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Review of the 2018 work plan: Successes & Challenges Youth Caucus

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RHSC Youth Caucus

2017-2018

Formal mechanism

213

individual
members

49

Countries
(37 LMIC)

+120

organizations

+75%

Representation
from the global
south



“Half of the world’s population today—over 3.5 billion people—is under 30”

Barriers

- Lack of access to reproductive health (RH) supplies makes young people especially women & girls vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy.
- More than half of girls aged 15-19 who are sexually active and want to avoid pregnancy are not using modern contraception, the highest level of “unmet need” among any age-group
- It is estimated that 12 million girls aged 15- 19 gave birth, and 3.2 million had an unsafe abortion.
- Stock outs of Rh supplies
- No product development and tailored marketing towards young people’s needs
- Misconceptions and stigmatization about contraceptive methods



2018 WORKPLAN SUCSESSES



YC BRUSSELS WORKPLAN 2018

Overall objective:

The Youth Caucus wants to ensure that young people can make informed choices leading to the effective use of contraceptive methods and high-quality maternal health supplies at affordable prices. (TOR YC_2018)



Availability >




Quality >



Equity >



Choice >



Objective 1: Clarify the interlinkage between youth and supplies, with the specific RHSC supplies lens in mind.





Activity 1.1: Conceptual mapping on intersection between RHSC IMs and Youth

- With the **NURHT Caucus**: Set up two ‘joint workstreams’
- **NURHT and Youth Caucus** members working on the issue of ‘menstrual health products’
- Nakalema is co-chairing as representative of the Youth caucus
- Engagement with **ForoLAC**: call for young ForoLAC members to join the Youth Caucus but language seems to be a barrier.
- Translated **Key Messages into Spanish**- youth advocates in the LAC region.

Opportunity; New co-chairs is for the LAC region (Genesis)



Activity 1.2: Collect data and create central database

- **Lack of data** on young people's needs and wishes when it comes to RHS.
- Research and data has been **shared** through out the year on the YC **listserv**.
- Not centralized in any place.
- A first attempt to do this, has been done in this box folder. This has to be taken forward and add more documents to make it a full data base.
- Next step: When there is a good number of documents it should be made available on the Youth Caucus website.
- Youth Caucus tab on the RHSC website.



Activity 1.3: identify resources/checklist for RHSC members to point out how youth issues can be integrated in the work they do

- Why? How more senior people in the RHSC could **integrate youth issues** more into their work.
- New checklist or not?
- **FP2020** has developed a youth checklist based on a very wide consultation. This checklist can be useful while working on RHS.
- **CHOICE** also has a checklist about meaningful youth participation and engaging with young people.
- Next steps: Set up of a communication campaign on this towards the other RHSC members should be set up.



Objective 2:
Make Youth
Caucus
members the
supply chain
managers of
tomorrow



Activity 2.1: Explore possibilities for scholarships for Supply Management studies

- % of YC member Global South-> Capacity Building.
- During World Contraception Day (11th of July 2018) RHSC organized a supply chain game and the three top players could win an **online supplies managers course**.
- The coalition can use its membership to try and find scholarships for supply chain management for the Youth caucus members. This could be done through donations from our academic institutions or private sector companies.




Activity 2.2: Webinar

- A webinar around: “building capacity with a fun, engaging supply chain management digital game” the JSI Innovation Fund game around contraceptives.

Activity 2.3: Set up national and international networking opportunities between Youth caucus members and other RHSC members

- The RH Supplies Fellows Scheme that was organized at the RHSC GMM in Brussels was very positive by the participants.
- Youth Caucus welcomes this years again a # of RHS FS.
- Mentorship 1-1



Objective 3: Strong youth RH supplies policies and funding streams (Advocacy)





Activity 3.1: Organize a workshop on how to use the key messages advocacy tool

- ICFP Youth pre-conference break out session around the Youth Caucus key messages and the advocacy tool.
- Also in country SERAC Bangladesh organize a similar workshop at the National Youth FP Conference in Bangladesh.

Activity 3.2: Global and in-country advocacy based on the Youth Caucus key messages document

- Members have used the tool in different occasions nationally but also internationally. (Adhoc)
- Opportunity: a concrete implementation plan linked to a social media campaign.

Objective 4: Find innovative solutions to bring supplies into the hands of young people





Activity 4.1: Send in Youth Caucus proposal for the Innovation Fund

With the Youth Caucus we submitted two proposals:

- **#12 Proposal**
 1. **WASH United: #DropTheTax** - tackling unfair taxes on menstrual supplies to improve access for young women and girls globally
 2. **CHOICE: ReproSup CoLab**: bringing young people and supplies together towards a youth-friendly RH supply chain

In addition linking youth to other mechanisms;

- **PATH & Simavi** Proposal in NURTH on MH products for young women and girls in Kenya. Product testing linked to advocating on what it is that women and girls want.

Opportunity: It is important to follow the project (1) closely when implemented and make a clear link with the Youth Caucus: have them present progress on the Youth caucus calls on a regular basis, organize webinars related to it and include activities in the Youth Caucus workplan that can help advance the outcomes of the IF projects.



Challenges

Challenges/Opportunities: Building forward on what we already have

- ① Further build on intersection between RHSC IMs and youth (^^# IF proposals, linking RHS and Youth)
- ① Keep working on the linkages and with the **different IMs**. How can we best complement one another? Linking with **MDA**: potential collaboration around private sector & exploring the youth market. **NURTH**; Safe abortion work stream and the MH work stream; **A&A** what is it that young people want?
- ① More engagement with youth from the LAC region->(language)
- ① Keeping young people engaged to keep participating in the Youth Caucus and feel committed to take this agenda forward.



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