



# Annual Report 2024



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# 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

- Demand Creation
- Peer Education
- Peer Support Groups and Forums
- Community Dialogue
- Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Data Hub
- Research
- Consultancy
- Volunteerism
- Mentorship
- Social Media Engagement
- 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

<b>ABYM</b>	Adolescent Boys and Young Men
<b>AGYW</b>	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
<b>ANAYD</b>	African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development
<b>APYIN</b>	Adolescent and Young Persons Intervention Network
<b>ART</b>	Antiretroviral Therapy
<b>ATM</b>	AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
<b>AYPLHIV</b>	Adolescents and Young People Living with HIV
<b>CBO</b>	Community-Based Organization
<b>CASPR</b>	Civil Society for HIV/AIDS Policy and Rights
<b>CIHP</b>	Centre for Integrated Health Programs
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>ECEWS</b>	Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme
<b>EVA</b>	Education as a Vaccine
<b>FCT</b>	Federal Capital Territory
<b>GBMSM</b>	Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-Based Violence
<b>GEF</b>	Gender Equality Fund
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>IHVN</b>	Institute of Human Virology Nigeria
<b>ISDAO</b>	Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest
<b>KP</b>	Key Population
<b>LGBTQI</b>	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex
<b>NACA</b>	National Agency for the Control of AIDS
<b>NEPWHAN</b>	Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
<b>NTBLCP</b>	National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program
<b>PEPFAR</b>	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
<b>PLHIV</b>	People Living with HIV
<b>PrEP</b>	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
<b>SACA</b>	State Agency for the Control of AIDS
<b>SASCP</b>	State AIDS and STIs Control Program
<b>SRH</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>UNAIDS</b>	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>YFSW</b>	Young Female Sex Workers
<b>YLGBTQI</b>	Young LGBTQI Individuals
<b>YMSM</b>	Young Men who have Sex with Men
<b>YPWID</b>	Young People Who Inject Drugs
<b>YPLWD</b>	Young People Living with Disabilities

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2024 was a remarkable journey for the African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD). With a steadfast commitment to advancing gender equality, promoting public health, and advocating for the rights of young people, ANAYD continued to push boundaries and break new ground. Through unwavering dedication, strategic partnerships, and a focus on community-driven solutions, we empowered thousands of adolescents and young persons to take charge of their health, advocate for their rights, and shape their future.

One of the most significant milestones of 2024 was the successful implementation of the Gender Equality Fund (GEF) Inception Meeting. This transformative event brought together diverse stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organizations, healthcare professionals, and youth advocates, to chart a new course toward gender equality and health equity. Guided by feminist values and community leadership, the GEF initiative has laid the foundation for multi-sectoral collaboration and sustainable interventions addressing HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria among women, girls, and gender-diverse communities.

We also made great strides in tackling tuberculosis (TB) among adolescents and young people. The Adolescent and Youth Tuberculosis Policy and Advocacy Brief served as a rallying point for stakeholders to address the challenges that young people face in accessing TB care. Our advocacy efforts emphasized the importance of youth engagement, peer-led interventions, and addressing stigma and discrimination within healthcare systems. By equipping young leaders and peer educators with the necessary tools, we are fostering a generation that is not only informed but empowered to advocate for better health outcomes.

Our commitment to inclusive healthcare extended to the AIDS 2024 Virtual Hub, where we connected young advocates and community leaders to global conversations on HIV and AIDS. Through vibrant discussions and interactive sessions, young people shared their perspectives, challenges, and successes in HIV prevention and care. The hub created a platform for cross-learning, building solidarity, and amplifying the voices of key populations.

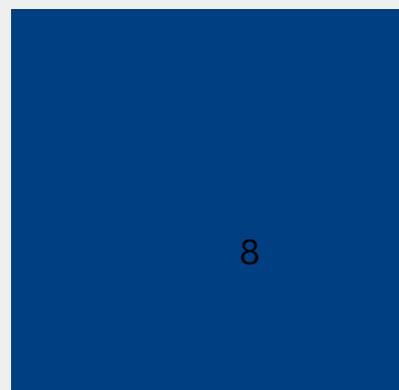
Our projects and initiatives reached over 5,500 young people this year, creating safe spaces for dialogue, providing comprehensive health services, and strengthening community resilience. Whether through policy advocacy, capacity-building workshops, or innovative community programs, we remained resolute in our mission to leave no one behind.

This year, ANAYD also continued to champion the fight against stigma and discrimination. Through dedicated campaigns and strategic partnerships, we worked to dismantle harmful stereotypes and foster environments where young people can access health services without fear or judgment. Our efforts have paved the way for stronger public-private partnerships and integrated service delivery models, essential for sustaining the progress we have made.

As we look ahead, we are more determined than ever to continue advocating for policies that promote equality, health, and empowerment. Our focus remains on fostering sustainable solutions, equipping young people with leadership skills, and creating more inclusive spaces for dialogue and decision-making.

To everyone who contributed to our success—our dedicated team, community champions, partners, and supporters—we extend our deepest gratitude. Your unwavering commitment to uplifting the lives of young people is the driving force behind our achievements. Together, we will continue to shape a future where every adolescent and young person can thrive, live with dignity, and realize their fullest potential.

Join us as we build on these successes and continue to champion the cause of young people across Africa. The journey continues, and the best is yet to come.



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to share the 2024 Annual Report of the African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD) as we wrap up another remarkable year. This report reflects our steadfast commitment to empowering youth, fighting for their rights, and promoting health equity throughout Africa and goes beyond a simple synopsis of our work. Together with our partners, stakeholders, and resilient communities, who never stop inspiring and motivating our work, it documents the strides we have accomplished the difficulties we have encountered, and the overall impact of our efforts.

This past year, we deepened our engagement with diverse communities, strengthened partnerships, and championed innovative interventions to address critical health challenges, including HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria, and gender inequality. Through our programs and initiatives, we have created safe spaces, fostered youth leadership, and built capacities that empower adolescents and young people to take charge of their health and futures.

One of the most remarkable highlights of 2024 was our dedication to inclusive healthcare through the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria. This project broke new ground in promoting non-discriminatory, youth-friendly health services for marginalized populations, addressing stigma, and building the capacity of healthcare workers to deliver compassionate care. Similarly, the Gender Equality Fund (GEF) inception meeting brought together diverse stakeholders to discuss gender-transformative strategies, paving the way for improved health outcomes for women, girls, and gender-diverse communities.

Our commitment to amplifying youth voices remained steadfast through projects like the AIDS 2024 Virtual Hub and the South-South Region Age of Access Project Inception Meeting. These initiatives created avenues for young people to lead conversations on sexual and reproductive health, HIV prevention, and policy advocacy. The energy and passion exhibited by our youth champions continue to inspire us to push boundaries and advocate for policies that protect and uplift them.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and donors whose unwavering support makes our mission possible. Your belief in our vision has fueled our journey toward a more inclusive and healthier Africa, and we could not have made this impact without you.

