</b>	1995				
<b>Coverage</b>	It has provided 7,700 leadership positions to youth and delivered over 470 conferences to the membership of over 35,000 students.				
<b>Structure / Youth Participation</b>	AIESEC is the world's largest student organisation and is the international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential.				
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>					
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	

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Peer education		Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	
Youth participation		Others	Education, CSR, Leadership		
<b>Comments</b>					
<p><b>AIESEC's HIV/AIDS initiative in Sri Lanka, 'LIFE IN RED'</b> focuses on raising awareness and sensitizing university students on HIV/AIDS and related issues. With the support of Standard Chartered Bank, it has conducted several workshops, events under this initiative that impacted more than 1500 university students and youth from higher educational institutes.</p>					

### **List of other key NGOs working on youth issues in Sri Lanka:**

- National Network "Lanka Plus"
- The LGBT group Companions on a Journey
- Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka
- SLAVSC (UNFPA partner)
- Community Development Services
- Beyond Borders
- The Sri Lanka Youth Parliament (was a partner of UNFPA)
- Sama Seveya
- Lanka Mahila Samithi
- Young Asia Television - YATV (private sector)
- Migrant Services Centre
- Salvation Army HIV/AIDS Unit
- Centre for Policy Alternatives

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### Thailand

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	16.1 million 25%
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	46 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence: married women, aged 15 – 24 years <sup>32</sup>	72.3%
HIV prevalence among young male conscripts aged 18–21 years <sup>33</sup>	0.42%
HIV prevalence among young women aged 15 – 24 years attending ANC <sup>34</sup>	0.67%
Secondary school enrolment ratio 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 77%   Female: 77%
<b>Status of National Youth Policy</b>	
The Royal Thai Government developed a ‘Long Term Plan’ on policy and development for young people in 1982. The current national policy and development plan spans the period 2002 - 2011. In addition, the Act on Promotion and Development of Children and Young People was endorsed in 2007.	

There are several organisations and networks working on youth and SRH / HIV in Thailand. This mapping outlines two of particular interest to UNFPA.

UNFPA Thailand Youth Advisory Panel (YAP)							
<i>UN-convened youth participation mechanism</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Vanda Asapahu <a href="mailto:asapahu@unfpa.org">asapahu@unfpa.org</a>						
<b>Established</b>	2008						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	20 young people from different regions ranging from 16-24 years old						
<b>Mission</b>	A mandate in youth meaningful participation and youth-adult partnership in the development of policies, programmes and activities to improve young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights in Thailand.						
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education	X	SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
Comments							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets for Quarterly Camps/Workshops and monthly phone conferences.</li> <li>UNFPA has provided YAP members with capacity building on YSRH, Gender culture, human rights (including RH), facilitation skills, and advocacy.</li> </ul>							
<b>Advisory Sessions</b>							
National Standard of Youth Friendly Services, Progress of ICPD Youth Mandate in Thailand, Utilisation of condoms by young people, Effectiveness of YSRH IEC materials, Lampang Province: Peer Education Programme Review.							
<b>Activities:</b>							
Networking, RH Rights Survey, Study Missions, Participatory Focus Group, 15andCounting Campaign, Conferences and Meetings.							

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<b>Achievements</b>
Advise and advocate the needs of young people in the development of the National Standards of Youth Friendly Services. YAP reviewed the draft standards and provided critical reviews to the Ministry of Public Health. Recommendations that were considered include the need for youth participation in the design of the standards and for more specific and clear standards to avoid misinterpretation.
<b>Challenges</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulties in retention – “drop out” / “age out”</li> <li>• Limitations in financial policies</li> <li>• Tokenism</li> <li>• Youth-adult partnership is a new concept</li> <li>• No guidelines/handbook on YAP</li> </ul>
<b>Future Plans</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit 20 diverse youth representatives for the second generation of YAP Thailand in the 2010-2012 term.</li> <li>• Continue to strengthen the capacity of YAP members.</li> <li>• Understand individual needs and cater specifically to support personal growth.</li> <li>• Have members volunteer to lead working groups rather than take on established positions.</li> <li>• Emphasise importance of documentation.</li> <li>• Use communication technology to stay connected.</li> <li>• Support YAP in their goal/vision to achieve the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Young people in Thailand pay more attention and better understand their sexual and reproductive health and rights</li> <li>○ Kindhearted adults support and provide opportunities for young people to demonstrate their fullest potential, and express their opinions and make decisions on matters that affect their sexual reproductive health and rights.</li> <li>○ Communities to create enabling environments optimal for young people to safely express themselves.</li> <li>○ Schools, public health facilities, and local administrative organisations support and provide sufficient and quality sexual and reproductive health information, services, and counseling to young people, including pregnant teens, out-of-school youth, young sex workers, young migrant workers, and young people living with HIV/AIDS.</li> <li>○ Encourage schools, public health facilities, and NGO programming on young people to adopt and invest in peer-education, a process in which young people can seek friendly advice from their peers, as a method of effective health promotion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Youth Network on HIV/AIDS-Youth Net</b>	
<i>Youth-led network</i>	
<b>Contact</b>	Kittipan Kanjina 089 6352250 <a href="mailto:kanjina@gmail.com">kanjina@gmail.com</a>
<b>Established</b>	In 2004 by 200 youth groups working on HIV and AIDS, and sexual education, from 20 provinces.
<b>Coverage area</b>	There are 5 coordinating centres in different regions of Thailand.
<b>Mission</b>	In partnership with government agencies and NGO colleagues, the network aims to empower youth in Thailand and engage them in policy advocacy on HIV/AIDS Prevention among young people to reduce new HIV infections and provide care for those who are living

