



Annual Report

2023



OUR VISION

To see an Africa where the rights, welfare, and interests of adolescents and young people in their diversities are assured, promoted, and protected, and the larger society is protected from the spread of public health-related diseases.

OUR MISSION

To lead the effort of mitigating the physical, psychosocial, and economic impact of HIV, Tuberculosis, Malaria, and other health-related infections among adolescents and young people in their diversities through information sharing, education, advocacy, capacity building, and economic empowerment.

OBJECTIVES:

- Champion the human rights and gender equality of adolescents and young people, with a focus on those affected by HIV, Tuberculosis, and gender-based violence.
- Promote access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services.
- Ensure access to free, comprehensive prevention, treatment, and care for adolescents and young people.
- Create platforms for adolescents and young people to engage and exchange ideas through peer support groups and forums.
- Empower young people by involving them in the design, development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of programs at all levels.
- Provide social-economic support for adolescents and young people in Africa.
- Foster partnerships with local, regional, and global stakeholders, including NGOs, CSOs, and networks, to enhance programming and resource mobilization.

CORE VALUES

- Commitment
- Hard Work
- Team Spirit
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Honesty
- Transparency
- Trustworthiness
- Loyalty

THEMATIC AREAS

- Human Rights
- Governance & Policy
- Health (HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, and Malaria)
- Socio-Economic Empowerment
- Education
- Entertainment
- Gender
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

CORE STRATEGIES

1. Demand Creation
2. Peer Education
3. Peer Support Groups and Forums
4. Community Dialogue
5. Advocacy
6. Capacity Building
7. Data Hub
8. Research
9. Consultancy
10. Volunteerism
11. Mentorship
12. Social Media Engagement
13. Partnerships

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE & NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

ANAYD is a non-discriminatory organization with over 87 NGOs, CSOs, Networks, and CBOs registered in Kaduna State alone, and 90+ organizations across 37 states of Nigeria. Additionally, 7 West and Central African NGOs and networks are part of our network.

Our diverse team of staff and volunteers includes young professionals from fields such as medicine, advocacy, media, research, academia, and social entrepreneurship. This team, composed of individuals from various marginalized communities, is dedicated to advancing the goals and mission of ANAYD.

ANAYD remains committed to advocating for the rights and welfare of adolescents and young people across Africa. By creating opportunities for education, capacity building, and socio-economic empowerment, we aim to build a healthier, more equitable future for youth.

Through our partnerships, strategies, and dedicated network, we continue to make impactful strides in addressing the challenges of HIV, Tuberculosis, Malaria, and other health-related issues.

ACRONYMS

ANAYD - African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development
AP3 - Accelerating Progress in Pediatrics and Adolescents
APYIN - Association of Positive Young Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
ART - Antiretroviral Therapy
ASAP - AIDS Strategy, Advocacy and Policy Ltd
AYP - Adolescents and Young People
AYPLHIV - Adolescents and Young People Living with HIV
CASPR - Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research
CIHP - Center for Integrated Health Programs
CPHI - Community Partnerships for HIV/AIDS Initiative
DSF - Demand Side Financing
DSD - Differentiated Service Delivery
EGPAF - Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
EVA - Education as Vaccine Against AIDS
FMOH - Federal Ministry of Health in Nigeria
GBV - Gender-based Violence
HIVST - HIV Self-Testing
HTS - HIV Testing Services
IAPAC - International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
KP - Key Population
LACA - Local Agency for the Control of AIDS
LGA - Local Government Area
LSACA - Lagos State AIDS Control Agency
MSM - Men having Sex with Men
NACA - National Agency for the Control of AIDS
NASCP - Federal Ministry of Health-National AIDS and STI Program Control Unit (FMOH-NASCP)
NIMR - National Institute for Medical Research
NPTWG - National Prevention Technical Working Group
NYNETHA - Nigerian Youth Network on HIV/AIDS
ODK - Open Data Kit
PATA - Pediatric Adolescents Treatment Access
PEPFAR - US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PMTCT - Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV
PPE - Personal Protective Equipment
PrEP - Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
RSSH - Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health
SACA - State Agency for the Control of AIDS
SFH - Society for Family Health
SIDHAS - Strengthening Integrated Delivery of HIV/AIDS Services
SNT - Social Network Testing
SPARC - Simple Participatory Assessment of Real Change
SRHR - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
STAR III - Strengthening HIV/AIDS Testing and Response
UNICEF - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
UNAIDS - Joint United Nations Programs on HIV/AIDS
YFC - Youth Friendly Centre
YFSW - Young Female Sex Workers
YPWD - Young Persons with Disabilities
YMSM - Young Men having Sex with Men
YPWID - Young Persons Injecting Drugs
YPLUS - Global Network of Young People Living with HIV

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Annual Report of the **African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD)** provides a comprehensive overview of our initiatives, impact, and strategic direction over the past year. Rooted in our commitment to **empower adolescents and young people in their diversities**, ANAYD has remained steadfast in addressing key issues affecting young people, including **HIV prevention and treatment access, gender equality, economic empowerment, governance, and digital advocacy**.

Furthermore, influencing policies and decisions, fostering more inclusiveness of AYPs in forums and platforms to amplify their voices, and strengthening capacity of health care providers to improve performance and quality of integrated health care service for adolescents and young people in their diversities.