As we look forward to 2025, we are reminded that the challenges ahead remain significant, but so does our resolve. We will continue to build on our successes, expand our reach, and advocate for inclusive policies that safeguard the rights and well-being of young people. By fostering innovation, collaboration, and solidarity, we will keep advancing our mission to transform lives and communities.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are shaping a future where every young person thrives.

**Sincerely,**  
**Haruna Aaron Sunday**  
**Executive Director**



# A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

Writing this report has been a journey—a journey through stories of resilience, passion, and purpose. As I pieced together the remarkable strides we've taken at the African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD) this past year, I couldn't help but feel overwhelmed with pride and gratitude. This report is more than just words on paper; it's a celebration of countless young people who dared to dream, speak up, and take action despite the odds stacked against them.

There's something truly powerful about being part of a movement that refuses to accept inequality, that challenges the status quo, and that boldly amplifies the voices of those who are too often silenced. Through every project, every partnership, and every conversation, we've shown that real change happens when young people are not just invited to the table but are given the mic to lead the dialogue.

This year, we didn't just talk about inclusion—we lived it. We didn't just advocate for health equity—we built it from the ground up. We pushed back against stigma, tore down barriers, and opened up spaces where young people could thrive unapologetically. From policy dialogues to grassroots movements, from virtual hubs to in-person community gatherings—we made our mark.

But here's the thing: this report isn't just about what we did—it's about why we did it. It's about the fierce determination to create a future where young people don't have to fight to be seen, heard, or respected. It's about showing that when we stand together, fueled by passion and purpose, we are unstoppable.

To everyone who poured their heart into this mission—from our tireless volunteers to our unwavering partners—thank you. Your dedication lights the path forward. And to every young person out there fighting their own battles: you are the reason we do this. Your courage fuels our vision, and your stories keep us grounded.



# A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

As you flip through these pages, know that you are holding more than just a report—you are holding the heartbeat of a movement that's here to stay. Let's keep pushing forward, let's keep challenging norms, and let's keep building the future we deserve.

With gratitude and hope,

**Chinazo Anthonia Dike**  
**Director of Media and Communication, ANAYD**

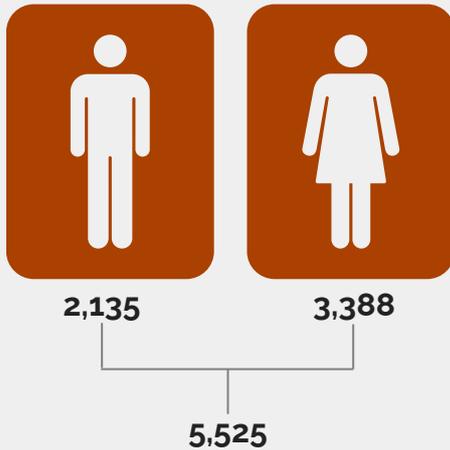
# OUR PARTNERS

- Aid Foundation
- APYIN (Adolescent and Young People in Nigeria)
- CASPR (Civil society Action for scale up prevention response)
- CIHP (Centre for Integrated Health Programs)
- CPHI (Centre for Public Health Initiatives)
- ECEWS (Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme)
- EVA (Education as a Vaccine)
- Global Fund
- GSK (GlaxoSmithKline)
- IHVN (Institute of Human Virology Nigeria)
- ISDAO (Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest)
- Lawyers Alert
- LIFT Equity Fund Program
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Women Affairs
- NACA (National Agency for the Control of AIDS)
- National Human Rights Commission
- NEPWHAN (Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria)
- NTBLCP (National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme)
- PEPFAR (The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief)
- SACA: State AIDS Control Agencies
- SASCP: State AIDS/STI Control Programme
- SFH (Society for Family Health)
- Stop TB Partnership Nigeria
- UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)
- UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)
- UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
- ViiV Healthcare
- WHO (World Health Organization)
- Y+ Global



# OUR TARGET BENEFICIARIES

## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES BY GENDER:



## GROUPS REACHED:

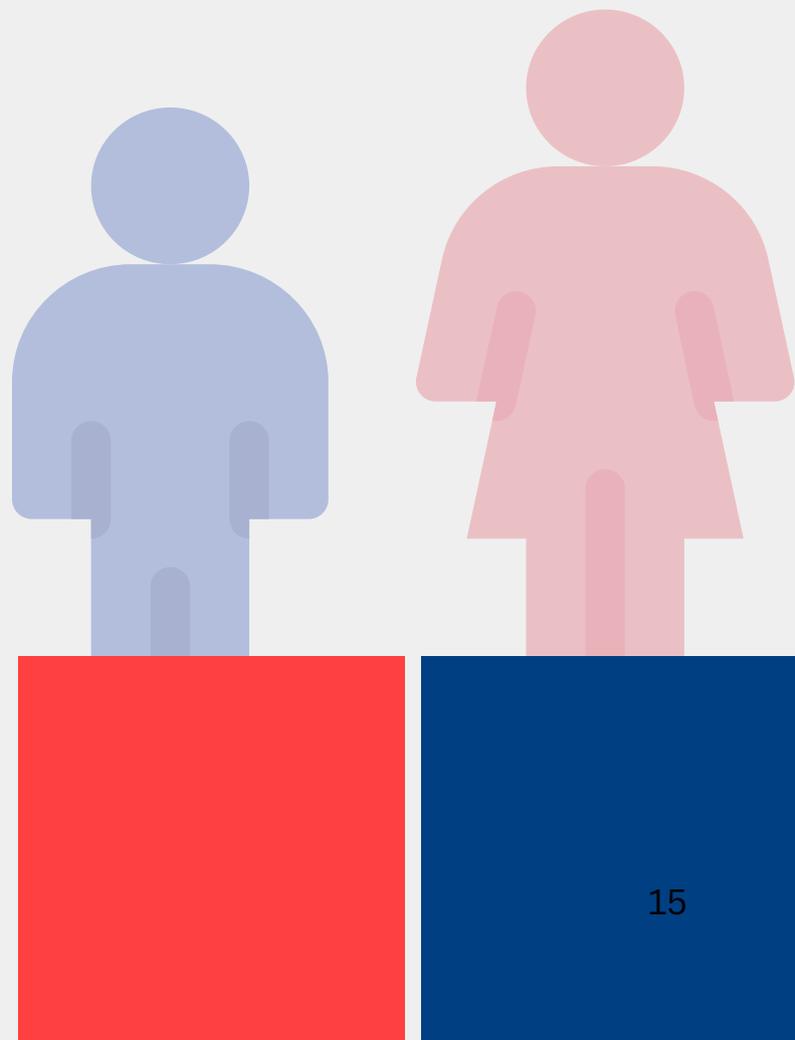
- **AGYW (Adolescent Girls and Young Women): 1,373**
- **ABYM (Adolescent Boys and Young Men): 996**
- **AYPLHIV (Adolescents and Young People Living with HIV):**
  - Male: 158
  - Female: 338
- **YPLWD (Young People Living with Disabilities):**
  - Male: 47
  - Female: 18
- **YFSW (Young Female Sex Workers): 38**
- **YMSM (Young Men who have Sex with Men): 33**
- **YPWID (Young People Who Inject Drugs):**
  - Male: 26
  - Female: 27
- **YLGBTQI (Young LGBTQI Individuals):**
  - Male: 4
  - Female: 3

