

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR
FAMILY PLANNING

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

We are delighted to report back on another year of youth leading their communities to spearhead change in the SRHR agenda.

No matter where in the world, family planning and access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services is relevant and a fundamental right - regardless of context, identity, culture, or economic background.

We want to see a world where every young person has access to the services and information they need to make informed decisions about their life, and the freedom to choose what sexual and reproductive health service is right for them.

Over the course of our existence, IYAFP's global approach, which is centered entirely on young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights, has put us at the forefront of youth-led advocacy that is entirely for youth, by youth.

Being a young person today means being in charge of a myriad of decisions on a daily basis. What career do I want? Should I buy a car or take the bus? Should I go to the party on Friday night? How do I ask this person out on a date? Should I binge watch this television series or go grocery shopping?

No matter how big or small the decision, sexual and reproductive health is a critical factor in being able to follow through with the decisions one chooses to make. Agency over one's body, life, and aspirations is only possible with access to such services. We are incredibly humbled by the global movement we have been able to build off this common mission.





Who We Are

It's been 6 years since the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFFP) was born out of the collective drive, vision and passion from young leaders wanting to see a greater global push towards the realization of our sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

It has grown to become trailblazers in the field.

We are proud to continue being a living, breathing example of meaningful youth engagement. We have leveraged and have continued to embolden youth energy, creativity and expertise to improve advocacy and set a fully youth-led agenda embedded into every process, every decision, and every strategy.

All of our projects are led, directed, and executed by youth, for youth, and we are proud of the structures we have created to give space for young people to expand and showcase their leadership and innovativeness.

The time for change is now, and who better to lead the agenda for a world we want to see, than by having young people take the lead!

WHAT WE DO

The basis of our work lies in the fundamental human right of all youth to access their SRHR, and we do this by ensuring that the true face of IYAFP's leadership comes from the bottom up.

The embodiment of our meaningful youth engagement is fueled by ensuring that our network of young people are equipped with the knowledge, skills, training and opportunities that allows for them to lead and be at the forefront of working towards our collective vision of providing universal access to high-quality family planning & sexual and reproductive health and rights services and information for all youth, girls, and women, no matter where they are from.

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OUR VISION

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OUR VALUES



FULL CHOICE & AGENCY

We believe youth know what they need best. 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 work with people of all identities and pursue partnerships whenever possible.



ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

We hold ourselves as well as other organizations, coalitions, 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, build, and invest in each other's leadership.

TRANSITIONS

This March we were also saying goodbye to one of our co-founders and Executives, **Ramya Jawahar**. We will remember Ramya for her incredible ideas, and her passion for youth engagement in policy and advocacy and are thrilled to still have her on board through IYAFP's flagship project, EEDA.

In May we said goodbye to superstar **Otuck William**, who left a mark on IYAFP having been one of the organization's original co-founders. Otuck played an integral role in helping to build IYAFP and its vast network to what it is today.

In August we bid a fond farewell to **Norhan Salama**. From the inception of IYAFP, Norhan has been avidly dedicated to organizing and managing our organization's events, activities and projects. Her vast knowledge and experience in the field of SRHR were evident in Norhan's commitment to our mission and values.

October marked our goodbye to **Siobhonn Job**. Siobhonn joined IYAFP with leadership, aptitude and a keen commitment to enhancing IYAFP's fundraising and sustainability plan.

