



ANNUAL REPORT



I want to make a **difference**. There are so many people making harsh decisions because **they have no information**.

Country Coordinator 2017-18

A letter for you

Dear friends and supporters,

Being a youth is arguably the most tumultuous experience and journey in one's life. Between the ages of 15 and 30, we are dealing with changed bodies, taking on new responsibilities, establishing ourselves within our family, our group of friends, and our field of interest, and learning about life and everything it has to offer. We are trying new things, buying clothes that don't fit us properly, regretting that SMS we sent to a crush, starting to have sex, and dancing by ourselves when no one is watching.

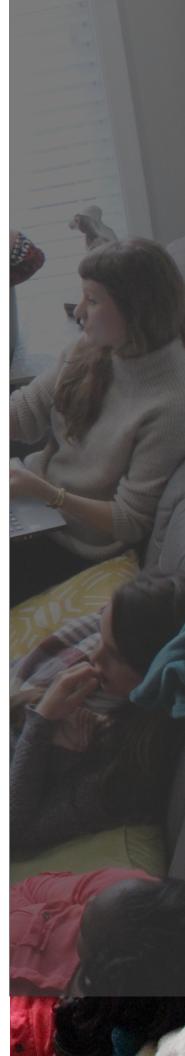
We are exploring. We are discovering. We are **living**.

Though so many of us have the liberty and freedom to navigate these youthful journeys with the healthcare access, resources and information we need, we know that too many of our peers don't. Around the world, millions of youth have to stop school, end their careers, or miss out on opportunities because of unintended pregnancies, menstrual hygiene barriers, STIs, gender-based violence, and relationship challenges. We don't find this acceptable.

Our fellow youth are being cheated of sexual and reproductive health information, a right in and of itself, which prevents them from making informed decisions about their bodies and their lives. This is why IYAFP, our global network of dedicated and passionate youth, is working diligently to change this. With our most recent **501c3 recognition**, our **new Executive Team** members, the graduation of our most recent **Country Coordinator cohort**, and securing a **major youth research** project grant, 2017 was a big year for us. We continue to contribute to the family planning field by setting the bar higher for youth leadership and engagement. With our achievements this past year, we have the foundation necessary to make a big splash in 2018.

We're excited to share the year's highlights as we continue to strengthen our young organization and grow our network with your help and support.

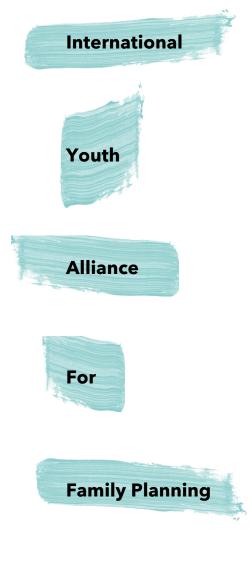
Sincerely, The IYAFP Executive team





Who we are

We are I-Y-A-F-P (gosh, so many acronyms in this field). Just call us IY.



We are on almost every continent around the world. We connect the local to the global and are truly international and we do not let borders separate us in our shared dream of full access and rights for youth.

We walk the talk and make sure that IYAFP global and country leadership and members are all between **15-30 years of age**. Nobody knows what us youth want and need better than we do.

We are a community, a chosen family, united by a shared vision and fighting side by side for our agency, our voice, and our rights.

For- not against. ;)

...in case that needed any clarification

We call this FP throughout the rest of this report. There is no limit to our creativity when it comes to advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights. As youth, we are in charge of our future and want to make informed decisions based on choice. We think that making our own sexual and reproductive choices is key for a healthy full life



Our "why"

Real reasons. From real youth.

We must improve universal accessibility of SRH while reducing stigma and discrimination

A simple education can change thousands of lives and bring changes to our community

l am passionate about seeing youths have access to a brighter future because of family planning Too many youths are dying preventable deaths

I wish for a better life for every youth

No one should be denied their SRH rights. Young people hould lead the process.

