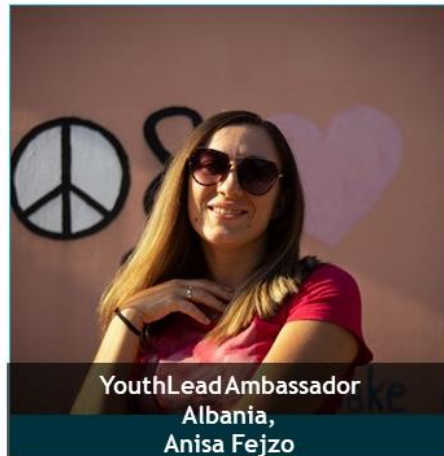


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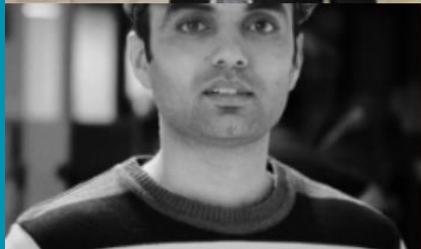
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YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation

Builds on the YouthPower Learning Legacy

Goal: Give practitioners the information, tools, and resources they need to develop high-quality, impactful, and sustainable programs that incorporate Positive Youth Development (PYD) through a four-pronged approach.

- Research
- Learning Network
- Digital Platforms and Champions
- Rapid Response Technical Support

What is PYD?

PYD programs recognize youth's inherent rights and result in youth who have assets, the ability to leverage those assets (agency), and the ability to contribute to positive change for themselves and their communities, surrounded by an enabling environment that supports them

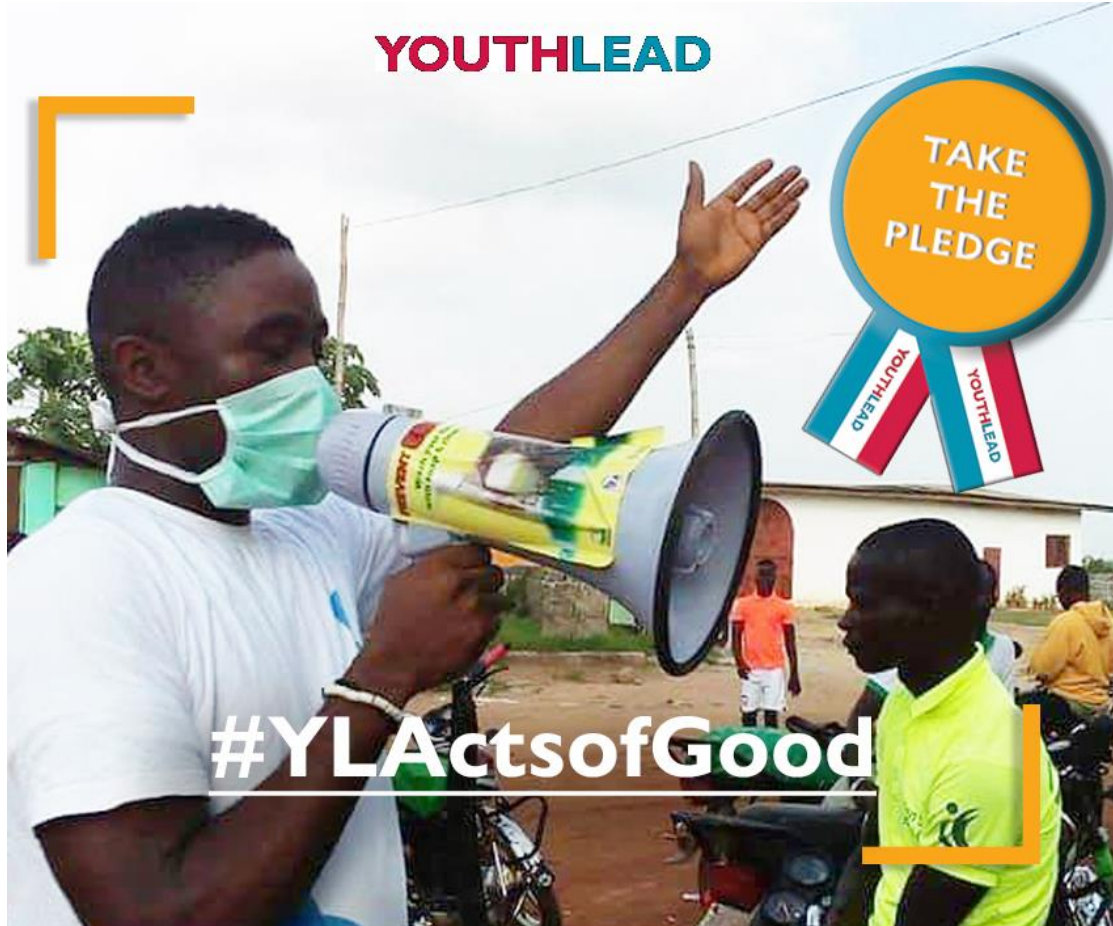
<http://www.youthpower.org/positive-youth-development>

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The global hub for young changemakers to maximize their impact through networking, mentoring, and accessing information.