This report highlights **our achievements, challenges, and lessons learned** while outlining our strategic priorities for the future. In 2023, ANAYD successfully implemented programs across multiple thematic areas, reaching millions of young people across Africa with **health services, education, and advocacy platforms**. Our partnerships with national, regional, and global stakeholders enabled us to drive policy influence, capacity-building initiatives, and grassroots-level impact.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023 INCLUDE:

- Strengthening HIV prevention, treatment, and PrEP accessibility among adolescents and young key populations.
- Expanding youth-friendly services and safe spaces for sexual and reproductive health education.
- Advocating for gender equality, youth leadership, and meaningful youth participation in governance.
- Utilizing digital platforms to amplify advocacy messages and mobilize young people for action.
- Enhancing data-driven programming and community-led monitoring for improved service delivery.

Despite facing funding constraints, policy limitations, and socio-economic challenges, ANAYD remained agile, leveraging strategic partnerships, data, and innovation to advance its mission. The lessons from 2023 reaffirm the need for youth-centered and evidence-based approaches in tackling emerging and persistent challenges affecting young people.

As we step into 2024, ANAYD remains committed to expanding its impact, advocating for inclusive policies, and ensuring that every young person—regardless of their background or circumstance—has access to the rights, opportunities, and support they need to thrive.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Closing another impactful year, I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report of the African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD). This report is more than a record of our activities; it is a reflection of our unwavering commitment to empowering young people, advancing public health, and advocating for the rights and well-being of adolescents and young persons in their diversities.

The past year has reinforced the importance of strategic partnerships, data-driven interventions, and youth-centered programming in addressing the challenges faced by young people across Africa. From HIV prevention and treatment access to gender equality, economic empowerment, and digital advocacy, ANAYD has continued to work tirelessly to ensure that no young person is left behind.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and stakeholders who have contributed to our successes in 2023. Your unwavering support has enabled us to expand our reach, strengthen our impact, and foster meaningful change in the lives of the communities we serve.

As we look ahead to 2024, we remain committed to scaling up our programs, leveraging innovation, and advocating for policies that create an enabling environment for all young people, regardless of their background or circumstances. We recognize that the challenges remain significant, but with collaboration, resilience, and a shared vision for a better future, we are confident that we can achieve even greater milestones in the years ahead.

On behalf of the ANAYD team, I thank you for your continued support, and I invite you to join us in building a healthier, more inclusive, and empowered future for young people across Africa.

Sincerely,

Haruna Aaron Sunday
Executive Director



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

As I sit down to compile this report, I cannot help but reflect on the incredible journey ANAYD has embarked on in 2023. This is not just a document filled with statistics, projects, and achievements—it is a testament to the resilience, passion, and impact of young people across Africa. Every initiative we launched, every policy we pushed for, and every life we touched is part of a bigger story—one of hope, action, and unstoppable momentum.

This year, we did not just “do the work”; we shook the table. We amplified youth voices, challenged harmful norms, and proved that young people are not just the future—they are the now. Whether through our advocacy for SRHR, HIV prevention, economic empowerment, or digital activism, we have shown that when young people are given the platform, they do not just participate—they lead.

But let’s be real—none of this would be possible without YOU. Yes, you—the volunteers, the partners, the funders, the advocates, and the relentless changemakers who show up every single day, even when the odds are stacked against us. This report is as much yours as it is ours.

So, what’s next? 2024 is calling, and we are answering with bigger ideas, louder voices, and an even bolder vision. We are doubling down on digital storytelling, making noise where it matters, and ensuring that the conversations we start online turn into real-world impact.

To everyone who made 2023 a year to remember—this is just the beginning. Buckle up, because ANAYD is just getting started.

See you in 2024—bigger, bolder, and ready to take on the world!

With gratitude,

Chinazo Anthonia Dike
Director of Media and Communication



OUR PARTNERS



OUR TARGET BENEFICIARIES

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE (AYP - GENERAL POPULATION)

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG WOMEN

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (AYPLHIV)

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY (YLPWD)

YOUNG FEMALE SEX WORKERS (YFSW)

YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (YMSM)

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS (YPWID)

YOUNG LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, AND INTERSEX (YLGBTQI)



11,419



17,589

OUR TARGET BENEFICIARIES

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT



**19 Million
Reach**

NETWORK INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE KEY POPULATION-FRIENDLY PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN NIGERIA

The African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD), with funding support from Initiative Sankofa d’Afrique de l’Ouest (ISDAO), implemented the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria project from November 2023 to February 2024. This four-month initiative was carried out across four high HIV-prevalence states—Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, and Rivers—and aimed to address barriers to healthcare access for adolescents and young people (AYPs) in their diversities, including Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), Adolescent and Young People Living with HIV (AYPLHIV), Young Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (YLGBTQI+), and Young Persons with Disabilities (YPWD).