# OUR TARGET BENEFICIARIES

## GROUPS REACHED

### Age Distribution of Beneficiaries:

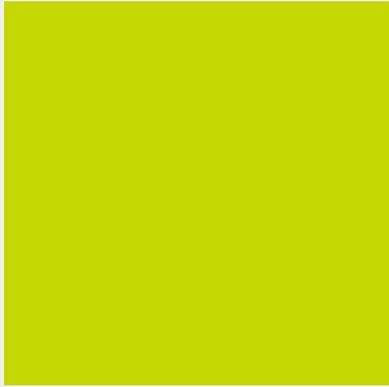
- **14 Years:**
  - o Male: 162
  - o Female: 245
- **15–19 Years:**
  - o Male: 409
  - o Female: 657
- **20–24 Years:**
  - o Male: 621
  - o Female: 1,054
- **25+ Years:**
  - o Male: 33
  - o Female: 102



# STATES OF IMPLEMENTATION

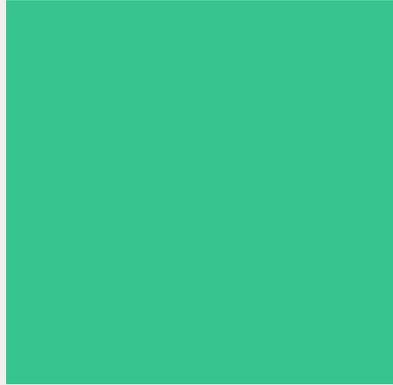
- Abia
- Akwa Ibom
- Anambra
- Benue
- Delta
- FCT Abuja
- Kaduna
- Kano
- Lagos
- Oyo
- Rivers





# SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

**10 Million+  
Reached**



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



The Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria, funded by the Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ISDAO), has been a groundbreaking effort in advancing inclusive healthcare for young key populations (YKPs) across the states of Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, and Rivers. Implemented from November 2023 to February 2024, the project addressed critical systemic barriers to healthcare by empowering service providers, fostering stakeholder engagement, and mobilizing youth advocates to create a more welcoming and supportive health environment.

### Project Approach and Implementation

Guided by a human-centered design and grounded in human rights principles, the project focused on equipping healthcare providers with essential skills to deliver non-discriminatory, youth-friendly, and comprehensive services to adolescents and young people, regardless of gender, orientation, or background. ANAYD collaborated closely with government agencies, healthcare workers, community leaders, and youth networks to break down stigma and discrimination that often obstruct access to vital health services.

Training sessions were a pivotal part of the project, designed to build the capacity of healthcare providers through practical and participatory approaches. The training emphasized inclusive practices and respectful care for diverse populations, including Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), Adolescents and Young People Living with HIV (AYPLHIV), Young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex+ individuals (YLGBTQI+), Young Key Populations (YKPs), and Young People Living with Disabilities (YPLWD). Health workers received education on the Patients' Bill of Rights and the HIV Anti-Stigma and Discrimination Act of 2014, fostering a deeper understanding of their roles in safeguarding patient dignity and rights. Training also included sessions on the combination prevention approach, biomedical interventions, and adolescent-friendly service delivery to further enhance their skills and responsiveness.

## Community Engagement and Advocacy

Community consultations were conducted across the targeted states to better understand local challenges and perspectives. These consultations revealed recurring barriers, including healthcare worker bias, limited awareness of key population needs, and a lack of youth-friendly services. Participants identified specific issues such as gender-based violence, mental health challenges, economic barriers, and persistent stigma within healthcare settings. These valuable insights guided the project's advocacy efforts, informing strategies aimed at promoting policy reforms and strengthening community-based support systems.



To further amplify young voices and foster collective action, advocacy meetings with key stakeholders, including the National Human Rights Commission and State AIDS Control Agencies, played a central role in reinforcing the importance of inclusive healthcare services. Stakeholders expressed a strong commitment to integrating YKP-sensitive policies into state health frameworks and strengthening collaboration between government agencies and community-based organizations. These advocacy efforts were essential in building a coalition of support for the project's objectives.

## Reflections and Way Forward

The ANAYD & ISDAO project represents a significant step toward achieving health equity for young key populations in Nigeria. While the progress made during the project period is commendable, the path ahead requires sustained momentum. Building on the successes achieved, it is crucial to continue fostering partnerships, enhancing healthcare provider training, and maintaining youth-centered advocacy. The project has laid a solid foundation for lasting change, but continued effort and dedication are essential to make inclusive healthcare an enduring reality.

## Outreach and Impact

Beyond direct engagement and training, the project leveraged digital platforms to extend its reach. A robust social media campaign, strategically designed to increase awareness and reduce stigma, successfully reached an estimated 19 million individuals. The campaign's message highlighted the critical need for non-discriminatory healthcare practices and emphasized the collective responsibility of both government and civil society in upholding health equity.

By fostering collaborations, strengthening capacity, and keeping youth voices at the forefront, the ANAYD & ISDAO initiative is paving the way for a more inclusive healthcare system where no one is left behind.

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## THE GENDER EQUALITY FUND (GEF)



The Gender Equality Fund (GEF) Inception Meeting was held on the 21st of August, 2024, at the Sandralia Hotel in Abuja, gathering 74 participants from various sectors committed to advancing gender equality and transformative health strategies, with the funding support from ViiV Healthcare and GSK. The fund is designed to address the pressing challenges posed by HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria, with a focus on women, girls, and gender-diverse communities. At its core, the GEF is driven by feminist values, sustainability, community leadership, and a commitment to gender equality.

### Purpose and Objectives

The primary purpose of the meeting was to introduce the GEF's three-year project to national stakeholders, fostering partnerships and securing commitments for effective implementation. It served as a platform to discuss synergies, align national interventions, and address gender inequality through a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach. The event marked the beginning of a coordinated effort to enhance public health outcomes while prioritizing the rights and well-being of women, girls, and marginalized groups.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Aaron Sunday, Executive Director of ANAYD, who highlighted the critical role of adolescent and youth involvement in tackling gender inequality and integrating gender-focused health interventions. He emphasized that empowering young people and fostering collaboration across sectors were fundamental to achieving the fund's objectives.