YOUTH-LED ACTS OF GOOD



Calling all Young Leaders!

- Young people have the passion, ideas, dedication, and motivation to help, the power to mobilize quickly especially in times of crisis.
- If you are a young leader (between 18-35) take the pledge to lead acts of good in your community
- Tell us about what you and your friends are doing using #YLActsofGood!
- Spread the word

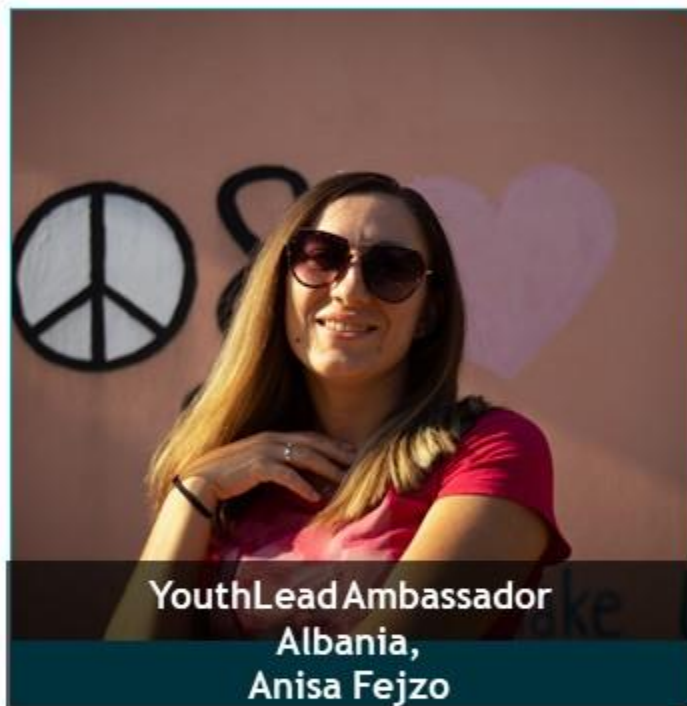


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- Voluntary Family Planning and Reproductive Health (**VFPRHC**) in relation to COVID-19, Youth Spaces, Health, Education, and Community development.
- Recommendations and resources

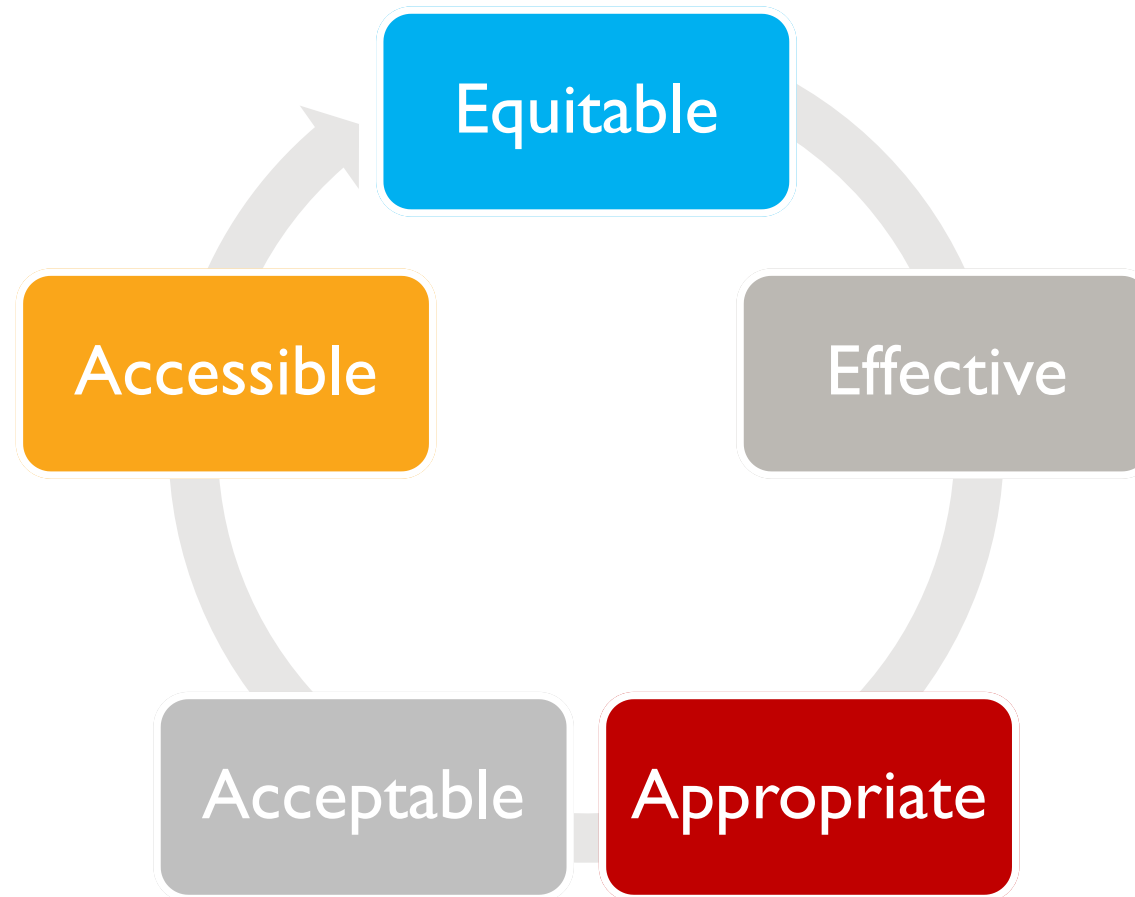
*Sexual Reproductive Health Services/Care will be referred to as **Voluntary Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care (VFPRHC)** in this webinar*