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote access to non-discriminatory, youth-friendly, and integrated healthcare services for AYPs in their diversities.
2. Strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers to deliver comprehensive and non-discriminatory services.
3. Build alliances with key government stakeholders, health professionals, and youth organizations for sustained advocacy.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

1. Stakeholder Engagement:

- Engaged 55 stakeholders, including government agencies, health professionals, and youth networks.
- Conducted advocacy visits to 15 government institutions (State AIDS Control Agencies, Ministries of Health, and National Human Rights Commissions) to address systemic barriers to healthcare access.

2. Capacity Building:

- Trained 121 healthcare workers and stakeholders on providing youth-friendly, inclusive, and stigma-free healthcare services.
- Focused on topics such as gender and sexual diversity, human rights, HIV prevention, and communication skills.

3. Youth Consultations:

- Conducted 4 consultation meetings with 120 adolescents and young people across the four states to identify bottlenecks in healthcare access, including stigma, discrimination, and inadequate services.
- Developed advocacy messages and actionable solutions to address identified barriers.

4. Social Media Campaign:

- Reached 19 million people through a four-month social media campaign, using the hashtag #InclusiveHealth4AYPs to promote awareness, inclusivity, and commitment to non-discriminatory healthcare services.

5. Participation in ICASA:

- Supported 23 young people to virtually participate in the 2023 International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), fostering global knowledge sharing and advocacy.

IMPACT

- **Increased Awareness:** Over 120 stakeholders trained to provide non-discriminatory healthcare services tailored to the needs of AYPs.
- **Stronger Alliances:** Partnerships with 15 government institutions and key civil society organizations strengthened to sustain advocacy efforts.
- **Broad Outreach:** The social media campaign engaged millions, amplifying the call for inclusive health services.
- **Healthcare Access:** Trained healthcare workers began implementing non-stigmatizing and inclusive practices in eight healthcare facilities across the four states.

IMPORTANT FIGURES

- Stakeholders Engaged: 55
- Healthcare Workers Trained: 121
- Social Media Reach: 19 million
- AYPs Consulted: 120
- Advocacy Visits Conducted: 15
- ICASA Participants: 23

The project has laid the foundation for a more inclusive healthcare system for adolescents and young people in Nigeria. By addressing stigma, building capacity, and fostering alliances, the initiative has improved access to quality healthcare for key populations. Sustaining these efforts will require continuous collaboration among stakeholders, policy reform, and investment in youth-focused health initiatives.

Table summarizing the figures for each state:

Category	Anambra	Benue	Kaduna	Rivers	Total
Stakeholders Engaged	10	15	7	13	55
Healthcare Workers Trained	31	30	29	31	121
Adolescents and Young People Consulted	29	32	33	32	126
Advocacy Visits Conducted	5	5	6	6	22
Social Media Reach (Approx.)	4.5M	4.5M	5.2M	5.2M	19M
ICASA Participants	N/A	N/A	23	N/A	23

Table 1: This table gives an overview of the figures for key activities across the four project states.



ANAYD
AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS DEVELOPMENT (ANAYD)

VISION

As Africa claims the rights, welfare and interests of Adolescents and Young Persons (AYP), we are empowered to influence and bring about positive change in the lives of our youth.

MISSION

To be the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional support for the AYP, and to be the voice of the AYP in the continent.

Together, Towards a Healthier Africa
#AfricaRisingUp

EDUCATION SAVES LIVES SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

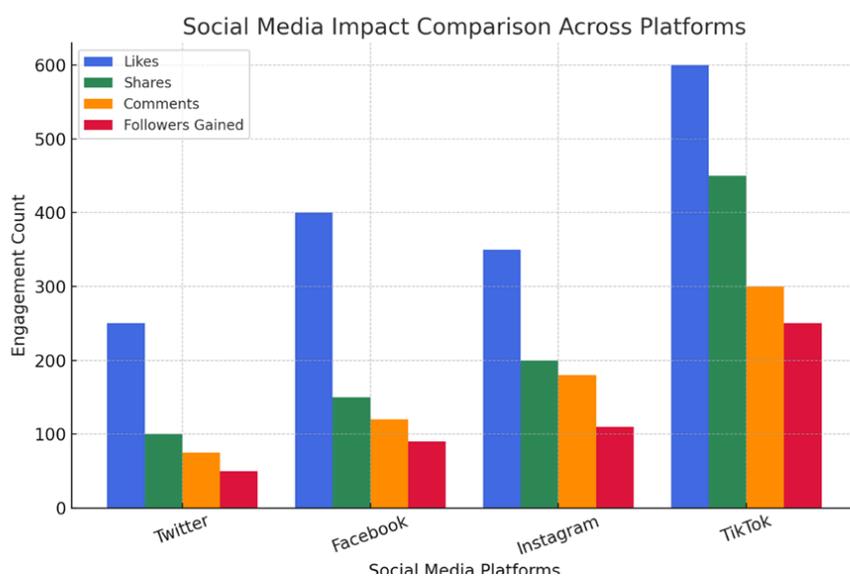
The Education Saves Lives Campaign launched by UNESCO Nigeria in 2022 is a powerful initiative designed to advocate for the well-being of adolescents and youth in Nigeria. It raises awareness about the importance of education in addressing pressing global challenges such as public health, gender equality, and the well-being of youth, particularly in Nigeria.

