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Youth LEAD is the regional network of young key populations (YKPs) that works with young people at high risk of HIV exposure and young people living with HIV in the Asia Pacific region. Youth LEAD aims to empower young key populations and ensure more meaningful engagement of YKPs in all levels of decision-making that impact their lives.

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FOREWORD

Advocacy for youth leadership and empowerment in the HIV and human rights movement is an ongoing battle, and this 2023, Youth LEAD started off strong. Picking up the pace from 2022, Youth LEAD began the new year with pilot trainings, workshops, and conferences ensuring that young people are actively engaged in the Asia Pacific HIV response.

Comprising a bulk of our efforts to support YKPs and build the capacity of youth-led organizations in the region, Youth LEAD continued its small grants and technical assistance programmes under The Global Fund and the Robert Carr Fund. In Indonesia, impactful stakeholder meetings were conducted to communicate the needs of young key populations resulting in the successful election of a young transgender representative into Indonesia's Country Coordinating Mechanism. In Manipur, India, Youth LEAD supported its partner, Ya_All in supporting YKPs during the conflict situation in the region—providing emergency relief, sanitation kits, shelter and peer support to YKPs affected by the conflict.

Youth LEAD also conducted several capacity building workshops and developed a number of new resources throughout the year, including training manuals and modules on sensitizing healthcare workers on YKPs, a situation analysis on trans youth access to healthcare, a comprehensive guide for YKPs participating in the Global Fund 7th Grant Cycle, and a basic guide on community-led monitoring for youth-led organizations.

Despite Youth LEAD's impactful efforts throughout the year and the years past, there is still much to be done. We need to continue empowering young key populations and advocating for their access to adequate and appropriate healthcare and their human rights. As a proud member of a young key population group, I hope we can continue empowering and collaborating with each other to make a better future for young people affected by HIV.

Sincerely,

Muhammad Alip – Youth LEAD Board Chairperson



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Abbreviations

CCM	Country Coordinating Mechanism
CMI	Count Me In Youth Consortium
CRG-SI	Community, Rights and Gender – Strategic Initiative
C19RM	COVID-19 Response Mechanism (Robert Carr Fund)
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
HLM	High-Level Meeting
EOF	Exceptional Opportunity Funding
IATT	Inter-Agency Task Team on Young Key Populations
INPUD	International Network of People Who Use Drugs
NSWP	Global Network of Sex Work Projects
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
RCF	Robert Carr Fund
SKPA	Sustainability of Key Populations in Asia-Pacific Programme
TA	Technical Assistance
UNAIDS RST	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Regional Support Team
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
YKP	Young Key Populations

1. Introduction

Youth LEAD started 2023 with a bang organizing a multitude of trainings, workshops, and conferences in line with our mission of being a catalyst of change and empowerment for young key populations through capacity building, advocacy, and the expansion of partnerships between local, national, and regional YKP organizations.

Youth LEAD achieved impactful results in ensuring young people's voices are heard in the HIV response by supporting youth-led organizations across the region to engage in decision-making spaces where young people are affected. In our commitment to build the capacity of youth-led organizations in the region, continued to develop resources highlighting the needs of young key populations and that stakeholders, including healthcare providers, are adequately sensitized and equipped to engage with young people on issues such as HIV, comprehensive sexuality education, and healthcare.

Partnerships and collaboration remain at the core of Youth LEAD's work and we have continued to engage with donors, UN entities, governments, and other civil society organizations to ensure the meaningful engagement and empowerment of young people.



1.1 Youth LEAD Board Members



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2. Youth LEAD Strategic Priorities



Strategic Priority 1

Build capacity and implement tools that enable adolescent and young key-populations at higher risk of HIV exposure to contribute to the HIV response at a national, regional, and international level.



Strategic Priority 2

Strengthen and expand formal and informal networks, new YKP organizations and the organizational capacity that brings together young people from key populations at higher risk of HIV exposure to a common platform at a regional and national level.



Strategic Priority 3

Advocate for an enabling policy and legal environment for adolescents and young people from key populations at higher risk of HIV exposure and hold governments accountable to enabling policies and laws to ensure universal access to comprehensive HIV and SRHR information and services for adolescents and young people from key populations.