WHERE ARE WE?

About 16 million girls aged 15 to 19, and one million girls aged 10 to 14 give birth each year.

Twenty-three million adolescents aged 15–19 years have an unmet need for modern contraception and are at risk of unintended pregnancy (WHO)

Dimensions of Youth-Friendly Care in VFPRHC



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Social and Gender Norms

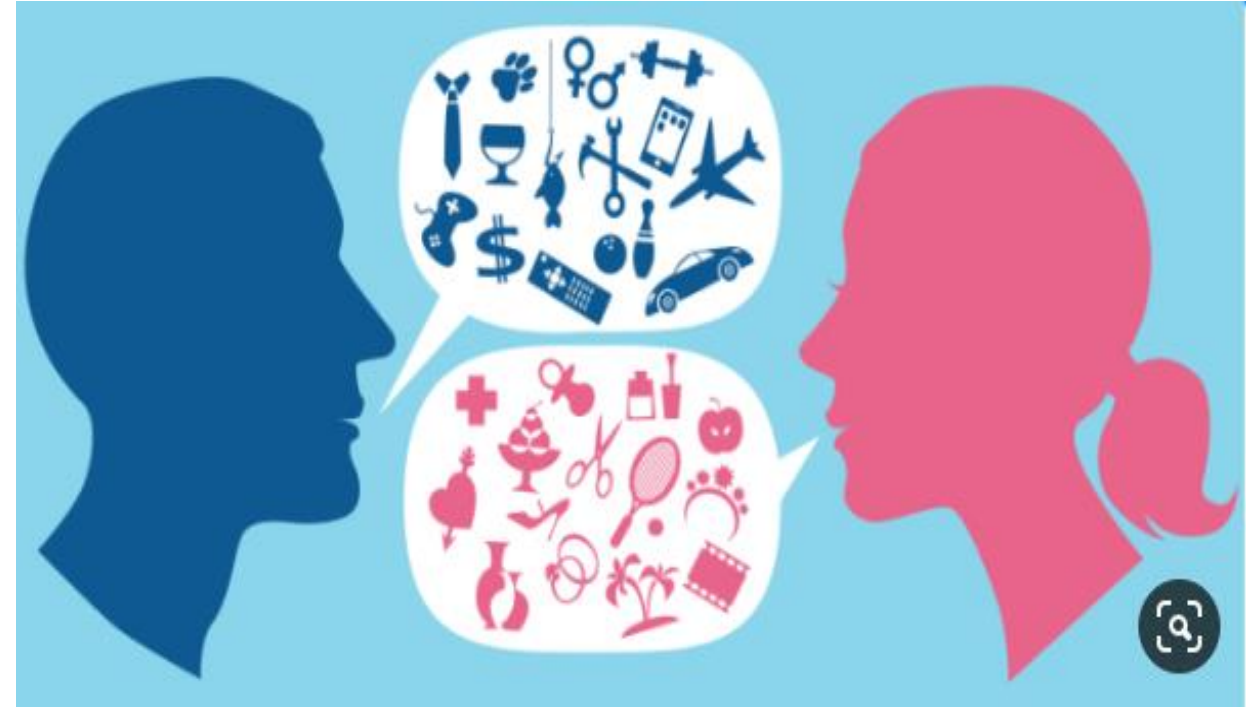
Sexuality is a taboo

Patriarchal societies

Stigma

Religion and traditional beliefs

Increasing access to communication can
lead to changes in gender norms



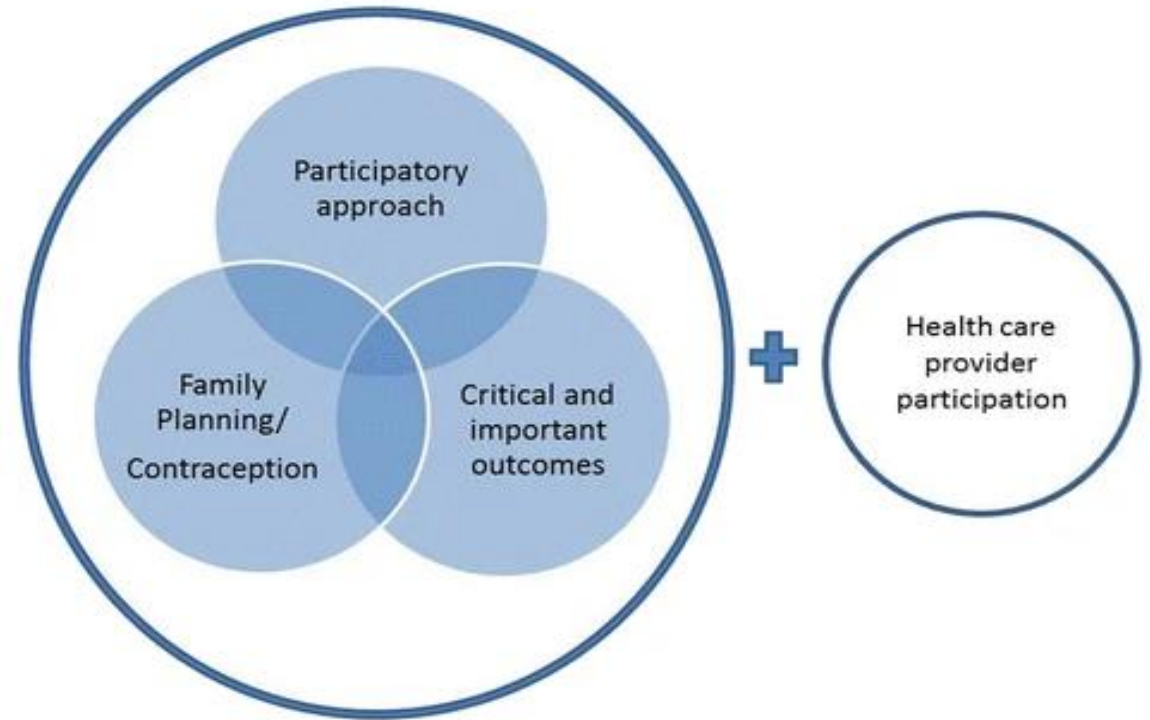
Challenges Youth face in accessing VFPRHC?

Skilled Reproductive Health Personnel

Providers competencies (communication, respectful manner) Youth privacy and confidentiality

Counseling training

Providers and staff behavior (*Not friendly*)



Health Facility Programming Characteristics

- ☐ Convenient location
- ☐ Adequate space
- ☐ Comfortable surroundings
- ☐ Youth involvement in policies implementation
- ☐ Affordable fees
- ☐ Providing free training/online training
- ☐ Safe space for youth (both, females and males)
- ☐ Parents' engagement , not passive but active first care givers