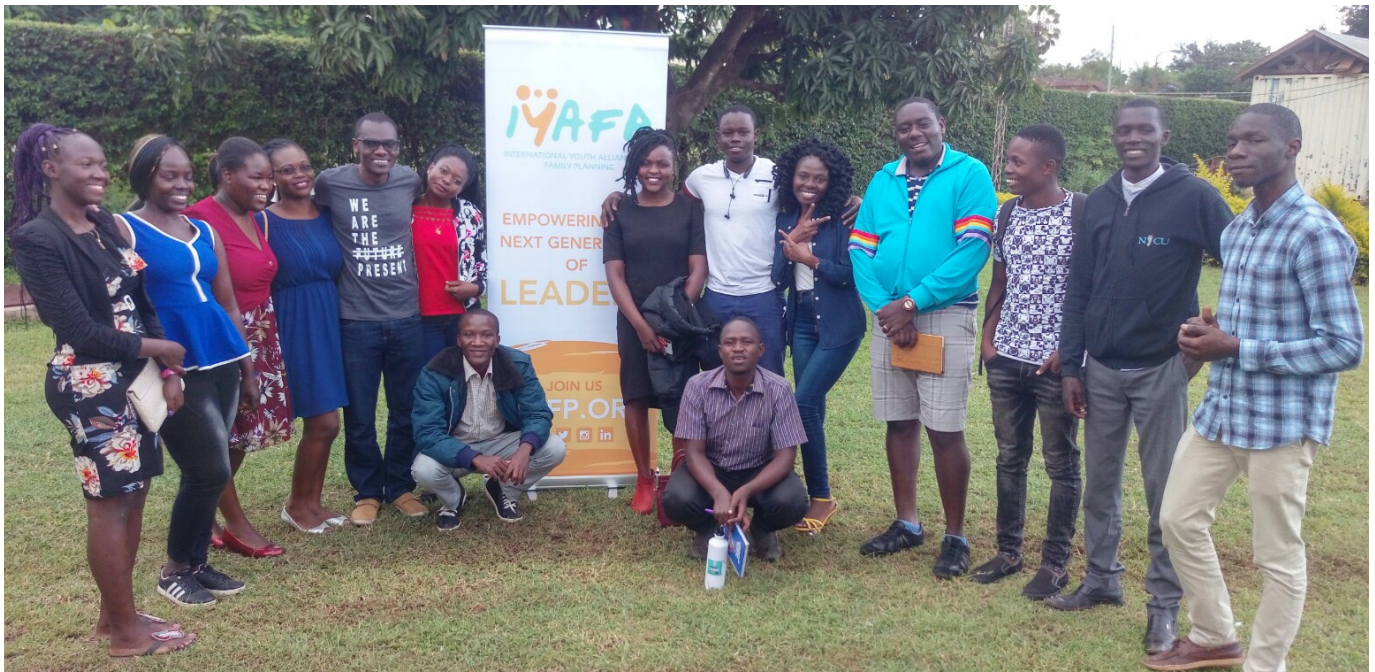
Some good news though! For every goodbye we had to say this year, we were able to say hello! In mid-2018 we brought four new executive team members on board with in the following capacities:

Shanen Ganapathee, Director of Country Coordinators | Mauritius

Victoria Watson, Executive Director | Canada

Lara Estephan, Director of Public Relations | Canada

Cara Sandels, Director of Operations | USA



Our Country Coordinators

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TOTAL NO. OF PROJECTS

08

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1,340

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MALAWI



Enhancing inclusion of young people with Disabilities and to access comprehensive SRHR information, knowledge and commodities

The Country Coordinator of Malawi, Elina Mwasinga led a sensitization and awareness meeting in Chiphepo Village in collaboration with the National Inclusive Initiative and Development for All (NIIDA) to call on inclusion of young people with disabilities in obtaining their SRHR.

The event was attended by members of the community, and was televised on the national media that reached an even greater general population of Malawi.

MEXICO



Youth Counselling on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Program

The Country Coordinator of Mexico, Ruben Avila Reyna from initiated an IYAFP funded youth program aimed at counselling young people on topics of SRHR, as well as techniques for accessing and distributing accurate information.

These young leaders attended a variety of sessions that offered theoretical information on SRHR and engaged in activities that enabled them to put their knowledge to practice.

RWANDA



Youth sexual education through comics (YSEC)

Victor Pacifique recently spearheaded a project aimed at maximizing youth involvement through innovative and youth relevant CSE, specifically in regard to the reduction of teenage pregnancy.

The project was carried out through 6 activities, and the outcomes were published in the form of a youth-friendly comic book!

