

Youth Alliance for Reproductive Health Commitment



Narrative:

Youth Alliance for Reproductive Health is a youth-led and youth-serving organization that seeks to advance the sexual and reproductive health, rights and well-being of adolescents, youth and women. Envision a society where all young people have the right and legal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health information and services to make healthy, informed choices about their lives, learn how to avoid and overcome problems, and know where to go for help when they need it. In 2012, the DRC committed to reforming laws that are barriers to responsible parenthood and planned births and to increase the contraceptive prevalence rate from 5.4% in 2010 to 19% in 2020 and the country was able to reach 15.5% contraceptive prevalence rate in the same time. The continuation of contraceptive methods is the only guarantee for our country not to lose the momentum achieved in 2020. Increased attention should be paid to youth satisfaction and continuation of contraception among current users, contributing to the achievement of the FP 2030 vision. The DRC Youth Family Planning Scorecard placed our country DRC in the yellow category for FP service provision, Adolescents and youth still face many barriers to accessing services and maintaining continuation, youth-led organizations are not supported by the national program. We are very optimistic that when youth-led organizations (peer educators) are supported to work as community-based providers and are provided with different manageable family planning methods, the youth in our area will be able to have safe and reliable sources of FP services.

Our commitments are:

1. Advocate for decision makers to collaborate with youth-led organization and establish continuous capacity building of health care providers in youth-friendly services with appropriate monitoring and evaluation process in North Kivu.
2. Map all youth-led organizations and provide them with information and capacity to facilitate access to information and quality services for adolescents and youth in North Kivu by 2030.

Outcomes:

- Map all youth-led organizations and provide them with the necessary information and services so that they can work as champions to increase access to contraceptive methods for their peers in North Kivu.
- The National Adolescent Health Program is rolling out a new policy on contraceptive method continuation that is more responsive to the sexual and reproductive health needs of youth and adolescents.