The campaign focused on the critical role that education plays in saving lives, with a particular emphasis on empowering young people and adolescents. It aimed to promote awareness of how education can be a tool for health education, reducing maternal mortality, improving family planning, combating HIV/AIDS, and empowering individuals to make informed health decisions.

Campaign Highlights:

- **Platform:** Through the strategic use of platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, ANAYD supported the campaign to amplify the message and engage policymakers at all levels. It engaged a wide audience with messages centered on the life-saving impact of education.
- **Engagement:** Stakeholders, educators, and influencers participated by sharing campaign content, fostering widespread engagement.
- **Hashtags:** A variety of hashtags such as #EducationSavesLives and #Nigeria helped amplify the message across different social media spaces.

The campaign achieved impressive levels of engagement and reach – over 4.5 million, using Twitter and other social media platforms. The figures from the 2023 engagement showed a high level of interaction, including mentions, shares, likes, and overall reach – providing a strong platform for advocacy and mobilization.



In summary, the 2023 Education Saves Lives campaign reaffirmed the essential link between education and health outcomes, underscoring that access to education is not just about academic success but also about improving the quality of life for individuals and communities.

YOUNG EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAMME (YEL)

The Young Emerging Leaders Programme (YEL) was a transformative and dynamic initiative spearheaded by GNP+ and Y+ Global and implemented in Nigeria by ANAYD. Designed to amplify the voices of young individuals living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV, the programme strengthened their capacity to engage in national and global decision-making platforms. Over seven months (June to December 2023), three carefully selected young leaders—Emmanuel, Darlington, and Joy—embarked on a journey of personal and professional growth through advocacy, training, and strategic engagement.

OBJECTIVES

The overarching goal of the YEL programme was to prepare and support young leaders to effectively represent their communities in regional and global spaces while advocating for HIV/AIDS-related issues and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Specifically, the objectives were to:

- Equip the Young Emerging Leaders (YELs) with the knowledge and skills to influence decision-making processes at the global level.
- Strengthen their ability to advocate for key populations, persons living with HIV, and adolescents and young persons affected by HIV at national and international levels.
- Support meaningful engagement with stakeholders, policymakers, and institutions to achieve sustainable outcomes in HIV programming and SRHR advocacy.

SELECTION OF YOUNG EMERGING LEADERS

The selection process identified three leaders from different states in Nigeria based on specific criteria, including their experience in advocacy, commitment to human rights principles, social media presence as advocates or influencers, and willingness to publicly represent their communities. Preference was given to individuals aged 18–25 who were living with HIV or identified as part of key populations, including LGBTQIA+ persons, sex workers, or people who use drugs.

OUTPUTS

- **Enhanced Advocacy Capacity:** The YELs gained knowledge in advocacy, global health systems, and HIV prevention strategies through virtual and in-person trainings, webinars, and mentorship.
- **National and Global Engagement:** The YELs participated in regional and international forums, including the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), and the Global Forum for Adolescents.
- **Social Media Advocacy:** Each YEL engaged in quarterly social media campaigns that raised awareness about stigma, HIV-related discrimination, SRHR, and mental health issues, achieving significant reach and engagement.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Global Recognition:** Emmanuel and Joy represented their communities on international platforms, ensuring the inclusion of young persons' voices in global HIV advocacy.
- **Community Impact:** Through targeted campaigns and in-country advocacy, the YELs fostered greater awareness of SRHR and HIV prevention within their communities.
- **Skills Development:** The YELs enhanced their technical and advocacy skills, empowering them to sustain their work beyond the programme's duration.

The Young Emerging Leaders Programme (YEL) has successfully empowered three Nigerian youth to advocate for HIV/AIDS awareness and SRHR on global platforms. By equipping them with the tools and knowledge to influence decision-making, the programme has set a precedent for future cohorts. Though concluded, the YELs remain steadfast in their commitment to fostering change within their communities and inspiring the next generation of advocates. The sustainability of such initiatives will rely heavily on strategic planning, increased funding, and continued mentorship.

ICASA 2023 CONFERENCE VIRTUAL HUB

The International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) 2023 was a beacon of hope and urgency, illuminating the critical battle against HIV/AIDS and other emerging diseases in Africa. This pivotal event, held in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, gathered leaders, activists, scientists, and communities to address the complexities of the region's health landscape and its impact on vulnerable populations.

Themed **AIDS Is Not Over: Address Inequalities, Accelerate Inclusion, and Innovation**, ICASA underscored the continued threat of AIDS and the imperative need to act decisively. Key objectives revolved around mainstreaming equity, reinforcing domestic financing and community response, addressing multiple health crises, and bolstering health systems to mitigate the impact of various diseases, including HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, Ebola, and Hepatitis.

The conference emphasized the invaluable role of communities in leading the fight against HIV/AIDS. It shed light on the dire consequences of diverting HIV resources to combat COVID-19, hindering progress in HIV response efforts. Yet, the call to action remained resolute - Africa cannot relent in striving for an AIDS-free future.



Figure 2: virtual hub hosted by ANAYD in Kaduna, Nigeria

VIRTUAL HUB

As part of efforts supporting communities to lead the journey to end AIDS in Africa, ANAYD hosted a virtual hub in Nigeria which allowed Adolescents and Young Persons (AYPs) in their diversities to join the conference virtually. Participants identified the vital roles that program ownership, advocacy and storytelling play in young people's efforts to contribute maximally to the fight against AIDS.