The comic book development process actively involved 600 youth, 50 mothers, 300 participants on pretesting sites, as well a social media outreach to over 600 people.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Promoting family planning and sexual rights for adolescents and youth



During his tenure, Mikhael Ornael Djembo carried out a project to sensitize young people and teens on family planning (FP) methods and clandestine abortions.

Activities of the project included a training session on CSE for youth where topics of unwanted/teenage pregnancies, SRHR for women and girls, youth sexuality and puberty, and the issue of orientation and gender identity were discussed openly.



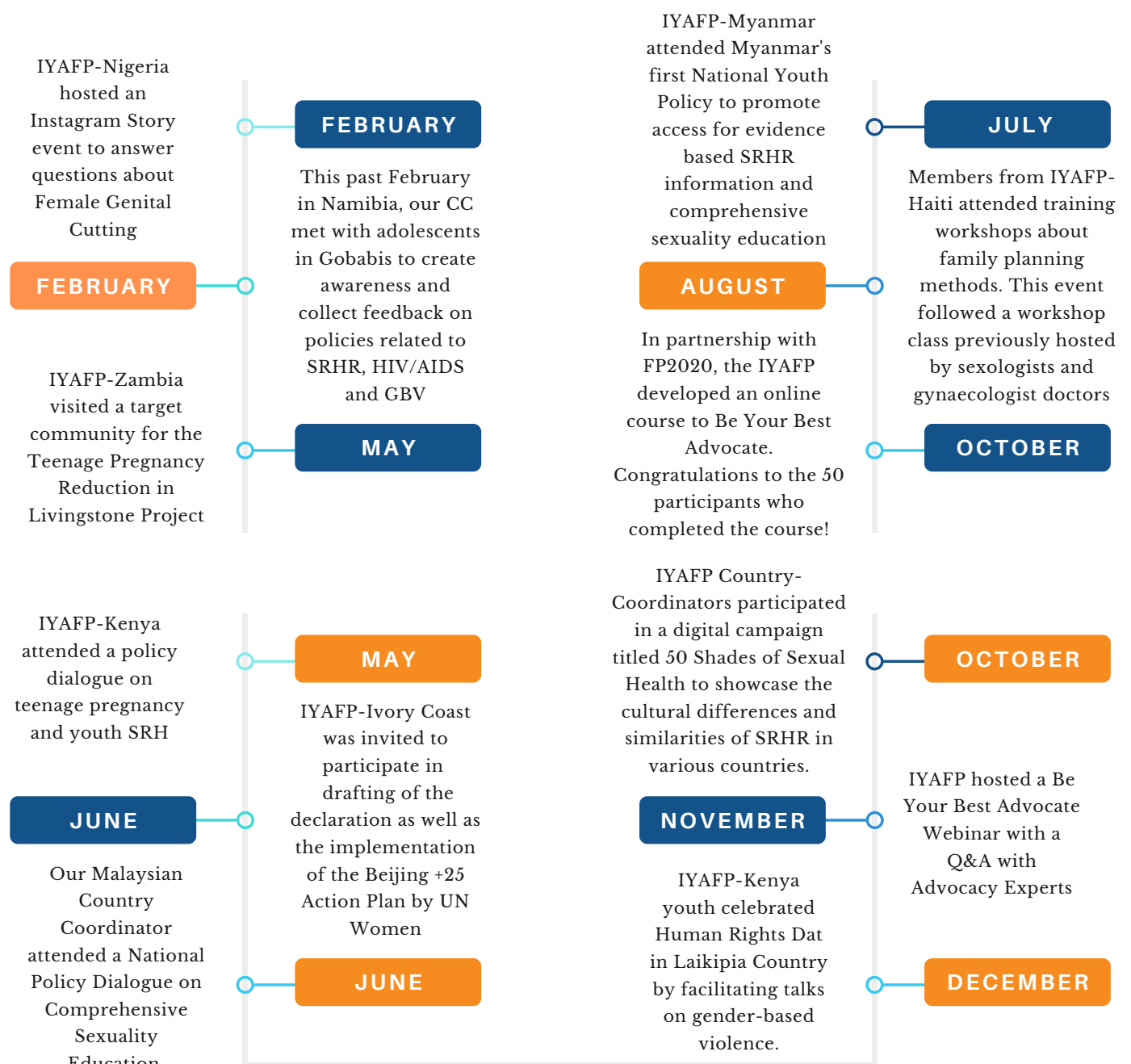
The first session focused solely on contraceptive methods, whereas the second concentrated more on the importance of contraception for teens and young people. 800 youth were reached and a total of 36 young people were officially trained in proper peer education.