Throughout the day, various stakeholders, including representatives from UNAIDS, PEPFAR, IHVN, SFH, NTBLCP, and NEPWHAN, delivered goodwill messages. They lauded the initiative, emphasizing the urgent need to address gender-based violence, bridge health service gaps for adolescent girls and women, and cultivate collaboration among diverse partners.

A powerful keynote address by Dr. Temitope Ilori, Director-General of NACA, underscored the necessity of empowering women and adolescent girls in public health initiatives. Dr. Ilori reaffirmed NACA's dedication to leveraging GEF resources to advance gender equity and health outcomes. She called on all stakeholders to join forces to tackle the social and structural barriers that perpetuate inequality.

Insightful presentations were made throughout the meeting, including one by the Southwest Consortium, which stressed the importance of stakeholder mapping, baseline studies, and integrating TB training into AIDS, TB, and Malaria (ATM) interventions. They noted that reducing stigma remains a critical challenge and called for innovative approaches to achieve this goal. Lawyers Alert also contributed significantly by outlining their integrated ATM programming model and discussing state selection criteria to maximize impact.

A key highlight of the meeting was the plenary session, where panelists addressed the complexities of multisectoral collaboration, sustainability, and breaking down structural barriers. Participants actively engaged in discussions that yielded practical recommendations, such as strengthening government engagement, building capacity for community organizations, and harmonizing stakeholder efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of interventions.



## Adolescent and Young Persons (AYP) Program

One of the most impactful sessions was the presentation of NACA's Adolescent and Young Persons (AYP) program. The program aims to reduce new HIV infections among adolescents by implementing gender-responsive services that address harmful practices, gender-based violence, and low awareness of HIV prevention. The presentation prompted discussions on best practices for engaging adolescents and fostering a supportive environment for young people's health and well-being.

## Key Outcomes and Commitments

The meeting culminated in a collective commitment from stakeholders to work together toward the unified goal of gender equality and improved health outcomes. Participants recognized the importance of adopting a holistic approach that includes stakeholder mapping, forming partnerships with faith-based organizations, and integrating gender-based violence indicators to measure progress.

The meeting concluded on a positive and optimistic note, with stakeholders pledging their continued support and identifying actionable next steps. These include strengthening collaboration with government agencies, private sector partners, and civil society organizations to ensure the sustainability of GEF initiatives. A clear pathway forward was established, driven by a shared commitment to tackling gender inequality and enhancing health outcomes for women, girls, and marginalized communities in Nigeria.

The Gender Equality Fund Inception Meeting marked a significant milestone in the journey toward a more equitable and healthier future. The passion and determination demonstrated by all participants reflect a collective resolve to address the root causes of inequality and ensure that no one is left behind in the fight against HIV, TB, and Malaria. Through collaboration, innovative strategies, and unwavering commitment, GEF and its partners are poised to make meaningful progress in transforming health and gender equality outcomes across Nigeria.

## ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH TUBERCULOSIS POLICY BRIEF 2024



Tuberculosis (TB) remains a significant public health challenge among adolescents and young people in Nigeria, accounting for a substantial burden of disease and mortality. Despite various interventions, young people continue to face barriers to TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, which are often exacerbated by stigma, limited access to healthcare services, and socioeconomic factors. This policy brief outlines the key challenges, strategic approaches, and recommended actions to address adolescent and youth TB within the broader public health framework.

### Background

Young people aged 10 to 24 years are disproportionately affected by TB, with socio-cultural norms, economic vulnerabilities, and healthcare access issues exacerbating their risk. The Global Tuberculosis Report (2024) highlights that Nigeria remains among the top countries with the highest TB burden, particularly affecting vulnerable populations, including adolescents and young people. Addressing TB among this demographic requires a multifaceted approach that integrates health services with social support, education, and targeted advocacy.

## ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH TUBERCULOSIS POLICY BRIEF 2024

### Key Challenges

1. **Stigma and Discrimination:** Stigma associated with TB continues to deter young people from seeking care, leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment.
2. **Limited Access to Youth-Friendly Services:** Many healthcare facilities lack tailored services that meet the unique needs of adolescents and young people, resulting in underutilization.
3. **Socioeconomic Barriers:** Poverty and lack of financial resources hinder young people from accessing TB care and adhering to treatment.
4. **Knowledge Gaps:** There is limited awareness of TB transmission, symptoms, and treatment options among young people, contributing to late presentation and increased transmission.
5. **Health System Weaknesses:** Inadequate capacity of healthcare providers to deliver youth-centered TB care remains a persistent issue.

### Strategic Approaches

1. **Youth Engagement and Leadership:** Promote youth involvement in TB programming to enhance advocacy and community outreach. Empower young people to become TB champions and peer educators.
2. **Strengthening Health Systems:** Invest in training healthcare providers to deliver empathetic and youth-friendly TB services, reducing stigma and fostering trust.
3. **Community-Based Interventions:** Leverage community networks and youth organizations to implement grassroots awareness campaigns, addressing misconceptions and promoting early diagnosis.
4. **Integrated Care Models:** Adopt integrated service delivery models that combine TB, HIV, and other essential health services to improve access and outcomes.
5. **Policy Advocacy:** Advocate for policies that reduce structural barriers to TB care, including financial support and legal frameworks that protect the rights of affected individuals.

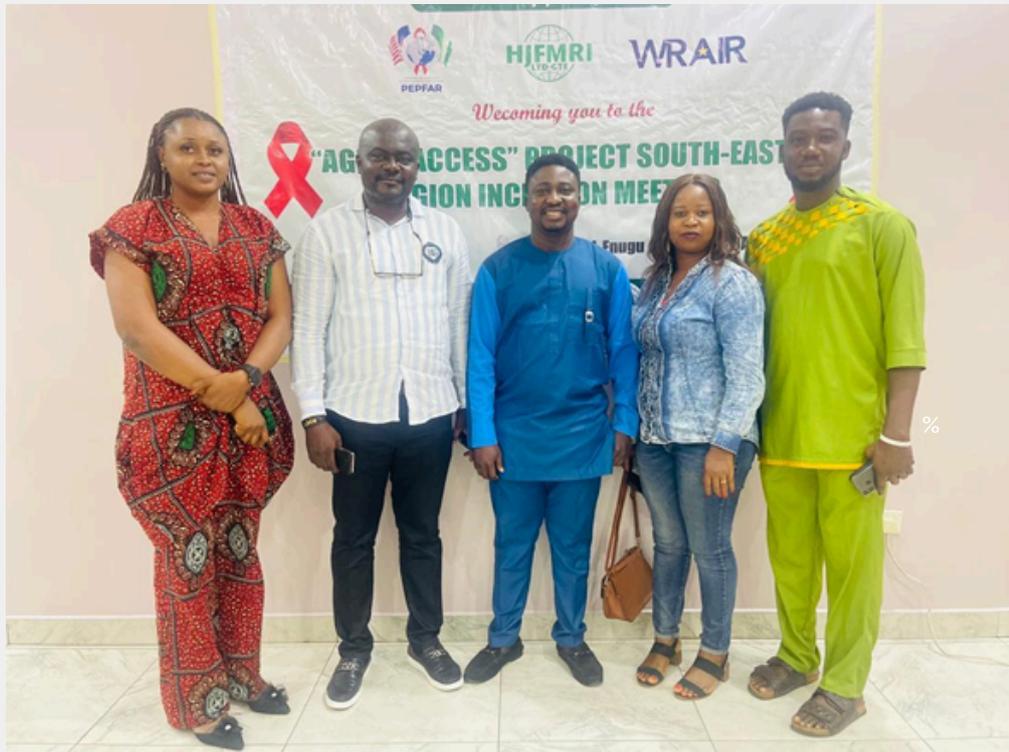
## ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH TUBERCULOSIS POLICY BRIEF 2024