To help my fellow young people to make informed decisions on sexual and reproductive health issues SRHR issues are still seen as taboo and uncomfortable to address

The fight for agency over our bodies and the principle of 'choice' is not over



OUR MISSION

To empower young people to become global advocates with the skills, knowledge and resources needed to scale up youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health initiatives and services while putting permanent processes in place to ensure continued youth involvement in decision making related to SRHR interventions to ultimately empower girls, youth, and women economically, financially, and socially.



Our Values

The very basis of our organization's creation – through a participatory, inclusive and democratic process – is the way our organization has and will continue to operate. Rather than tokenizing the involvement of youth, our leadership is entirely comprised of youth between 15 and 30 years of age. Our geographic diversity is one our biggest strengths, showing that IYAFP is not only an organization, but a movement.



FULL CHOICE & AGENCY

We believe youth know what they need. We fight for their right to be able to make informed decisions about their bodies and their sexual health.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Youth are the best ambassadors for reaching peers in their own communities. We believe in harnessing the skills and network of youth to create the change that's needed.



WELCOMING EVERYONE

We are an all-inclusive youth organization. Youth from around the world join our network and contribute to youth empowerment.



COLLABORATION

We are not, and should not be, alone in our endeavors. We work with people of all identities and pursue partnerships whenever



ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

We hold ourselves, organizations, and governments accountable for equitable youth engagement and responsible SRHR progress.



SUSTAINABILITY

Working with youth is dynamic. We believe in building systems for governance in organizations that create sustainable youth leadership.



INVESTING IN YOUTH

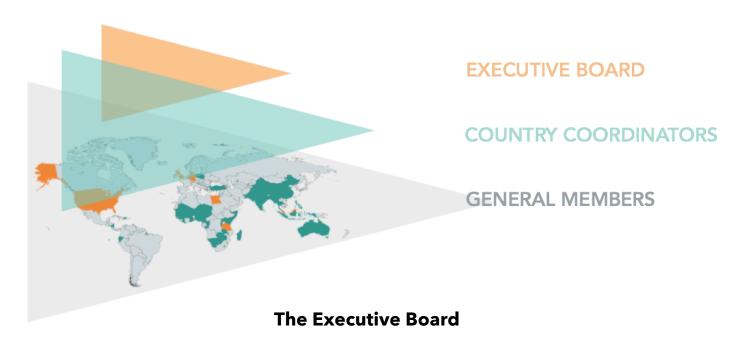
Empowered youth empower other youth. We take the time to support each other and build space for one another's leadership.



Our What

We empower youth worldwide with the knowledge, the skills, and the network to advocate for youth rights to family planning.

How? We have established three levels of leadership, each with youth aged 15-30.



We are 9 youth spanning 6 time zones, all under 30 years of age. 2017 marked the year where we said goodbye to our very first Executive, and one of our co-founders, **Isaiah Owolabi**, due to our age requirement. We planned in advance for this transition and are incredibly proud of the values that we have put in place to ensure that this space is solely for youth, by youth.

We are also thrilled to have brought on 3 new Executive Members to the team! We welcomed **Norhan Bader** from Egypt (Director of Projects), **Marietta Wildt** from Germany (Director of Public Relations), and **Fila Magnus** from Malaysia (Director of Communications). It was an honor to have these young women join us and bring us to new heights. In 2018, we will be saying goodbye to 2 of our Executive members, and activating 4 Executives' transition plans, whilst recruiting for fresh leadership!

Country Coordinators



General Members

Members are interested youth who wish to plug into the family planning advocacy network. By signing up on our website, they get access to their country's Country Coordinator, their country's network, and national and global opportunities for advocacy.

IYAFP provides youth a unique opportunity to join a network of like-minded youth from not only their very own country, but from around the world, while giving them the chance to develop their teamwork, project management, and advocacy skills. Youth get to contribute to activities which make real impact to improve access to high quality SRHR services and information.

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MEET YOUTH!

By joining online, you are connecting with other likeminded youth in your country who are all fighting for the same thing.



FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

It is YOUR RIGHT to have access to information and services related to sexual and reproductive health. Make sure your leaders know that.