“Just like any other youth, I also have sexual feelings, just because I do not have legs, doesn't mean my organs are dead. Why are we treated like SRHR is not meant for us? There are many challenges in SRHR for the normal youth but it is even worse for us, to fully achieve SRHR. Do not leave us behind.”

Country Coordinator Activities

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Country Coordinator Transition



The International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFA), a for youth - by youth movement of advocates in over 80 countries around the world, changed-over over its in-country leadership when its two-year Country Coordinator tenure came to an end in February 2019. Our organization believes in the constant renewal of its youth, which opens the way for the younger generation to lead. Transition is a constant for us!

Director of Country Coordinators, Shanen Ganapathee said “I joined IYAFA because I truly believe in what Margaret Mead famously said: ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.’ Every single day of working with CCs has reinforced this belief in me. When I hear about the amazing work our youth have led in their home countries, it gives me great hope that slowly but surely, the field of SRHR is advancing.”

IYAFA’s goal is to provide universal access to high-quality family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights services and information for all youth, girls, and women, no matter where they are from. This dedicated alliance of Country Coordinators is what made this goal possible. Throughout their tenure, these leaders strategized around the policies, campaigns and programs needed to disrupt the status quo in SRHR by executing various advocacy efforts through IYAFA’s seed funding opportunities that stimulated activities at the local level amongst other opportunities.

Conferences and Meetings

Throughout 2019, our remarkable cohort of 82 Country Coordinators from around the world, have worked to lead a multitude of campaigns and activities, both offline.



During the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, we convened over 20 young leaders across IYAFP's network as well as the 120 Under 40 and engaged them in both youth-led events at the Pamoja Zone and in Jhpiego's The Accountability and Advocacy Collaborative. Here, young leaders from across the world contributed strategic priorities to promoting data-driven accountability and advocacy around SRHR commitments.

IYAFP also led a full advocacy training bootcamp so that youth delegates could meaningfully communicate their policy recommendations and priorities while liaising with government officials and decision-makers at ICPD.

2019 European Development Days

Our very own Jillian Gedeon was recently a panelist alongside members of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition at the 2019 European Development Days. She spoke of the diverse barriers young people face to contraceptive access – social, cultural, political, financial – that the community must tackle collectively.

17th IDP

Victoria Watson attended the 17th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development, a convening for civil society and intergovernmental leaders to establish shared priorities and a vision leading into ICPD, with a specific focus on how SRHR fits in UHC. She participated in two priority and best-practice setting conversations, one on the power of law in SRHR and the other on implementing SRHR effectively under UHC.

CSW

Thanks to the support provided by Women Deliver, IYAFP was represented and participated during the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women. During the session, IYAFP continued to advocate for advancing women's fundamental right to access sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the access to safe abortion services. IYAFP participated in meetings with partners of the accountability collective, and continued promoting the meaningful engagement of young people in international processes.

Conferences and Meetings

World Health Assembly

Our Director of Research and Development, Dr. Michalina Drejza was invited by World Health Organization to moderate a side event "Adolescents: the missing population in Universal Health Coverage" at the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

AFP Partner's Meeting

On invitation from FP2020, IYAFP's Director of Communications Fila Magnus and Country Coordinator of Bangladesh, Sadia Rahman was invited to participate in Advance Family Planning's Partner's Meeting, where they moderated and spoke on a youth panel titled: Better Contraception For All - Youth Advocates Tell All.