The key take home for participants includes the fact that engaging young people in decision-making is crucial when designing programs that affect them. Every individual has the right to access healthcare services, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Young key populations (KPs) and adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) face higher risks of gender-based violence (GBV) and should be supported in speaking out against violations. Taking ownership of personal health and ensuring equal access to services without stigma or discrimination is essential. Advocacy plays a vital role in solving these challenges, and using sports to reach young people with unknown HIV statuses is an effective strategy for targeting the first 95.

Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) with education and information on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) is transformative. One of the panelists shared a powerful message about the importance of education, stating that it should not end in school. Social media and other platforms must be utilized to reach girls with vital information about consent, contraception, STIs, and safe sex practices. She emphasized that education is not just a tool, but an investment in the future—because when we educate, we empower. Keeping this knowledge from these girls is simply unacceptable. - Kira, Transgender (Virtual hub participant)

Storytelling is a powerful advocacy tool that allows individuals to connect with audiences on a deeply emotional level. By sharing personal experiences, it becomes easier to highlight the impact of policies and initiatives, making complex issues more relatable and evoking empathy. Storytelling combines facts, data, and narratives, helping to inspire action and engage others in a cause. It's an essential strategy for communicating messages effectively and motivating people to take meaningful steps toward change. Reuben, MSM (Virtual hub participant)

Ultimately, ICASA 2023 was a rallying cry for collective action and solidarity in the fight against HIV/AIDS and emerging diseases. The resounding message echoed - through unity, innovation, and community-led initiatives, an AIDS-free Africa is an achievable reality.



ANAYD/EGPAF AP3 AYP SOCIAL NETWORK TESTING (SNT) PROJECT

The African Network of Adolescents and Young People Development (ANAYD), in partnership with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), convened a stakeholders' engagement meeting to introduce the Social Network Testing (SNT) project under the AP3 AYP initiative. The meeting aimed to discuss the implementation strategy, stakeholder roles, and key priorities for the project within Lagos State. The engagement provided an avenue for alignment of efforts and the establishment of collaborative partnerships for successful project execution.

OBJECTIVES

- To introduce the ANAYD/EGPAF AP3 AYP Social Network Testing (SNT) Project.
- To foster collaboration among stakeholders and align priorities for effective project implementation.
- To review lessons learned from the STAR III Project and explore strategies for scaling up Social and Sexual Network Testing among Adolescents and Young People (AYP).
- To discuss innovative approaches to HIV self-testing (HIVST) and PrEP distribution among target populations in Lagos State.

The ANAYD/EGPAF AP3 AYP Social Network Testing Project is a critical intervention aimed at enhancing HIV prevention, testing, and care among adolescents and young people in Lagos State. Through strategic partnerships, data-driven decision-making, and innovative outreach, the project seeks to bridge service gaps, increase accessibility, and foster community-led solutions.

Presentation of the STAR III Project Achievements

ANAYD provided an in-depth review of the STAR III Project, which served as a foundation for the SNT initiative. Key outcomes included:

- 18,500 individuals reached with HIV self-testing kits.
- 118 reactive cases confirmed positive and successfully linked to care.
- 15,701 condoms and lubricants distributed, coupled with risk reduction counseling.
- 748 clients enrolled on PrEP for HIV prevention.

The presentation underscored the impact of digital tools in demand generation and the effectiveness of integrating PrEP into Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) models. Lessons from STAR III were instrumental in shaping the SNT project strategy. Project Implementation Strategies and Next Steps

Following the STAR III project review, ANAYD outlined the next steps for the ANAYD/EGPAF AP3 AYP Social Network Testing (SNT) Project, focusing on Lagos State. The project aims to strengthen case identification, improve linkage to treatment, and enhance community engagement among adolescents and young people.

KEY ACTIONS:

- Expanding social and sexual network testing among AYP in Alimosho, Mushin, and Ifako-Ijaiye LGAs.
- Enhancing digital outreach and demand creation for HIVST and PrEP.
- Aligning with state priorities and engaging local partners to ensure targeted interventions.
- Integrating Hepatitis C self-testing into the HIVST and PrEP Models.
- Advocating for increased investment in HIVST accessibility for AYP.
- Strengthening partnerships with UNICEF and other organizations to scale up HIV prevention initiatives.



COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION AND LINKAGE TO CARE

The report presented detailed data on community HIVST distribution, demonstrating the impact of demand-driven strategies:

- 18,500 individuals received HIVST kits, with 118 confirmed positive and linked to ART services.
- 15,701 condoms and lubricants distributed, alongside comprehensive risk reduction counseling.
- 748 clients enrolled on PrEP, reinforcing prevention efforts among key populations.

A follow-up survey with the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) is planned to retest negative clients after three months, addressing potential cases within the window period of HIV detection.

Stakeholder Discussions and Resolutions

The meeting facilitated robust discussions, where stakeholders provided valuable insights and recommendations to strengthen the project.