### Recommended Actions

- Develop and implement national guidelines for adolescent and youth-friendly TB services.
- Enhance partnerships with community-based organizations to expand TB screening and education.
- Mobilize resources to support innovative approaches, such as mobile clinics and digital health interventions.
- Foster multi-sectoral collaboration to address social determinants of health affecting young people.
- Promote inclusive healthcare policies that prioritize youth engagement and representation in decision-making processes.

Addressing adolescent and youth tuberculosis requires a holistic and collaborative approach that prioritizes empowerment, accessibility, and stigma reduction. By fostering strategic partnerships, implementing youth-centered care models, and advocating for inclusive policies, we can create a resilient healthcare environment that supports the well-being of young people and reduces the TB burden in Nigeria.

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**SOUTH-SOUTH REGION AGE OF ACCESS PROJECT INCEPTION MEETING:  
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HIV TESTING FOR YOUTH**

On October 10, 2024, the Break Fort Hotel in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, was the venue for the South-South Region Age of Access Project Inception Meeting. The event brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to discuss an important and transformative policy change aimed at lowering the age of access to HIV testing services from 18 to 14 years for young people in Nigeria. This initiative, supported by the LIFT Equity Fund Program and funded by PEPFAR, marks a significant step in addressing the growing concerns surrounding HIV transmission among adolescents. It aims to break down the barriers that young people face in accessing HIV testing and treatment services by allowing them to make health decisions without requiring parental consent.

**A Crucial Policy Change: The Need for Accessible HIV Testing**

The lowering of the age of access to HIV testing is seen as a vital intervention for addressing the high rates of HIV transmission among adolescents and key populations. The policy change would enable young people to seek testing and treatment confidentially, increasing early detection and reducing the spread of the virus. This shift in policy is particularly crucial for marginalized youth, such as those from key populations, who are often excluded from vital healthcare services due to restrictive age requirements and cultural stigmas.

## Setting the Stage for Collaboration

The meeting kicked off with welcoming remarks from the Director of Public Health, AKSACA, who emphasized the importance of the project in promoting health equity and empowering young people. The Director highlighted the critical role of government, civil society organizations, and youth advocates in making this policy change a reality. This moment underscored the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to ensure the success of the Age of Access project, particularly through advocacy, engagement, and implementation at local levels.

## Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement: Overcoming Barriers

A major topic of discussion was the need for targeted advocacy and stakeholder engagement to overcome the legislative and cultural barriers that might impede the implementation of this policy shift. Stakeholders discussed ways to engage local communities, including addressing stigma, cultural resistance, and concerns about the impact of the policy on adolescent behavior. The importance of involving religious and traditional leaders in the advocacy process was highlighted, with participants recognizing that these leaders play a crucial role in shaping attitudes toward health issues.

## Key Points of Discussion:

- The importance of creating youth-friendly, non-judgmental spaces for HIV testing services.
- Strategies to engage religious and traditional leaders in supporting the policy shift.
- The need for a coordinated communication strategy to address misconceptions about HIV testing and adolescent health.

## Challenges and Solutions: Addressing Cultural and Legislative Hurdles

As the National Council on Health deliberates on the approval of the policy, participants discussed some of the key challenges to its implementation. These challenges include cultural resistance, stigma surrounding HIV, and legislative delays. Despite the progress made in advocating for the policy change, misconceptions about HIV testing and the moral implications of reducing the age of access remain barriers to its acceptance in some regions. Participants agreed that continued dialogue and education were necessary to address these concerns and encourage widespread support.

The meeting emphasized the need for a robust, multi-faceted approach to overcoming these challenges. In addition to advocacy, participants discussed the importance of offering clear, factual information to both parents and young people about the benefits of early HIV testing and treatment. The importance of training healthcare workers to provide youth-friendly services was also emphasized.

### **Youth-Led Efforts:**

- Youth-led networks are actively engaging with educational institutions to promote HIV education and awareness.
- The involvement of young people in peer education and advocacy campaigns is seen as a vital tool for reducing stigma and encouraging HIV testing.

### **The Role of Youth: Empowerment and Leadership**

A key aspect of the meeting was the recognition of the role that young people themselves will play in advocating for the policy change. Youth organizations and networks were identified as critical drivers of this agenda, as their engagement is essential for ensuring that the voices of young people are heard in the policymaking process. The meeting highlighted the significant contributions of youth groups, who are already working on the ground to raise awareness and advocate for HIV testing services for adolescents.



## Progress and Achievements: Building Alliances for Change

The meeting also provided an opportunity to review the progress made thus far in advancing the objectives of the LIFT Equity Fund Program. Stakeholder engagement efforts have made significant strides, particularly in strengthening relationships between civil society organizations, healthcare providers, and youth networks. Despite the ongoing challenges, there is a shared sense of optimism

### Highlights:

- Partnerships with educational institutions have increased the reach of HIV education campaigns.
- Key stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society organizations, and youth networks, have begun to work more closely together in support of the Age of Access initiative.

### Looking Forward: Phase II and Beyond

The meeting concluded with a focus on the Phase II implementation plan, which outlines the next steps in scaling up advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and service delivery efforts. The plan emphasizes the importance of capacity building for youth organizations, healthcare workers, and civil society groups, as well as continued legislative advocacy to secure approval for the policy change. Stakeholders agreed that a collaborative approach, involving all relevant sectors, is necessary for the successful implementation of the project.

The upcoming phase will focus on:

- Expanding training programs for healthcare workers to ensure they can provide youth-friendly services.
- Enhancing the capacity of youth organizations to lead advocacy campaigns.
- Increasing engagement with local lawmakers and community leaders to build support for the policy.