World Health Assembly

Our Director of Communications, Fila Magnus was invited by the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) as a speaker alongside in-country experts and ministers during their World Health Assembly Side-Event session on SRHR: An Essential Element to Achieving UHC and the 2030 agenda for SDGs

Our Finances

FINANCIAL YEAR 2019

REVENUE

GRANT FUNDING	557,052
DONATIONS	4,299
OTHER REVENUE	31,089
TOTAL REVENUE	592,440

EXPENDITURES

GRANTS & PROJECT-BASED YOUTH CONSULTANCIES	314,560
OTHER EXPENSES, TRAVEL AND ADMIN	125,854
TOTAL REVENUE	440,414



Sex O'Clock News Live

Born out of the passion and love to see the stories and experiences of young people be told, IYAFP had embarked on a journey and launched its own series of shows titled Sex O'Clock News Live!

We hosted our first ever Sex O'Clock News Live session during the week of the Women Deliver Conference in June of 2019, in Vancouver, Canada! Attended by locals and conference attendees alike, the Sex O'Clock News Live event was a great success!

We had a full house, Poutine, Canadian maple candy and 11 incredible youth who shared various monologues related to sex, love, body positivity, menstrual health, and more!

From the success of the event at the Women Deliver conference, IYAFP had hosted another round of Sex O'Clock News Live at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD+25 in November 2019 at the UNFPA Community Zone Stage!





IYAFA PARTNER PROJECTS

This year IYAFA has continued its strong relationship with key partners and has built new ties with additional partners to continue its vision-driven work as an organization.

Meaningful adolescent and youth engagement has remained a cross-cutting priority in all the projects we have taken on with one of our highlights being the start of our organization's strategy refresh process.

Let's Talk Early and Unintended Pregnancies Campaign



On a project funded by UNESCO, IYAFP had worked in partnership with PCI Media in the development and subsequent launch of the “Let’s Talk Early and Unintended Pregnancies Campaign” in Eastern and Southern Africa.

In ensuring that the campaign materials spoke to its target audience, IYAFP conducted field testings that provided young people from the region with an opportunity to inform key content.

The project kicked off with an online review process that gave space to over 50 youth from 12 different countries to share their thoughts and suggestions. This was further expanded into Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) in 5 countries within Eastern and Southern Africa.

The country chapters involved were Rwanda, Zambia, Kenya, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo, with over 100 youth in participation in the process!

The project had culminated with a session conducted on Navigating Youth Involvement to Ensure Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement, by IYAFP at the official launching of the campaign in Johannesburg, South Africa on 31st July 2019.

Advancing Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement

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MEANINGFUL ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



As a follow-up to the launch of the Global Consensus Statement on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement (MAYE), IYAFP in partnership with Family Planning 2020 and the Partnership on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) developed a Concept Note for the implementation of an accountability process for the Statement.

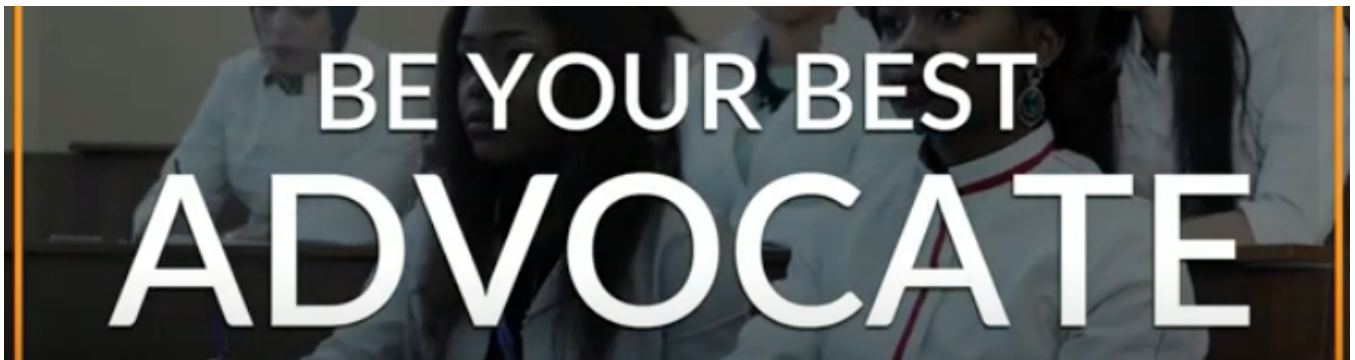
Signatories of the Global Consensus Statement on MAYE agreed to implement and report on the progress made, and the Concept Note outlined a potential structure and process to be followed.