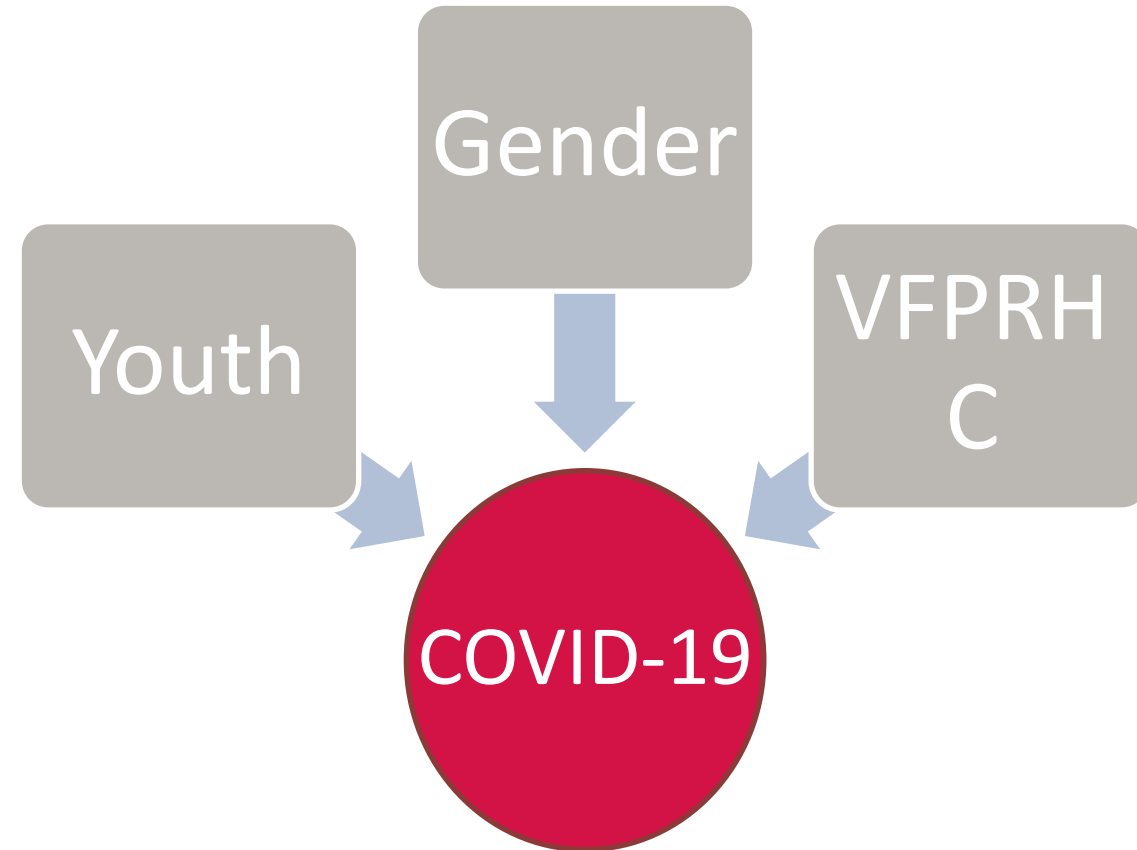
Access to VFPRHC care in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Positive Responses Benefits

Limited access to VFPRHC care by young people due to countries lockdown

Shortages of VFPRHC care supplies due to quarantine

Some health centers have been closed or provide minimum care

Increased risks of mental health

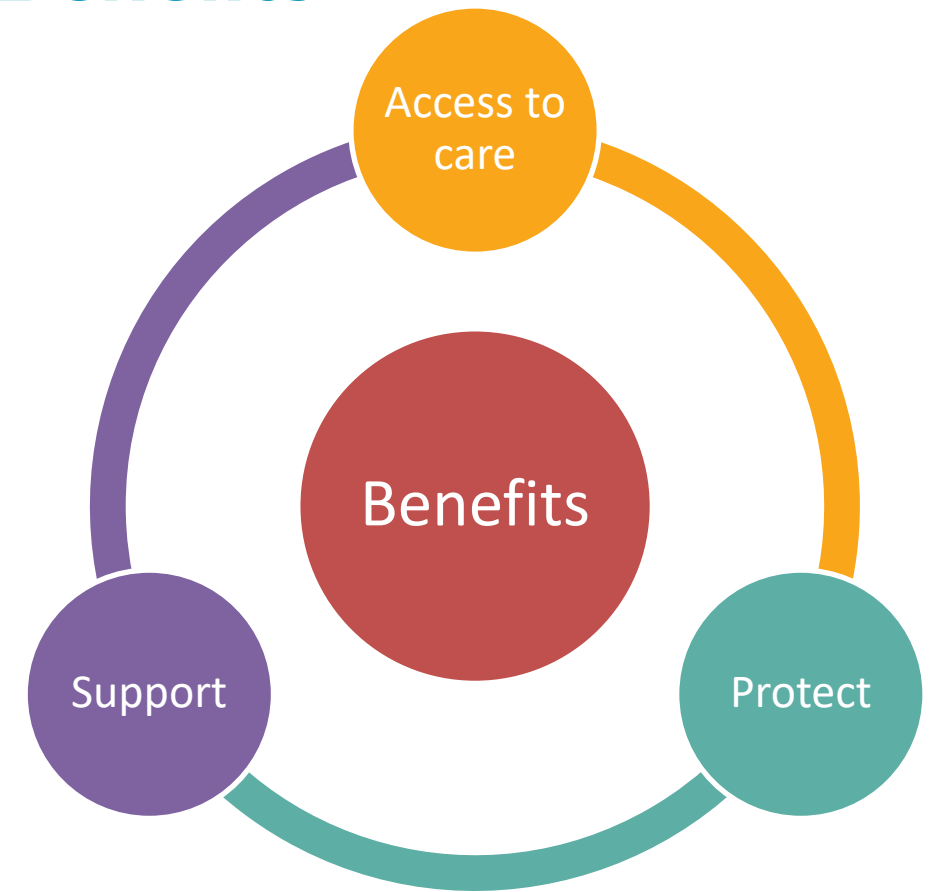


Access to VFPRHC care in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Positive Responses Benefits