## **A Path Toward Health Equity**

The South-South Region Age of Access Project Inception Meeting marked a significant milestone in the journey toward improving access to HIV testing services for young people in Nigeria. With strong commitments from key stakeholders, a detailed implementation plan, and ongoing advocacy efforts, the project is poised to make a lasting impact in the fight against HIV. As the initiative moves into its next phase, there is a renewed sense of purpose and optimism that the Age of Access policy will soon be fully embraced, allowing young people in the South-South region and beyond to take control of their health and future.

## NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE 2024



The 2024 National Tuberculosis Conference was a remarkable gathering of stakeholders committed to eradicating TB in Nigeria. Organized by Stop TB Partnership Nigeria and the National TB and Leprosy Control Program (NTBLCP), the conference created a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, advocacy, and innovative approaches to TB control. With participants from various sectors, including healthcare, government, civil society, and the private sector, the conference truly embodied the theme: 'Public-Private Partnership and Integrated Service Delivery: Panacea to End TB in Nigeria.'

The event fostered invaluable discussions on strengthening collaboration, integrating TB services into broader healthcare systems, and leveraging innovative solutions to tackle TB more effectively. The atmosphere was charged with a collective determination to not only address existing challenges but also to pioneer new pathways towards ending TB in Nigeria.

### Conference Highlights

The conference brought together thought leaders, healthcare practitioners, policymakers, and youth advocates to share experiences, showcase best practices, and chart a sustainable path forward. Activities included plenary sessions, panel discussions, and breakout sessions focusing on key issues such as TB-HIV co-infection, drug-resistant TB, and the impact of TB on vulnerable populations. Participants actively engaged in thought-provoking discussions, presenting innovative ideas to overcome TB-related challenges and foster resilience.

## NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE 2024

One of the most notable moments was the launch of the Adolescent and Youth Tuberculosis Advocacy and Policy Brief, an initiative aimed at amplifying the voices of young people and addressing the unique challenges they face in TB prevention and care. This launch was accompanied by insightful discussions led by young key population representatives, whose stories and perspectives underscored the importance of inclusive and youth-friendly TB policies.

Throughout the event, networking sessions allowed stakeholders to connect, exchange ideas, and forge new partnerships. The ANAYD exhibition booth served as a dynamic space for youth engagement, featuring presentations and discussions that reinforced the importance of youth-led advocacy in the fight against TB.

### **Combating Stigma and Discrimination**

The conference also shone a spotlight on the persistent stigma associated with TB and HIV, which continues to hinder progress in prevention and care. Stakeholders acknowledged that addressing stigma is crucial to improving health outcomes and fostering social inclusion. Various sessions focused on dispelling myths, promoting accurate information, and advocating for more supportive environments for individuals affected by TB and HIV. There was a call for comprehensive strategies to address public and self-stigma, as well as a commitment to providing mental health support to those affected.

### **Outcomes and Future Directions**

The energy and enthusiasm generated during the conference translated into a renewed commitment to intensifying the fight against TB. Participants collectively called for strengthened public-private partnerships, enhanced integration of TB services with other healthcare initiatives, and the scaling up of home-grown innovations. As we move forward, the outcomes of this conference will inform future advocacy efforts, guiding policy formulations and fostering impactful collaborations. Through continued engagement with key populations, healthcare professionals, and community advocates, we aim to build on the momentum generated during the conference. Together, we will drive forward initiatives that prioritize equity, inclusion, and community involvement, ultimately contributing to the vision of a TB-free Nigeria.

## AIDS 2024 VIRTUAL HUB: ENGAGING YOUTH AND ADVANCING HIV ADVOCACY



The AIDS 2024 Virtual Hub was successfully organized by the African Network of Adolescents and Young Person's Development (ANAYD) at the Aid Foundation in Nigeria. The event brought together 23 young participants from various age groups, ranging from adolescents to young adults, fostering an inclusive and dynamic environment for learning, advocacy, and collaboration. The virtual hub, spanning four days, served as a critical platform for engaging youth in discussions around HIV/AIDS, mental health, sexual and reproductive health rights, and innovative prevention strategies.

### Setting the Stage

The opening session highlighted the significance of the AIDS 2024 Conference as the premier global platform for advancing the HIV response, emphasizing the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights.

The first session of the day addressed sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), with a focus on prevention among GBMSM and heterosexual men. Discussions covered the use of PEP and PrEP, including the cautious use of doxycycline prophylaxis. Presenters shared research from Australia and Zambia on antibiotic access and the role of condoms and counseling as preventive measures.

The second session, led by Mr. Aaron Sunday, ANAYD Executive Director, explored partnerships and sustainability in the HIV response. Emphasizing community involvement and resource mobilization, Mr. Sunday advocated for maintaining strong partnerships and empowering communities to lead initiatives.

## Challenging Narratives and Building Advocacy

Day two opened with a recap of the previous sessions, followed by a thought-provoking interview with a porn star, who candidly shared personal challenges related to sexual fulfillment, body image, and the complexities of navigating stigma. This session sparked discussions around sexuality, mental health, and the intersection of personal and public identities.

Subsequent sessions focused on advocacy for people living with HIV, featuring speakers such as Hans Berlin and Alda, who underscored the importance of community engagement and dismantling stigma. Participants deliberated on communication strategies, capacity building, and the inclusion of the LGBTQI community in health interventions.

The day concluded with an in-depth session on mental health, where experts discussed the critical need for accessible mental health services for young people living with HIV.

Strategies included mental health training, the creation of online assessment tools, and establishing stigma-free mental health centers.

### Putting People First

Day three emphasized prioritizing key populations and young people in HIV and AIDS programming. Dr. Christy led discussions on creating safe spaces and fostering youth-friendly environments, while advocating for policies that put youth at the forefront of decision-making processes. The session also addressed interventions tailored to young LGBTQI individuals and the importance of acute HIV infection knowledge.

### Unlocking Access and Sustaining Momentum

The final day began with reflections on the progress made throughout the hub. Key sessions examined age of access policies in Africa, with recommendations from WHO and UNFPA on reducing age barriers for HIV testing. Discussions also addressed global disparities in HIV prevalence and the importance of sustained epidemic control through targeted interventions.

### Reflections and Outcomes

Throughout the hub, participants expressed a strong commitment to applying the knowledge gained and stepping down their learnings to peers and communities. Social media engagement amplified the conference's impact, with participants pledging to share insights via support groups and digital platforms.

The AIDS 2024 Virtual Hub demonstrated the power of youth engagement in the global HIV response. By fostering open dialogue and equipping participants with advocacy tools, the hub contributed to building resilient youth networks capable of challenging stigma and promoting inclusive health practices. ANAYD remains committed to sustaining these efforts and amplifying youth voices in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2024



Apart from the aforementioned projects, ANAYD also marked significant international observance days, participated in conferences, and carried out a variety of initiatives such as capacity-building sessions, trainings, rallies, consultations, dissemination meetings, advocacy campaigns, press conferences, and more.