In this line, an online conversation with signatories was convened to gather inputs and feedback on the proposed process and structure, and a call for applications for members of the Steering Committee of the Accountability System was published.

The implementation of this accountability system will happen throughout 2020!



Online Mini Course: Be Your Best Advocate



In 2019, in partnership with FP2020, IYAFFP developed the Be Your Best Advocate (BYBA) online mini course based on AFP's Smart Advocacy Guide. The classroom encompassed a three-part video series that was developed by IYAFFP as well as a corresponding course work that tested student's knowledge, encouraging them to apply themselves and practice becoming better advocates.

Over 180 participants actively participated in the course throughout the 3-week duration.

BE YOUR BEST ADVOCATE WEBINAR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST / 2:00 PM - 3:00PM GMT



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Q&A

WITH ADVOCACY EXPERTS

Subsequently, IYAFFP hosted a Question and Answer webinar with a panel of advocacy experts in the field of SRHR for all BYBA students.

Our very own Alan Jarandilla Nunez sat on the webinar panel along with PAI's Senior International Advocacy Associate, Allie Doody, and Mande Limbu, Advocacy and Civil Society Engagement Manager, Global Advocacy, Rights, and Youth with FP2020.

How Youth Networks Can Meaningfully Contribute to Global, National, and Local FP Advocacy



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Empowering Evidence Driven Advocacy

IYAFP's flagship project, Empowering Evidence Driven Advocacy (EEDA), has been successfully combining implementation assessments of youth-friendly family planning service provision and data collection by youth to assess youth-friendly SRHR services.



Empowering Evidence Driven Advocacy

Burkina Faso



Obtained several verbal commitments for accelerated CSE integration from key stakeholders during a high-level, EEDA-organized convening and 10 written commitment letters from organizational partners.