Key Discussion Points:

- **Voucher Redemption Challenges:** Some beneficiaries faced difficulties redeeming HIVST kits due to location constraints. ANAYD committed to improving follow-up mechanisms to ensure accessibility.
- **Confirmation Process for Reactive Clients:** The project utilizes three facilities, including a KP-friendly facility, to ensure smooth linkage to care, with transportation support provided.
- **Alignment with CIHP's Mandate:** To prevent overlap, EGPAF and CIHP will coordinate efforts to harmonize their programmatic focus on different age groups.

Six-Month Work Plan

A comprehensive six-month work plan was shared, outlining key project activities:

- Mapping of AYP hotspots to optimize intervention strategies.
- Orientation and refresher training for community testers on HIVST and HTS.
- Monthly sensitization campaigns and community outreach for HIVST/HTS uptake.
- Escort services for linkage to care and referrals to treatment facilities.
- Data collection and monitoring through KoboCollect ODK, with enhanced quality assurance.
- Supportive supervision and monthly program review meetings to track progress and address challenges.

The stakeholders' engagement reaffirmed the commitment of all partners to ensuring the successful implementation of the project and strengthening HIV prevention and care services in the state. The meeting concluded with a collective agreement to continue collaboration, refine service delivery models, and scale up effective interventions to achieve the project's objectives.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2023

In addition (and within some projects) to the above-named projects, ANAYD also commemorated relevant international days, attended conferences, conducted capacity building sessions and trainings, rallies, consultation and dissemination meetings, advocacies, press conferences, etc.

Noteworthy are the activities below:

S/N	ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVE(S)	NUMBER OF PERSONS REACHED	FUNDER/DONOR
1	Youthful Alive and Healthy (YAaH)Naija Meaningful Adolescents and Youth Engagement Alliance (MAYE)	To create awareness about HIV Self-Testing Kits To reach AYPs with HIV Self-Testing Kits	2,343	UNICEF
2	YAaH Naija Outreach	To sensitize AYPs on HIVST, cervical cancer, and Adolescent mental health	659	UNICEF
3	World Condom Day	To raise awareness on the importance of using condoms to prevent STIs and unintended pregnancies among adolescents and young people in their diversity	4589	Self-funded/Collaboration
4	Adolescent Health Week	To prevent mortality, unintentional injury, violence, and substance abuse among adolescents and young people in their diversity	1850	Self-funded/Collaboration

Table 2: This table gives an overview of additional activities



KEY LESSONS IN 2023

The implementation of various programs and initiatives in 2023 provided valuable insights that will guide future interventions. These lessons highlight key challenges, successes, and areas for improvement in advancing the rights, health, and well-being of adolescents and young persons in their diversities.

1. Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Collaboration

One of the most impactful takeaways was the importance of collaboration between governmental agencies, civil society organizations, and international partners. Programs that integrated efforts from multiple stakeholders—such as NACA, the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), and UNAIDS—proved to be more effective, especially in service delivery and advocacy. Going forward, fostering stronger coordination mechanisms and structured engagement strategies with key stakeholders will be essential in sustaining progress.

2. Community-Led Approaches Yield Greater Impact

The engagement of adolescents and young people (AYP) in program design, implementation, and advocacy significantly increased ownership and uptake of services. Community-led monitoring, peer-led sensitization, and youth-friendly services proved to be critical drivers in increasing demand for HIV testing, treatment adherence, and sexual and reproductive health services. Future programs will further prioritize peer-driven interventions and capacity building for young advocates to enhance meaningful participation.

3. Digital Platforms as a Game Changer

The use of social media, digital campaigns, and online advocacy played a pivotal role in reaching and engaging young people, particularly through Twitter campaigns like Education Saves Lives and online demand creation for HIV Self-Testing (HIVST). However, digital literacy gaps and accessibility issues among marginalized groups, including young persons with disabilities (YPWD), were identified as barriers. There is a need to develop inclusive digital strategies and expand multilingual content to ensure broader reach.

4. Addressing Structural Barriers to Healthcare Access

Despite significant progress, stigma, discrimination, and policy limitations continue to hinder access to health services, particularly for key populations (KP), young men who have sex with men (YMSM), and young female sex workers (YFSW). Some beneficiaries reported fear of being identified and targeted, preventing them from seeking services. Strengthening safe spaces, confidentiality protocols, and policy advocacy remains essential in ensuring that AYP, regardless of background, have unrestricted access to healthcare.

5. The Need for Sustainable Funding Models

Financial constraints remain a major challenge, with heavy reliance on donor funding limiting the long-term sustainability of programs. While initiatives like Demand Side Financing (DSF) for HIVST demonstrated success, there is an urgent need to diversify funding streams through private sector engagement, government buy-in, and innovative financing mechanisms such as social enterprises and community-led funding models.

6. Integration of Mental Health Support in HIV and SRHR Services

The increasing demand for mental health support among AYP highlighted the interconnection between mental health and health-seeking behavior. Adolescents and young people living with HIV (AYPLHIV) expressed challenges related to treatment fatigue, depression, and social isolation. While psychosocial support services were incorporated into some programs, a more structured and accessible mental health framework is needed, including counseling services, psychosocial support groups, and awareness campaigns on mental well-being.