Highlighted below are some of the key activities:

S/N	ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVE(S)	NUMBER OF PERSONS REACHED	FUNDER/ DONOR
1	Focused Group Discussions	To gather insights and an overview of issues affecting AGYWs when assessing healthcare services in Nigeria and their Involvements in decision making spaces	35	Y+ Global
2	World AIDs Day	To mark the World's AIDS Day 2024 by creating awareness for Young people on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights issues and HIV.  To intensify awareness of HIV and Sexual Violence among the general population through Community March.	177	ANAYD
3	Identification of HIV testing facilities	To increase access to HIV care, raise awareness and reduce stigma among AYPs and KPs		PEPFAR
4	Consultation/ workshop on increasing youth engagement in Global Fund Processes and TB programming In Benue State	To increase youth engagement in Global Fund processes and TB programming In Benue State	65	Global Fund
				<b>36</b>

## MAJOR LESSONS IN 2024



### **Stakeholder Engagement Matters**

One of the most significant lessons from 2024 is the power of effective stakeholder engagement. Ministries such as the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women Affairs, and the Rivers State Agency for the Control of AIDS actively embraced and supported our projects, reinforcing the importance of collaboration. Their commitment not only fueled momentum but also validated our approach to community-driven health initiatives. Building strong relationships with stakeholders has proven vital in achieving project objectives and sustaining progress.

### **The Power of Safe Spaces**

When it comes to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), young people, especially Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), thrive in environments where they feel safe and heard. We learned that when AGYWs are given the assurance of confidentiality without judgment, they openly share their fears, experiences, and challenges. This openness fosters honest conversations and builds trust, making it easier to address sensitive health issues. Creating peer-led, youth-friendly spaces continues to be essential in promoting SRH awareness and support.

### **Combating Stigma: An Ongoing Battle**

Stigma remains a persistent challenge, particularly among older healthcare workers who may hold outdated perspectives on HIV and SRH services. This reality underscores the importance of integrating stigma reduction training within healthcare systems to create non-discriminatory, welcoming environments. We have seen that youth peer champions stationed at health facilities significantly help bridge this gap, as young people feel more comfortable engaging with peers who understand their realities.

## MAJOR LESSONS IN 2024

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## Strengthening Communication with Stakeholders

An essential takeaway from our interactions this year is that stakeholders deeply appreciate receiving detailed updates and feedback from partners. Regular communication builds confidence and ensures continued support. By keeping stakeholders informed and engaged, we foster a collaborative spirit that drives progress and ensures accountability.

## Increased Service Uptake Through Targeted Outreach

Our targeted outreach and awareness programs have led to a remarkable increase in the uptake of HIV testing, treatment, and SRH services. Young people and key populations, particularly in Benue State, have demonstrated greater willingness to access services when approached through tailored community interventions. The success of these programs highlights the importance of localized and culturally sensitive strategies in public health outreach.

## Referral Systems Strengthen Service Delivery

In 2024, we saw significant improvements in referral and linkage mechanisms that strengthened service delivery for young people and key populations. Through collaborative efforts, we have enhanced access to healthcare, particularly in marginalized and underserved areas. Strengthening these mechanisms remains a priority to ensure that no one falls through the cracks when seeking healthcare support.

## Capacity Building Yields Results

Investing in capacity building has yielded positive outcomes. Workshops, consultations, and training sessions have empowered healthcare workers, youth leaders, and peer educators with the skills needed to deliver quality services and advocate for policy changes. This has not only improved service delivery but also bolstered community confidence in healthcare systems, fostering stronger connections between providers and beneficiaries.



## Youth Leadership Drives Change

We witnessed a notable increase in youth leadership and advocacy within Global Fund processes and TB programming, especially in Benue State. More young people are taking on leadership roles and using their voices to influence policy decisions. Encouraging and nurturing this leadership is vital to sustaining advocacy efforts and ensuring that young people remain at the forefront of change. 38

## MAJOR LESSONS IN 2024

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**Championing Inclusive Health Services**

Through initiatives like the Network Initiative to Improve KP-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria, we have seen stronger advocacy for inclusive and non-discriminatory healthcare policies. This has been particularly impactful in Benue State, where partnerships with key populations and stakeholders have led to more inclusive healthcare practices. Despite these advancements, continuous advocacy is needed to dismantle existing barriers and sustain progress.

**Prioritizing Stigma Reduction in Programming**

Finally, it has become increasingly clear that stigma reduction must be systematically integrated into all healthcare training and community engagement efforts. Healthcare providers and communities alike need ongoing sensitization to challenge harmful attitudes and beliefs. Tackling stigma head-on remains crucial to promoting equitable healthcare access and fostering supportive environments for young people and key populations.

These lessons from 2024 remind us that real progress is rooted in partnership, inclusive approaches, and relentless advocacy. By remaining adaptable and responsive to emerging challenges, we will continue to build on these successes and strengthen our collective efforts toward healthier and more empowered communities.

## SUCCESS STORIES



In Benue State, a 19-year-old peer educator, Grace, had little knowledge about HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), or gender-based violence (GBV) before attending a World AIDS Day sensitization event. Like many young people in her community, she faced barriers to accessing youth-friendly health services due to stigma and misinformation.

Through the sensitization program, Grace learned about HIV prevention, the importance of regular testing, and available GBV support services. Inspired by the knowledge gained, she joined a network of trained peer educators committed to educating their peers about safe sexual practices and the importance of seeking healthcare without fear.

## CONCLUSION

As we close the chapter on 2024, we look back with pride at a year filled with purpose, perseverance, and remarkable progress. The African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD) has continued to make significant strides in advancing the health, rights, and well-being of young people, despite the myriad challenges that confronted us.

This year, we broke new ground with innovative programs and initiatives designed to empower adolescents and young persons across diverse communities. From the impactful Gender Equality Fund (GEF) Inception Meeting, which mobilized stakeholders to champion gender-responsive health interventions, to the National Tuberculosis Conference, where we spotlighted public-private partnerships as essential tools to end TB in Nigeria, we remained at the forefront of advocacy and collaboration.

Our commitment to youth leadership and community-driven solutions was evident in our engagement at the AIDS 2024 Virtual Hub, where young people actively participated, shared experiences, and gained knowledge on HIV prevention, treatment, and stigma reduction. Additionally, the South-South Region Age of Access Project advanced our mission to lower the legal age for HIV testing, reinforcing the importance of youth-friendly and inclusive healthcare services.

Throughout the year, we placed a strong emphasis on capacity building, hosting a series of training workshops for healthcare workers, peer educators, and youth advocates. These sessions equipped participants with the skills to deliver compassionate, stigma-free services, while also fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional growth. Moreover, our targeted outreach programs in vulnerable communities have led to increased uptake of HIV testing, treatment, and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services.