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	with HIV/AIDS.						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Resources</b>	Donors include: ThaiHealth Promotion Fund, Thai Red Cross, Global Fund.						
<b>Comments</b>							
The involvement of youth at all levels has brought about lessons learnt and evidence based knowledge to support the development of policies that serve the needs of young people. Their success includes the active movement on peer education in Thailand, and the mobilisation of youth initiated outreach initiatives through a large grant from the Thai Health Promotion Fund.							

### Others

- Y-PEER Thailand
- The Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT)

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Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	N/A
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	59 per 1000
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A
HIV prevalence among young people	N/A
Secondary school enrolment ratio	N/A
Status of National Youth Policy	
The Secretariat of Youth and Sports developed the National Youth Policy in 2007.	

The mapping has not identified any youth networks. Existing organisations focus mainly on STI/HIV/AIDS issues. Sexual and Reproductive Health programmes are not approached holistically, and other SRH issues are not addressed.

Fundasaun Timor Hari'i (FTH)							
<i>Local NGO</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Aguia Belo Ximenes <a href="mailto:timorharii@yahoo.com">timorharii@yahoo.com</a>						
<b>Origins</b>	Became local NGO in 2000.						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Dili						
<b>Objectives</b>	To participate in East Timor's national development process by carrying out social activities and promoting awareness and knowledge of healthy behavior, with an emphasis on awareness and prevention of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS and STI.						
Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation		Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Most-at-risk populations						
<b>Resources</b>	UNFPA implementing partner for the Global Fund project in 2008 - 2009						
Comments							
In 2007, supported Timor Leste's first ever nationwide campaign on HIV/AIDS, training youth peer educators and volunteers to spread information. Youth resource centre and radio program called Radio Anonymous funded by UNICEF. The project closed when the grant ended.							

Marie Stopes International Timor Leste		
<i>International organisation</i>		
<b>Contact</b>	Melinda Mousaco Country Director + 670 33 22 923 <a href="mailto:msi_timorleste@yahoo.com">msi_timorleste@yahoo.com</a>	Corner Av. Bairo Pite (JI. Heli Port) and Av. Fatumeta (opp. SD Maloa) Bairo Pite Dili Timor Leste
<b>Established</b>	2006	
<b>Coverage area</b>	Outreach in 4 districts: Dili, Baucau, Bobonaro and Emera.	

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Thematic areas of relevance							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services	X	Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation		Others	X
<b>Others</b>	Family planning; health screening; male circumcision; maternal health; post abortion care; primary health care						
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Women, refugees/IDPs; young people						
<b>Resources</b>	AusAID; The American Foundation; European Community						
Comments							
<p>Partners include: The Ministry of Health; District Health Services; Alola Foundation; United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Health Alliance International (HAI) and Timor Leste Asistencia Integrada Saúde (TAIS).</p> <p>A project working directly with young people, providing trainings and information on STI/HIV/AIDS. Sustainability is an issue for this project; it wishes to expand to other districts. Also wants to provide information with a broader perspective of SRH.</p> <p>In 2008-09 MSITL partnered with Plan Timor Leste to implement a pilot adolescent reproductive health project for IDP's in Dili and their host communities. In 2010, MSITL is seeking additional support to integrate a specific youth component into our outreach program, including developing youth friendly SRH facilities.</p>							

### Others

The Ministry of Health convenes an Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Working Group, and the Ministry of Education a School Health Working Group. These coordinate relevant work of government, multilateral agencies and NGOs.

### National Youth Council

The Council with its district and sub-districts coordinators can play an important role in helping the implementation of the national youth policy strategies. They could be considered for training and financial assistance support to carry out a partnership role in implementing inter-sectoral Government programs and in the use of the National Youth Fund to finance young people's initiatives.