7. Leveraging Advocacy to Drive Policy Change

Policy engagement efforts throughout 2023 reinforced the power of strategic advocacy in influencing policy reforms. Through platforms like the National Prevention Technical Working Group (NPTWG) and Global Fund dialogues, young advocates successfully contributed to discussions on PrEP access, HIV prevention, and gender-responsive policies. However, advocacy efforts must be sustained and scaled up to push for policy implementation and accountability mechanisms at both state and national levels.

8. Tailored Approaches for Reaching Underrepresented Groups

Certain groups, including young persons injecting drugs (YPWID), young persons with disabilities (YPWD), and adolescents aged 0-9 years, remain underserved due to data gaps, service accessibility challenges, and cultural stigmatization. Lessons from the Social Network Testing (SNT) approach highlighted the effectiveness of targeted, community-specific strategies in reaching hidden populations. Future interventions must integrate more data-driven, age-sensitive, and disability-inclusive programming to ensure that no group is left behind.

The lessons from 2023 reaffirm the need for agile, youth-centered, and data-driven programming to address the evolving needs of adolescents and young persons. Moving forward, ANAYD remains committed to leveraging these insights to enhance program delivery, foster meaningful youth engagement, and advocate for policies that create an enabling environment for all young people, regardless of their background or circumstances.

CONCLUSION

As we reflect on 2023, it is evident that ANAYD's impact continues to grow, transforming the lives of adolescents and young people across Africa. From advocating for the rights and health of marginalized communities to pioneering innovative, youth-led solutions, our work has reaffirmed the power of collaboration, resilience, and data-driven action.

Despite persistent challenges—ranging from funding constraints to systemic barriers in healthcare and policy—we have pushed boundaries, expanded our reach, and strengthened our voice in key advocacy spaces. Through strategic partnerships, community-driven initiatives, and digital innovation, we have ensured that young people in their diversities are not just beneficiaries, but active drivers of change.

Looking ahead to 2024, we remain steadfast in our mission to bridge the gaps in healthcare, human rights, and economic empowerment for adolescents and young persons. Our priorities for the coming year include:

- Scaling up mental health integration within HIV and SRHR services.
- Expanding Social Network Testing (SNT) strategies to reach hidden populations
- Strengthening policy advocacy for gender equality, access to PrEP, and youth-friendly services
- Increasing financial sustainability by exploring innovative funding models
- Harnessing digital platforms and AI-driven solutions to improve program delivery and engagement

We are deeply grateful to our partners, donors, volunteers, and the resilient young people who make this journey possible. Together, we will continue to break barriers, inspire action, and create a future where every young person—regardless of their background—has the tools, opportunities, and support to thrive.

2024 is not just another year—it is a new chapter of impact, innovation, and empowerment. With unwavering dedication, we will rise to the challenge, ensuring that no young person is left behind in the pursuit of health, dignity, and equality.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
DEVELOPMENT**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

INCOME	NOTE	2023	2022
Donations/Grants received		50,187,542	47,342,775
Other income		-	14,647,055
Refunds		<u>300,655</u>	<u>2,736,500</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>50,488,197</u>	<u>64,726,330</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Office expenditure	6	50,001,309	55,226,009
Depreciation	5	105,774	105,774
Audit fees		<u>150,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>50,257,083</u>	<u>55,431,783</u>
(Surplus/deficit of Income over expenditure)		<u><u>231,114</u></u>	<u><u>9,294,547</u></u>

The accounting policies on page 6 and the notes on page 9 – 12 form part of these financial statements.

AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	NOTE	2023 N	2022 N
<u>Fixed Assets at NBV</u>	5	<u>364,816</u>	<u>470,590</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	7	<u>24,130,343</u>	<u>4,988,539</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>24,495,159</u>	<u>5,459,129</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	8	3,150,000	-
NET ASSETS		21,345,159	
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>			
Accumulated fund	9	<u>21,345,159</u>	<u>6,036,614</u>
TOTAL FUND		<u>21,345,159</u>	<u>6,036,614</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND		<u>24,495,159</u>	<u>6,036,614</u>

Approved by the Trustees on.....

06/02/2024

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The accounting policies on page 6 and the notes on pages 9 – 12 form part of this financial statement

AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2023 N	2022 N
<u>Cash flow from operating activities</u>		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	231,114	9,294,547
<u>Add Non-Cash items included:</u>		
Depreciation	105,774	105,774
Operating (Deficit)/surplus before Working capital changes:	336,888	9,400,321
<u>Changes in assets and Liabilities</u>		
Inventories	-	(80,000)
Debtors/prepayments	-	-
Creditors/Accruals	-	-
Cash flow from operating activities	-	(80,000)
<u>Cash flow from Investing activities</u>		
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
<u>Cashflow from financing activities:</u>		
Funds introduced	-	-
	336,888	9,320,321
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash	18,255,254	(604,561)
Cash/Bank Balance at 1 January	2,493,684	3,098,245
Cash/bank Balance at 31 December	20,748,938	2,493,684

AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>FIXED ASSETS DESCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	2023	2022
			<u>COST</u> N	<u>COST</u> N
1. OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS				
2. Office Equipment				
Projector	KADUNA	1	-	-
Printer/cameras	KADUNA	1	551,663	551,663
TOTAL			<u>551,663</u>	<u>551,663</u>

**AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

6. OFFICE EXPENDITURE

	-	-	364,816	-	364,816
	-	-	470,590	-	470,590
	31/12/23	31/12/22			
	N	N			
Refreshment and meals	1,099,000	3,809,900			
Hall fee	729,000	570,000			
Facility fee	2,000,000	2,264,626			
honorarium allowance	4,000,000	730,000			
Telecom and postages	52,400	1,681,895			
Transport and traveling	811,000	24,558,440			
Consultancy expenses	63,000	1,130,844			
Printing and stationeries	77,200	897,510			
Sensitization and seminars	29,896,641	8,667,490			
Bank charges	170,068	21,927			
Publicity and advert	-	1,010,000			
Fuel and lubricants-Gen	30,000	65,000			
Stipend/allowancs	6,103,000	8,808,650			
Refunds/membership subsc	20,000	533,500			
Repairs/maintenance	1,950,000	400,000			
Rent and Rates	3,000,000	-			
Covid -19 materials	-	182,000			
TOTAL	50,001,309	55,331,782			

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023 N	2022 N
7. CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
Fidelity Bank of Nigeria Plc	20,748,938	2,493,684
cash at hand	-	-
	<u>20,748,938</u>	<u>2,493,684</u>
Inventories-note 11	2,442,405	2,442,405
Trade receivables	-	-
Prepayments/staff advances	115,000	-
withholding tax unutilised	824,000	52,450
	<u>3,381,405</u>	<u>2,494,855</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>24,130,343</u>	<u>4,988,539</u>
8. CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	-	-
Accruals - rent	3,150,000	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>3,150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
9. ACCUMULATED FUND:		
balance b/f	5,459,129	6,036,614
additions	-	-
Prior Year Adjustment	10,734,916	(9,872,032)
(deficits)/surplus for the year	5,151,114	9,294,547
balance c/f	<u>21,345,159</u>	<u>5,459,129</u>
10. SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		
this is stated after charging	105,774	105,774
depreciation	150,000	100,000
auditors remuneration	2,442,405	2,442,405
11. INVENTORIES		
Printed items		

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

I. O UWAKWEM & CO

(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)

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**AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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**AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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KADUNA**

BANKERS:

FIDELITY BANK PLC, KADUNA

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

1 ACCOUNTS:

The Trustees submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

2 RESULT:	2023	2022
	N	N
(Deficit)/Surplus of income over expenditure	231,114	9,294,547

3 LEGAL FORM:

AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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Is a non-governmental and non-profit organization which receives funding from Donors Agencies/Implementing Partners, Private Individuals and Government? The office was set up to provide support through the leading effort of mitigating the physical, psychosocial and economic impact of HIV, Tuberculosis, Malaria, and other health related infections among adolescents and young people through information sharing, education, advocacy, capacity building and economic empowerment.

4 FIXED ASSETS:

Movements in fixed assets during the year are shown in note 1 on page 10. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the fixed assets is not lower than the value shown in the accounts.

5 DONATION:

The project made no donation in the year under review.

6 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS:

There was no significant post balance sheet event which could have had a material effect on the financial affairs of the Project as at 31 December 2021.

7 AUDITORS:

I.O UWAKWEM & CO; CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS have Indicated their willingness to continue as Auditors of the organization KADUNA, NIGERIA
SUNDAY HARUNA AARON

TRUSTEE

FEBRUARY 2022



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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS ON AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS DEVELOPMENT

We have audited the financial statements of the above organization as at 31 December 2023 set out on pages 7 to 10 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors:

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion thereon.

Basis of Opinion:

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Director in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Projects' circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. The financial statements are in agreement with the books and accounts which have been properly kept and we obtained the information and explanations we required. We have examined the books at the Kaduna office and project office and have received proper returns adequate for audit, from projects not visited and all disbursements to projects have been made with NFI control procedures.

Conclusion

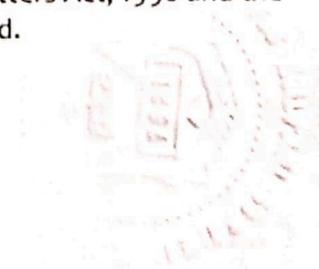
In our opinion, the financial statement give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Organization as at 31st December 2023 and of the surplus of Income over Expenditure and cash flow for the year ended on that date, and they have been properly prepared in accordance with provisions of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990 and the requirements of accounting standards issued by International Financial Reporting Standard.

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Managing Partner
UNA, NIGERIA
JANUARY 2024

(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted by the Organization in the preparation of its financial statements.

1 **Basis of Accounting:**

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2 **Fixed Assets:**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

3 **Depreciation:**

Depreciation on fixed assets is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives at the following annual rates

Motor vehicles	25%
Office furniture, fixture and fitting	15%
Computer equipment	15%
Office equipment	15%

4 **Foreign currencies:**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the naira at the rate ruling at the date of transactions. Foreign currency balances are converted to the Naira at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet dates. All differences arising from conversion of balance in foreign currencies to Naira (if any) are taken to the Statement of income and expenditure.

5 **Income:**

Income represents the grants and donations received from **DONORS** and **TRUSTEES** credited when received.