We also prioritized youth advocacy and leadership development by creating platforms for young people to voice their concerns and shape the future of public health programming. Through our collaborative efforts with government agencies, CSOs, and community networks, we have built strong coalitions committed to eradicating TB and HIV, promoting gender equality, and enhancing youth participation in policy processes.

Our media and digital advocacy initiatives have expanded our reach, raising awareness about critical health issues and mobilizing community support. Additionally, our continuous monitoring and evaluation efforts ensured that our programs remained data-driven, evidence-based, and responsive to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

## CONCLUSION

Looking ahead to 2025, we are fueled by a renewed sense of purpose and hope. The challenges we face are substantial, but the progress we have made reminds us of the power of collaboration and determination. We will continue to innovate, advocate, and empower, pushing boundaries to create a future where every young person has access to quality healthcare, education, and opportunities to thrive.

With your unwavering support, we are confident that we will achieve even greater milestones in the coming year. Let us continue to work hand in hand, guided by our shared vision of an inclusive, healthier, and more equitable world for adolescents and young people.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. The future is bright, and together, we will make it even brighter.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS DEVELOPMENT  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTS:**  
 The Trustees submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**2 RESULT:**

	2024	2023
(Deficit)/Surplus of Income over expenditure	N 1,127,553	N 231,114

**3 LEGAL FORM:**

AFRICAN NETWORK OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS DEVELOPMENT

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 MOVEMENTS IN FIXED ASSETS:**  
 Transactions 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 2024.

**7 AUDITORS:**  
 I.O UWAKWEM & CO, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS have indicated their willingness to continue as Auditors of the organization KADUNA, NIGERIA  
 SUNDAY ABORUNA AARON

MARCH 2025 TRUSTEES

**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 2024 set out on pages 6 to 12 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 their responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion thereon.

**Our 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 of account 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 and receipts for our audit, from projects not visited and all disbursements to projects have been made with NFI control procedures.

In our opinion, the financial statement give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Organization at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and of the surplus of Income over Expenditure and cash flow for the year ended on that date, and have been properly prepared in accordance with provisions of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990 and the Statement of Accounting Standards issued by International Financial Reporting Standard.

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**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 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.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	NOTE	2024	2023
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations/Grants received	1	100,829,435	50,187,542
Other income	2	-	-
Trade receivables	3	1,683,655	300,655
Refunds		-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>102,513,090</b>	<b>50,488,197</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Office expenditure	6	100,739,763	50,001,309
Depreciation	5	495,774	105,774
Audit fees		150,000	150,000
Trade payables		1,022,000	824,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>101,385,537</b>	<b>50,257,083</b>
<b>(Surplus/deficit of Income over expenditure)</b>		<b>1,127,553</b>	<b>231,114</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	NOTE	2024	2023
<b>Fixed Assets at NBV</b>	5	<b>2,469,042</b>	<b>364,816</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	7	<b>9,392,013</b>	<b>24,130,343</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>24,495,159</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	8	<b>-</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>21,345,159</b>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
Accumulated fund	9	11,861,055	21,345,159
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>		<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>21,345,159</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND</b>		<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>24,495,159</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 27/10/2025  
27/10/2025

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

**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	1,127,553	231,114
<b>Add Non-Cash Items included:</b>		
Depreciation	495,774	105,774
Operating (Deficit)/surplus before Working capital changes:	1,623,327	336,888
<b>Changes in assets and Liabilities</b>		
Inventories	-	-
Debtors/prepayments	-	-
Creditors/Accruals	-	-
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>1,623,327</b>	<b>336,888</b>
<b>Cash flow from Investing activities</b>	<b>2,600,000</b>	<b>-</b>
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
<b>Cashflow from financing activities:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Funds introduced	4,223,327	336,888
<b>Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash</b>	<b>(14,986,330)</b>	<b>18,255,254</b>
<b>Cash/Bank Balance at 1 January</b>	<b>20,748,938</b>	<b>2,493,684</b>
<b>Cash/bank Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>5,762,608</b>	<b>20,748,938</b>

**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>2. CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
Fidelity Bank of Nigeria Plc cash at hand	5,762,608	20,748,938
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Inventories-note 11	-	-
Trade receivables	1,683,655	300,655
Prepayments/staff advances	335,000	335,000
withholding tax unutilized	3,629,405	3,983,405
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>9,392,013</b>	<b>24,130,343</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade payables	-	3,150,000
Accruals - rent	-	3,150,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>
<b>9. ACCUMULATED FUND:</b>		
balance b/f	21,115,159	5,459,129
additions	-	-
Prior Year Adjustment	(10,381,657)	15,654,916
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>	<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>21,345,159</b>
<b>10. SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		
this is stated after charging depreciation	495,774	105,774
debtors remuneration	150,000	150,000
<b>11. INVENTORIES</b>		
Printed items	2,442,405	2,442,405

**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

S. COST	MOTOR VEHICLES	FURNITURE/FITTINGS	EQUIPMENT	COMPUTER	TOTAL
AT 1 JANUARY 2024	-	-	705,163	-	705,163
ADDITIONS	-	-	2,600,000	-	2,600,000
DEPRECIATION	-	-	3,305,163	-	3,305,163
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	-	-	340,347	-	340,347
CHARGE FOR THE YEAR	-	-	495,774	-	495,774
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	-	-	836,121	-	836,121
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	-	-	2,469,042	-	2,469,042
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	-	-	364,816	-	364,816

**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<b>2. CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
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<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade payables	-	3,150,000
Accruals - rent	-	3,150,000
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ADDITIONS	-	-	2,600,000	-	2,600,000
DEPRECIATION	-	-	3,305,163	-	3,305,163
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	-	-	340,347	-	340,347
CHARGE FOR THE YEAR	-	-	495,774	-	495,774
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	-	-	836,121	-	836,121
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	-	-	2,469,042	-	2,469,042
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	-	-	364,816	-	364,816

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CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
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<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Inventories-note 11	-	-
Trade receivables	1,683,655	300,655
Prepayments/staff advances	335,000	335,000
withholding tax unutilized	3,629,405	3,983,405
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>9,392,013</b>	<b>24,130,343</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade payables	-	3,150,000
Accruals - rent	-	3,150,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>
<b>9. ACCUMULATED FUND:</b>		
balance b/f	21,115,159	5,459,129
additions	-	-
Prior Year Adjustment	(10,381,657)	15,654,916
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>	<b>11,861,055</b>	<b>21,345,159</b>
<b>10. SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		
this is stated after charging depreciation	495,774	105,774
debtors remuneration	150,000	150,000
<b>11. INVENTORIES</b>		
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