Support prevention of harmful practices

Ensure equitable access to provide care for all groups

Protect patients' privacy and confidentiality



Impact of VFPRHC on Youth health

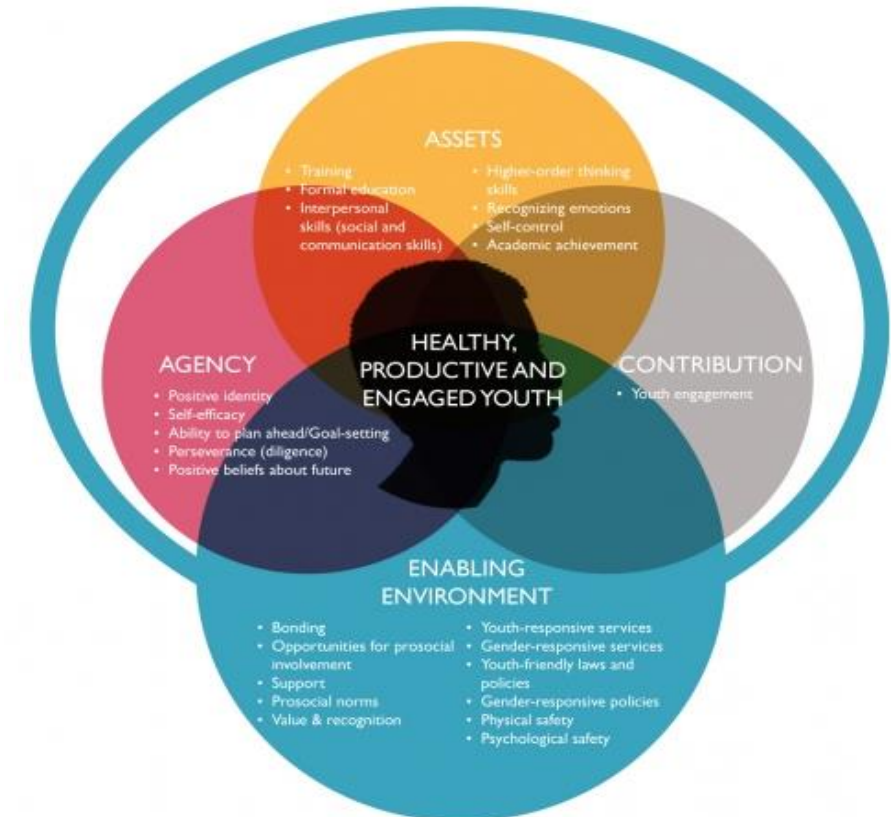
- Reduce sexually transmitted infections / HIV
- Reduce Using violence to resolve conflicts
- Having multiple sexual partners
- Unwanted pregnancies
- Promote Gender Equality
- Reduce increased risk of morbidity and
- Maternal mortality



How can VFPRHC impact PYD (Positive Youth Development)?