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Kenya

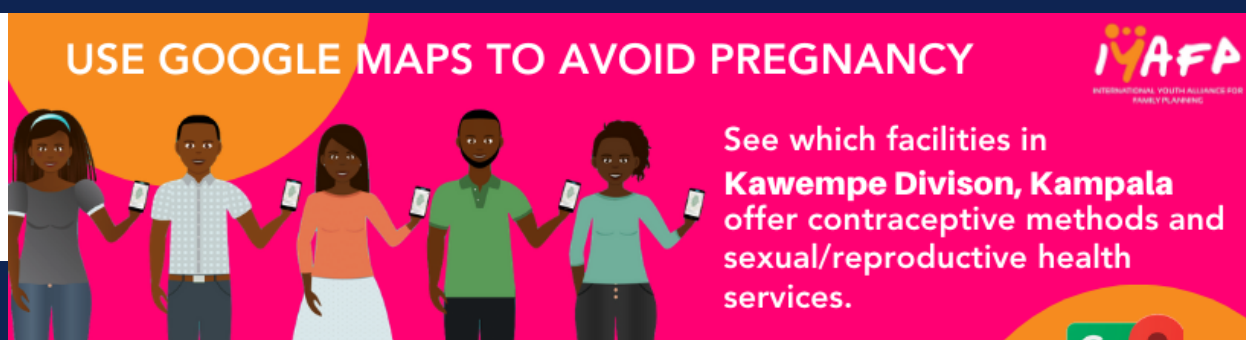


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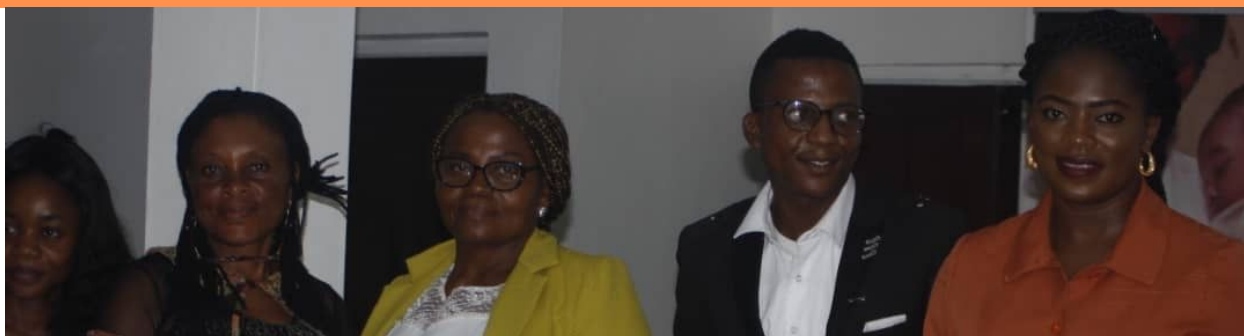
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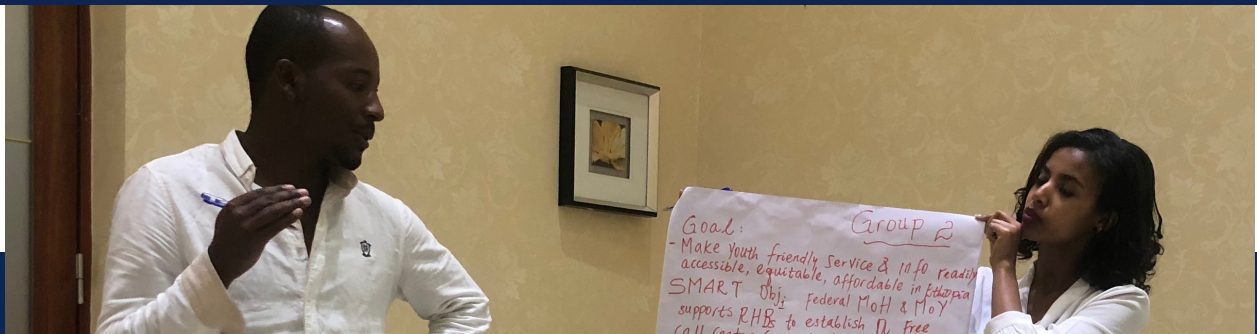


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The Future of IYAFP: 2020 and Beyond

In July 2019, IYAFP started a strategy refresh process and an in-depth organizational analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of its youth network and an impact evaluation of its current model of work.

18 Country Coordinators successfully hosted country-level focus group discussions with IYAFP members to gather youth feedback on a series of questions related to our strategy, organizational positioning, and priorities around improving family planning and sexual and reproductive health for young people. In this process, we facilitated stakeholder analysis interviews with our external partners and internal network to allow for a proper evaluation of IYAFP's work and to collect feedback for the next steps of IYAFP's journey!

2019 marked the start of an intensive, intentional and robust process of developing IYAFP's Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025, a strategy that will mark the direction of IYAFP's operations, activities, and projects to contribute to achieving the full realization of sexual and reproductive health and rights for young people while centering youth. We anticipate launching our new Strategic Plan in 2020!

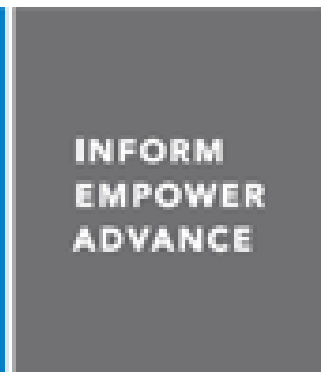
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