ADVOCATE CREATIVELY!

Ever wanted to be a part of a cool, creative project? Now's your chance.



NETWORK FOR LIFE!

IYAFP is a networking and advocacy platform - meet lifelong colleagues and peers from all over the world.



Fear of missing out? Don't waste another second!

TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT, SIGN UP AT WWW.IYAFP.ORG

2017 Global Footprint

Strong foundation, strong network



59 Country Coordinators



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Youth Reach

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Activity highlights

"IYAFP has opened my eyes to the work of other young people which has motivated me to remain vigilant in my work for the youth of my country."

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Each year, Country Coordinators are eligible for direct funding from IYAFP to run local projects and events. We are proud of our ability to break barriers in family planning to enable young people to unlock their true potential.

Here are the in-country projects that we supported with 1000 USD seed grants in 2017:

BURUNDI

Inter-university club trivia competition l Établissement des clubs IYAFP au niveau des universités et une compétition inter-clubs. Ndayishimiye Gilbert

This project oversaw the formation and establishment of IYAFP clubs in six different universities around Burundi. Upon the creation of clubs, each group of students was trained on IYAFP, sexual education, family planning, and family planning methods. IYAFP conducted a pre-test and a post-test to evaluate knowledge gained. Results showed that students learned significant information from these presentations.

These clubs were then made to compete with one another in a quiz-like competition with questions such as "how do you use a feminine condom?" or "what contraceptive methods are safe for youth to use?" The top three clubs won prizes.



TOTAL REACH:

GHANA

Increasing Youth Participation for Family Planning and SRHR Advocacy (IYP4FP) *Francis Oko Armah*

In this project, IYAFP members in Ghana participated in a capacity-building activity to increase their involvement in the advocacy for youth SRHR and FP in Ghana and beyond. Members were empowered in a series of group activities and sessions that brought out and documented the realities in their communities, to serve as a strong foundation for future advocacy.

Members analyzed issue-related policies and strategies, identified entry points for advocacy, and discussed the relevance of youth SRHR and family planning in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. Coming out of the event, actions are underway to place IYAFP members at the center of programs that advance the advocacy for youth SRHR and FP in Ghana and beyond. The project ended with young people in the Kumasi Municipality in the Ashanti Region of Ghana taking to the streets of the city to demand better adolescent health services, including comprehensive sexuality education.

TOTAL REACH:



KENYA

Mak Lweta (Hold my hand) Tom Oludhe

Tom's project aimed to improve reproductive health among adolescent girls and women in Siaya County, Kenya. He and his team trained 3 nurses and 18 mentors on delivering FP information. They conducted 5 sexuality education sessions inside and outside schools, and hosted a large-scale theatre activity. These activities focused on debunking common community myths and teaching participants about contraceptive use and available services. The local governor attended the event and expressed approval of the initiative.



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LIBERIA

Promoting Reproductive and Family Life Planning for Rural Women and Girls at Risk Kaprie Kanu

This project was aimed at positively contributing to an improved quality of life through the promotion of family planning and SRHR for adolescent girls and at-risk women in rural Bomi. The launching gathered 80 individuals together from 3 townships with an opening ceremony with speeches from key stakeholders of the project communities. The project also consisted of visits to three schools, where menstrual pads were dispersed to schoolgoing girls aged 13-21 to mitigate missed school days.

TOTAL REACH:



MALI

Moi je dis oui à la PR et toi? I say Yes to FP, and you? Edouard Keita

IYAFP Mali organized two debates about the benefits of family planning services followed by 5 educational workshops, 5 radio shows about SRHR, and 1 advocacy meeting with Muslim leaders. The majority of these sessions took place in Bamako, a rural Malian village where access to information and SRHR services is difficult. In partnership with IPPF, IYAFP-Mali was able to distribute contraception via the mobile clinic to over 60 individuals. The attendees greatly appreciated the initiative and asked for a follow-up training and more access to contraception.