- Children's Christian Fund
- Oxfam
- Cruz Vermelha Timor Leste
- Sharis Haburas Comunidade
- Pastoral Youth Groups in Dili, Viqueque, Baucau

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### Vietnam

Numbers of young people aged 10 – 24 years % of total population <sup>4</sup>	26.6 million 31%	
Adolescent fertility rate <sup>2</sup>	35 per 1000	
Contraceptive prevalence in under 25s	N/A	
HIV prevalence among young people (aged 15–24) <sup>13</sup>	Male: 0.6%	Female: 0.3%
Secondary school enrolment ratio, 2000–2004 <sup>4</sup>	Male: 75%	Female: 70%
Status of National Youth Policy		
There are multiple legal documents relating to youth issues at national level, including the law on youth and a national action plan focusing on ASRH.		

There are limited youth-led initiatives related to sexual and reproductive health. More organisations were found to be working with youth on HIV. There is a "Reproductive Health Affinity Group" chaired by the MOH, but this is reported to have met only once in 2009.

Hands in Hands						
<i>Youth led organisation</i>						
<b>Contact</b>	Ha Minh Loan <a href="mailto:quynhloan028@gmail.com">quynhloan028@gmail.com</a>		<a href="http://www.tuoiomai.net">www.tuoiomai.net</a>			
<b>Established</b>	Founded in 2003 Formalised following a workshop conducted by CHOICE in 2005: <a href="http://www.choiceforyouth.org/">http://www.choiceforyouth.org/</a>					
<b>Structure</b>	25 voluntary members aged 18 – 28.					
<b>Mission</b>	For the youth to develop their capacity to master the future					
Thematic areas of relevance						
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R	X	Peer education
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Students and youth from 13 – 25 years old					
<b>Resources</b>	Current: Development Media International (DMI). Previous donors include: World Bank, UNDP, Empower (US), MSI, CHOICE					
Comments						
Activities aim to provide young people with relevant life skills in order to make informed decisions on SRHR.						
Achievements						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becoming the first local NGO registered in Vietnam led by youth for youth.</li> <li>• Active relationship for advocacy on RH with CHOICE.</li> </ul>						
Challenges						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remains a small organisation with limited coverage.</li> <li>• Staff turnover results in some instability and management difficulties.</li> </ul>						

dance4life Vietnam	
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="http://www.dance4life.com/">http://www.dance4life.com/</a>

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	<a href="http://www.dance4lifevietnam.org">www.dance4lifevietnam.org</a> <a href="#">facebook *nmvcs vietnam*</a>						
<b>Established</b>	2006						
<b>Coverage area</b>	Hanoi, Danang, HCMC						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS	X	Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	X
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people	X	Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Over 9000 students involved as “agents of change”.						
<b>Resources</b>	MTV Staying Alive Foundation, NCDO, KPA (a Dutch programme financed by the Minister of Development Cooperation).						
<b>Comments</b>							
Works though 'School Tour Teams" who implement HIV/AIDS awareness raising in schools through dance and music. Also created an online forum for people who participated in the workshops to continue to be involved and organised an art competition on speaking out about HIV. 2010: Plans to reach 5,000 new students and most-at-risk youth.							

Youth Union							
<i>Socio-political organisation</i>							
<b>Contact</b>	Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hao, Deputy Director The Northern Centre for Adolescent and Youth			<a href="mailto:nguyenthanhhao1973@gmail.com">nguyenthanhhao1973@gmail.com</a>			
<b>Coverage area</b>	Nationwide						
<b>Structure / Membership</b>	<p>The Youth Union has its networks at 4 levels from Central to commune ones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At national level, the Central Youth Union is responsible for policy advocacy and development of action plans, guidelines, and other legal frameworks for nationwide implementation. Coordinates activities of young people all over the country.</li> <li>In each province, there are provincial, district, and commune level Youth Union. These branches work under substantive direction from the Central YU yet their operation is under compatible people's committee.</li> </ul>						
<b>Thematic areas of relevance</b>							
HIV/AIDS		Sexuality education		SRH/R		Peer education	
Youth friendly SRH services		Most-at-risk young people		Youth participation	X	Others	
<b>Populations targeted</b>	Youth						
<b>Resources</b>	Government						
<b>Achievements</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong advocacy for rights of young people and implementation of concerned policies and intervention in the communities.</li> <li>Large numbers of young members.</li> <li>Members working in other sectors could help ensure youth issues are well addressed in various areas.</li> </ul>							

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### Challenges

- Limited specific knowledge and skills in particular professional areas.
- Uses a propaganda approach rather than interactive and behaviour change approaches.
- Youth participation in policy and program development is limited, especially amongst disadvantage and vulnerable youth groups

### Others

- International youth serving NGOs with SRH / HIV programmes include: Save the Children, Marie Stopes International, Action AID.

## **Annexes:**

### **Annex 1: Research Tools**



Annex 1 - Research  
Tools.doc

### **Annex 2: List of research contacts**



Annex 2 - People  
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