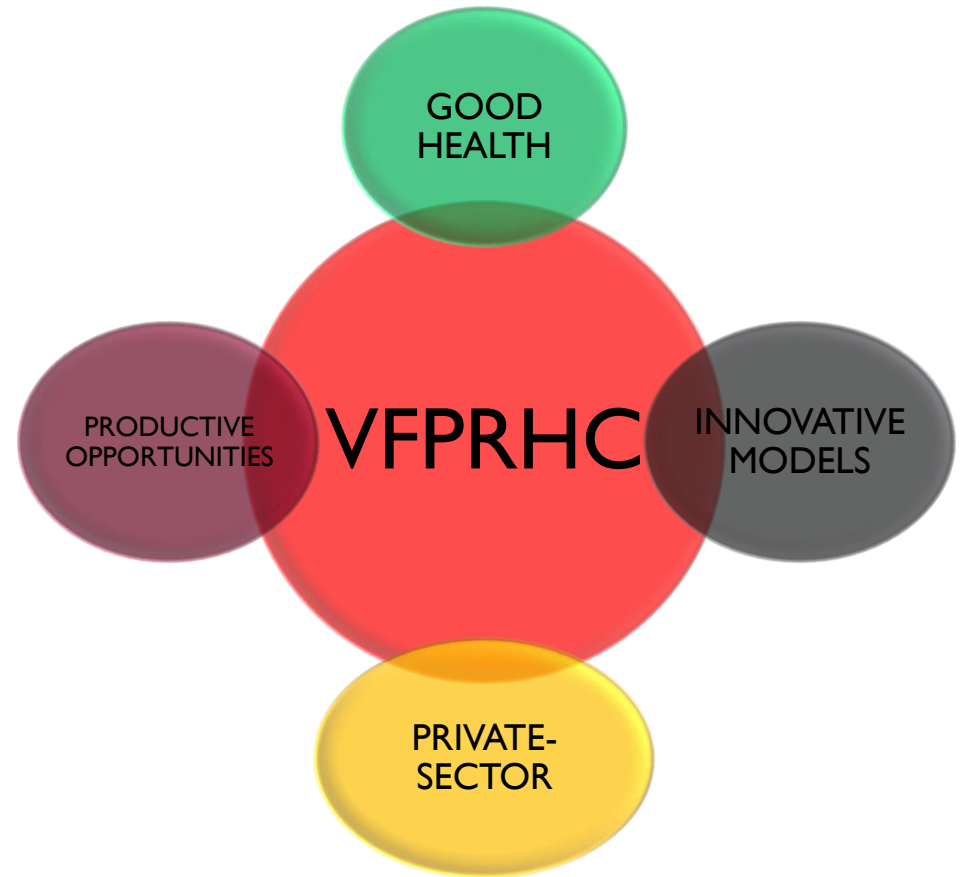
Healthy Productive and Engaged Youth

- Assets
- Contribution
- Enabling Environment
- Agency



VFPRHC and Youth Education

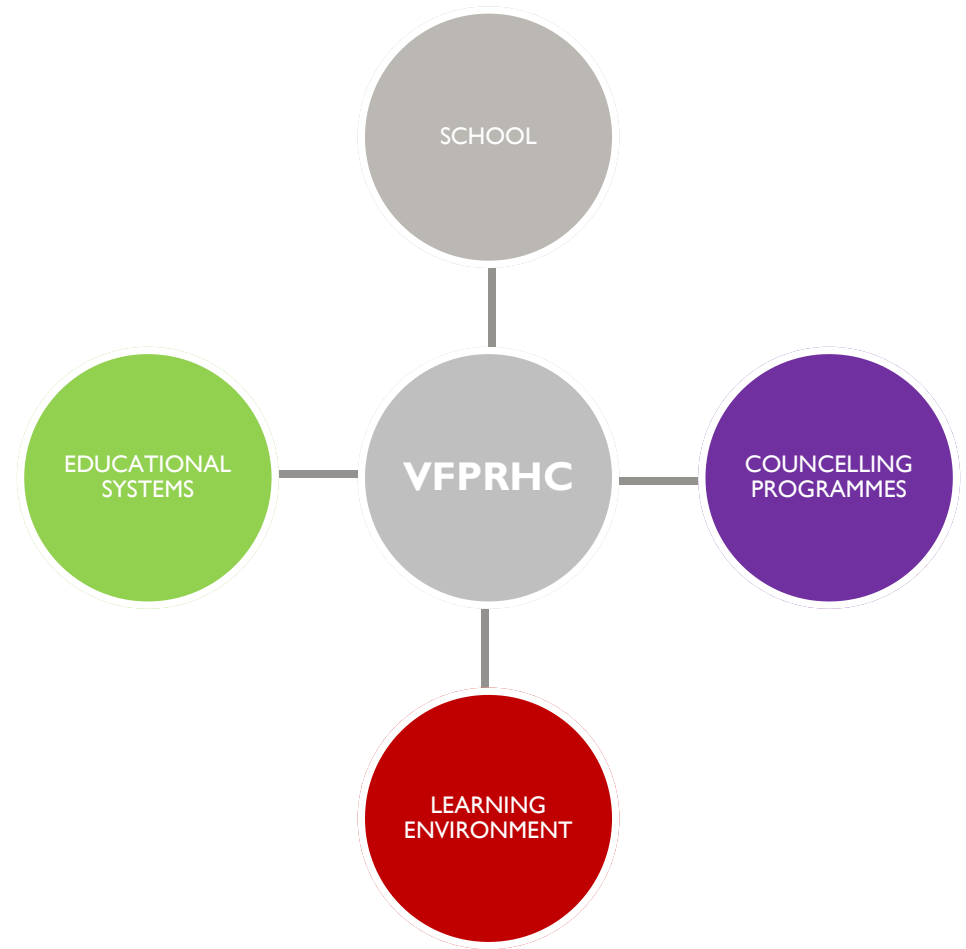
- Create productive opportunities for young people
- Adopt innovative models of care
- Ensure the good health of vulnerable communities and address their needs
- Strength private-sector actors