At the end of this project, the mayor said to our Country Coordinator, 'Edouard, why don't you guys come more often to run these kinds of activities? I highly recommend it'



TOTAL REACH: 470

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NIGERIA

Youth video on SRH challenges Chibuike Alagboso

Working with 5 established partners, including the BBC, Chibuike interviewed 12 diverse youth from the state of Imo, asking them about their challenges being both a youth and a person with disabilities in both rural and urban settings. He video taped each interviewee and worked with a team to create a shareable video.

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TOTAL REACH: 35

Your life, your choice Umair Asif

Umair and his amazing team increased contraceptive use among youth by teaching them about new FP technologies. They gave an advocacy training to 78 youth; activists, bloggers and writers, parliamentarians, religious persons and health activists, who then reached out to over 400 young people. Umair also personally trained 20 FP ambassadors who educated over 2000 of their young peers on family planning services and information.



TOTAL REACH: 3220

RWANDA

Raising Awareness on Rights and Access to Family Planning among Youth (RAFPY) Ingabire Prosper

This project saw our Country Coordinator train 20 youth from the IYAFP chapter to become trainers on sexual and reproductive health concepts. Youth covered public speaking, communication, leadership and SRHR topics. They touched upon anatomy, puberty, the menstrual cycle, and unwanted pregnancies and their prevention, HIV/AIDS, STIs, contraceptive methods and the prevention of child marriage.

The new trainers then implemented sessions to 10 youth clubs and reached over 1000 young people (aged 14-25), relaying everything they were trained. A pre-test and post-test filled out by 190 youth showed an increase of their knowledge of family planning by 75%. IYAFP-Rwanda invited policy makers, school principals, youth club representatives, and media for a closing ceremony and advocated for better SRHR services for youth. Thanks to the famous youth radio station "RADIO SALUS," the *New Times* and our countless partners, these

message were shared all over Rwanda.

TOTAL REACH:



SENEGAL

Mon Choix. My Choice. Ousmane Diouf

This project invited 43 youth aged 14-24 for a training on SRH and comprehensive sexuality education. Not only did the youth learn about FP as a right, they also talked about healthy relationships, consent, sexual violence, and healthy eating and lifestyles. Afterwards, IYAFP-Senegal organized a youth dialogue with a Q&A session about debunking myths. As a result, five women went to a health clinic to seek contraception immediately after the discussion. Finally, the activities in this project were shared at a gathering led by the Ministry of Health about youth leadership and the demographic dividend.



SOMALIA

Youth to Youth approach to improve SRHR information and services Ahmed Mohamed

IYAFP Somalia facilitated a 3-day 'train-the-trainers' session for 25 adolescents from four target regions. They discussed sexual and reproductive rights and learned how to pass on this knowledge to other youth groups.

The second part of this project consisted of community outreach with the newly trained trainers and religious leaders, traditional leaders, representatives from the Ministry of Health, and community members. Overall, 120 participants participated in a one-day session to learn more about how to provide accurate SRHR information and to understand youth rights to SRHR.



THAILAND

Sexuality education for Chiang Mai primary and secondary school students Ploylipin Kasemsuk

This project provided sexuality education for Chiang Mai primary and secondary school students. Ploylipin and her team interviewed grade 7 to 12 teachers about FP and learned that teachers worry about teenage pregnancy since the curricula aren't practical. Teachers welcomed her into schools to teach sexuality education for a day. Ploy also held a feminist café in Chiang Mai to address issues from FP to teenage pregnancies with several participants.

> TOTAL REACH: 135



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TOGO

Capacity Building and Peer Education in Togo (Projet de renforcement des capacité et des actions des pairs éducateurs) Dzahini Kwakutse Elagbe

This project, as the title indicates, focused on capacity building of peer educators in FP and reproductive health.

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In collaboration with countless partners, IYAFP-Togo launched the first evening of contraception with the theme: "New challenges to be faced by youth themselves". Cosponsored by the Ministry of Health, more than 50 people came together: Togo's Minister for Health, youth ambassadors, a civil society network and representatives of the Ouagadougou partnership were all in attendance. IYAFP mobilized different stakeholders and young people to promote FP and promote SDG 3, and create a list of shared goals to hold each other accountable for their commitments.



TOTAL REACH: 50

ZAMBIA

Training and Strategy Session

Natasha Kaoma

IYAFP Zambia came together for a training, strategy and community outreach session. Natasha, a trained medical doctor, trained 20 members from 5 provinces on all things family planning related and advocacy. The team set their strategy and targets for youth advocacy and planned their next projects for the rest of the year. Following the training and strategy session, they held a community activity for 57 adolescent boys and girls at a local Lusaka library. IYAFP members answered questions and responded to concerns related to SRHR, FP and HIV/AIDS and the adolescents were very grateful for the educational opportunity.





In-Country Events and Meetings

IYAFP Country Coordinators can apply for support to run an incountry event and/or a meeting with their members. We are proud to share brief descriptions of the 9 in-country events, as well as the 2 in-country meetings that we have supported below:

Bangladesh IYAFP Members Skill Building Workshop and National Youth Conference on Family Planning working session SM Shaikat Obstetric Fistula Care Centre visit with members: Burundi collaboration with ISDC for KAP analysis among youth Ndayishimiye Gilbert and contraceptive use. Protested on the streets of DRC for CSE; Partnered with DRC ABEF-ND and Youth for Development to promote Bilala Mulandu Brady SRHR among youth. Partnered with KMET, AfyaElimu, and partners in Siaya Kenya County to train Boda Boda drivers to be champions of Tom Oludhe women's rights and SRHR. Partnered with UNFPA to host an IYAFP-Madagascar Madagascar meeting and create a 2-year action plan for the country. Mirado Rakotoharimalala Met with the IYAFP-Namibia team to discuss IYAFP Namibia values, an organizational plan, and finalize partners. Josaphat Tjiho Held an event on a local university campus to provide Nigeria lectures on SRHR, distribute condoms, and recruit for Chibuike Alagboso IYAFP. Brought together young mothers on the International Togo Day of Breastfeeding to teach importance of Dzahini Kwakutse Elagbe breastfeeding and to create posters for hospitals. Provided youth with free HCT, edutainment on contraceptive Uganda use, and free condom demonstrations/distribution with Joan Amanda Banura UYAFPHA, Action Aid Uganda, and Red Cross Uganda.

IYAFP is proud to be a fiscal sponsor for our Country Coordinator in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was awarded a PAI YouAccess grant for 15,000 USD and is able to pursue his project thanks to our newly registered 501(c)3 status.

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One of IYAFP's strategies to pursuing its mission is by supporting youth voices at national and international meetings and conferences. This is where we were this year.



2ND NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ON FAMILY PLANNING Dhaka, Bangladesh

IYAFP-Bangladesh, in partnership with SERAC-Bangladesh, hosted the country's 2nd National Youth Conference on Family Planning on the 11th and 12th of October, 2017. With support from UNFPA, Population and Development, and Right Here Right Now, we are thrilled to have hosted over 200 youth to learn how to advocate for SDGs 2,3,5 as well as the FP2020 goals.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY PLANNING

IYAFP is leading the Youth Sub-Committee and will be overseeing all youth programs and events for this global conference. We are proud of the conference organizers for ensuring that this space is owned and run by young people. See you in Kigali, Rwanda in November 2018!



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This year was a year full of partnerships! We are thankful to all of the above organizations for collaborating with us and supporting us with workshops, webinars, panels, trainings, projects, capacity building, and opportunities for youth. We are pleased to have made a commitment to FP2020 to hold ourselves accountable to our goals for the next 3 years.

We are especially excited about our long-term partnership with Population Reference Bureau and the *Empowering Evidence-Driven Advocacy* project. This 3-year project, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will have us working with youth in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, and Uganda to identify and address policy implementation gaps via grassroots research and advocacy.