VFPRHC and Youth Education

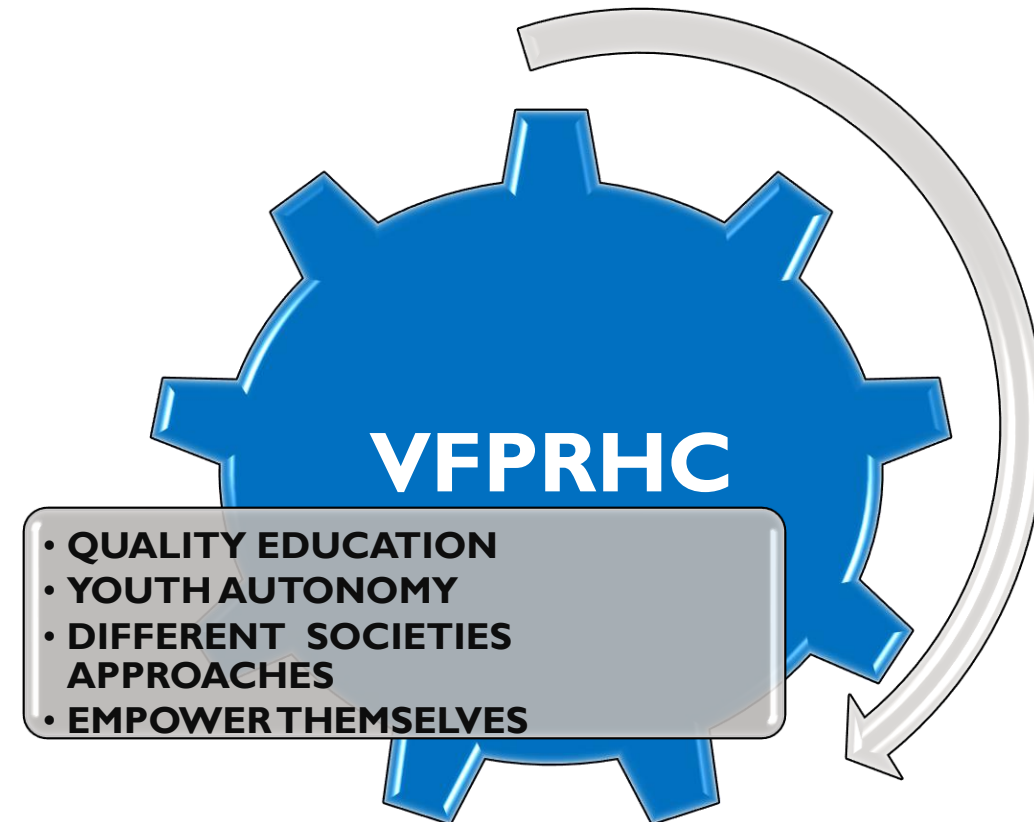
Education relates to VFPRHC issues in various ways:

- Schools and other (non-formal) learning environments
- Several VFPRHC issues have negative bearings on the education system
- Education has direct bearing on several indicators of VFPRHC
- Education can help to respond to these challenges and to promote VFPRHC through socialization, sexuality education programmes or counselling programmes



Impact of VFPRHC on Education

- A lack of good quality education in VFPRHC may lead to lack of professional competence
- Helps young people to empower themselves
- VFPRHC is a key element when talk about youth autonomy
- Different approaches according to societies content



How can VFPRHC Impact Community Development?

Challenges

- ☐ Lack of services, information, low-income economic development
- ☐ Increase community literacy in human rights
- ☐ No Evaluation on Health Impact Assessment

These lead to:

- Community-driven care changes
- ✓ ***What can you add? Write in the chat.***

Identifying Solutions

- ☐ Integration of VFPRHC interventions into the community health system
- ☐ National tracking systems (quality and quantity data)

These lead to:

- Promoting VFPRHC (More is needed)
- ❖ Strong Will Determination

100%

Increase overall awareness and support for reproductive rights, gender equity, and information and access for young people



Build awareness and support for the reproductive rights of vulnerable groups

Mobilize the community to advocate for reproductive health funding and an improved country context and enabling environment for family planning access and use



Recommendations

We urge governments and donors to:

- (1) Embrace and support voluntary VFPRHC, human rights-based family planning programming with the support and engagement of civil society
- (2) Hold programs accountable for respecting, protecting, and fulfilling human rights

Progress further toward securing and safeguarding VFPRHC programs:

- Foster additional dialogue
- Develop guidance and tools to apply the framework
- Update and expand the accompanying reviews of evidence and tools
- Identify a comprehensive set of indicators
- Develop innovation in rights-based, public health approaches and additional investment in interventions

How Can YouthLead Peers Help?

- ✓ Be an Ambassadors of VFPRHC in your respective communities or societies
- ✓ Engage in platforms to share experiences and information
- ✓ Engage with stakeholders through both face-to-face and online

Tools to help Youth

- QG Jeune

<https://www.qgjeune.org/>

<https://youthcoalition.org/>

<http://www.advocates4cse.com/>

<https://www.youthlead.org/>

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