Stakeholder Analysis

2017 was a significant year for us regarding transitions. We brought on new Executives, aged out one of our founders, and said goodbye to our beloved Country Coordinators from Cohort 2. In order for us to best prepare for changes and help us create a new strategy, we engaged in a stakeholder analysis which saw us interview 22 individuals ranging from partners, Country Coordinators, funders, and our very own Executives to identify IYAFP's strengths, weaknesses, potential opportunities, and threats.

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the analysis and provided us with prudent feedback and advice for IYAFP.

"IYAFP works with youth across the world to implement programs. That's a big distinguishing factor: you're coordinating youth across the world as opposed to highlighting successful youth." -Funder

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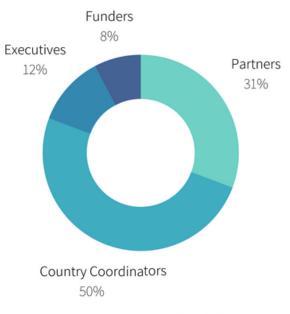
"In my eyes, the thing I liked most about IYAFP when I first encountered it was that I could really contribute to the alliance. The fact that it was a real global youth organization in a field I was interested in really attracted me - I had only participated in conferences before, but I hadn't known about an international alliance like this."

-Country Coordinator

"Weaknesses are not your fault. They're the fault of funders" -Partner

"We have to consider the networks in many of the regions that CCs are in and avoid Africa-centric ways of looking at topics and avoid the narrative of the "developing country". When this happens, other CCs feel like they aren't even on our radar. This isn't entirely IYAFP's fault, it's a problem generally with global family planning work. IYAFP needs to make sure that people from all contexts feel like IYAFP is something that can help them."

-Executive Team member



Interview participant breakdown



Strategic Planning

Building off of our stakeholder analysis, IYAFP is proud to have created a new 3-year strategy to help guide us towards our vision.

With support from the University of North Carolina Phillips Alumni Scholarship, our Executive Burcu Bozkurt was able to have in-person meetings with our youth in South-East Asia. We met with the Country Coordinators from Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines and discussed IYAFP's strengths and weaknesses from a Country Coordinator perspective. These insights informed our strategy for Cohort 3 and have significantly improved Country Coordinator engagement with IYAFP and their members.



In November we also had 3 of our Executives, Jillian, Marietta, and Otuck, meet in Berlin to work on the new Country Coordinator program, IYAFP's strategy, and fundraising ideas. This 5-day meeting was incredibly fruitful and reminded us that, though having an office in the cloud comes with many benefits, having in-person meetings to brainstorm and collaborate is necessary for organizational sustainability.



Shortcomings & Improvements

In 2017, we celebrated our 4th year of existence and all of the successes we have had thus far. However, we acknowledge that IYAFP has shortcomings which were brought to our attention over the years, and most recently through the stakeholder analysis.

¿Dónde están los jóvenes latinoamericanos?

Our Cohort 2 hardly had any youth from Latin America. Yikes! We established that this was mainly due to a lack of Spanish materials and have taken steps to improve the situation for Cohort 3.

Where are all the women?

Almost 60% of our Country Coordinators in 2017 were men. Though we always select our youth using a doubleblind review process, we noticed that far fewer women apply for these positions than men. By taking note of this, we were able to target Country Coordinator applications to more women for Cohort 3.

LGBTQI projects?

Our projects have mostly focussed on comprehensive sexuality education and gender equality. Though we take pride in letting our youth lead the agenda, we noticed that we have very few projects advocating for LGBTQI rights. We are actively taking steps to be more vocal in this space.



Our finances

Let's be honest. The real reason you're reading this report.

REVENUE Grant Funding	2016 102,516	2017 166,180
Total Revenue		166,180
EXPENDITURES		
Program Services (ex. Project funding, Conference grants, Advocacy events, Consultancies)		134,022
Management & General (ex. Taxes and Licenses, Financial and Communications tools, Indirect Costs)		24,182
Fundraising		6,252
Total Expenditures NET REVENUE		164,456 1,724

All numbers are in USD and rounded to the nearest dollar.

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