Strategic Priority 4

Strengthen both external and internal communication strategies within the Youth LEAD network. This includes plans to enhance training, fieldwork, and access to information while also strengthening information sharing within the Youth LEAD network and within the secretariat.



Strategic Priority 5

Ensure there is a knowledge transfer system whereby information can be shared from those transitioning out of the Youth LEAD network to those currently in the network or just entering.



Photo courtesy of Youth LEAD

3. Activities and Results 2023

3.1 The Global Fund

CRG-SI and Opportunity Grant

In 2023, under the Global Fund Community Engagement Long-term Technical Assistance, Youth LEAD has actively supported Indonesia, Vietnam, and Nepal. In each country, impactful stakeholder meetings were conducted to communicate the needs of Young Key Populations and influence decision-making processes, such as the selection of new CCM members and the initiation of new grant-making cycles. Notably, in Indonesia, a young transgender representative from Inti Muda Indonesia was successfully elected as a new CCM member.

In Nepal, a collaborative effort with SPARSHA Nepal led to the commencement of research on "Accessing and Accepting Mental Health Services for Young People Who Use Drugs." The findings from this research will inform future activities aimed at enhancing the mental well-being of YKPs, particularly young individuals who use drugs.

In addition to country-specific support, Youth LEAD introduced an online portal on our website dedicated to Young CCM members, Youth LEAD focal points, and the Global Fund Youth Council members. This platform facilitates information sharing and updates among members in the region. Launched during a CCM workshop, the portal will undergo further development in the coming years, reinforcing our commitment to fostering collaboration and communication among youth engaged in Global Fund initiatives.



Photo courtesy of Youth LEAD



Y2Y Consortium

Under The Global Fund Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE-SI), Youth LEAD has established the Youth to Youth (Y2Y) consortium. Through this consortium, we successfully secured long-term technical assistance projects and funding from The Global Fund for 2024-2026.

The Youth to Youth (Y2Y) consortium comprises global and regional networks of YKP and YPLHIV, represented by Youth LEAD (Asia Pacific regional network of YKP), Y+ Global (the Global Network of YPLHIV), and YODA (the European network of youth organizations and young professionals working in the area of drugs with their peers). The primary objective of Y2Y is to sustain the gains achieved from previous grants, recognizing the absence of space for complacent Global Fund advocacy. Additionally, we aim to innovate new ideas, expand the project scope to reach out to those left out and marginalized YKP and YPLHIV, and strategically build on existing tools and networks. Our goal is to empower and reach the groups that have been historically underserved.



Post-Replenishment campaign

In 2022, we actively participated in the Global Fund 7th replenishment through a youth campaign, and this year, the Count Me In Consortium, led by Youth LEAD, continued engagement with stakeholders and donors through the Post-Replenishment campaign. The post-replenishment campaign focused on ensuring the voices of young people are heard after the GF replenishment process, highlighting young people's priorities and plans for achieving a more inclusive and effective approach to combating HIV, TB, and Malaria.

As part of the Post-Replenishment Campaign, we proudly present "Youth Unmuted," a video capturing the visions of Young Key Populations for the outcomes they wish to see with funds raised by the Global Fund. This video serves as a platform for diverse viewpoints, showcasing the rich tapestry of opinions and insights from young people worldwide. Our objective with "Youth Unmuted" is to articulate the significance of the replenishment campaign, underscoring the essential role of youth voices in shaping its success. Beyond replenishment, the video aims to inspire greater engagement by youth and youth-led organizations in ongoing Global Fund processes. It sends a clear message of gratitude to donors and the Global Fund, urging continued support for youths globally.

In collaboration with Y+ Global and Youth RISE, Youth LEAD has actively engaged in the Post-Replenishment donor-oriented letter campaign and promoted youth voices and the Global Fund through a targeted social media campaign. One of our notable collaborations was a webinar introducing the Global Fund Advocacy roadmap to YKP-led organizations and young individuals, fostering collective efforts towards sustained impact.



The Global Fund 7th Grant Cycle

As recipient countries of the Global Fund embark on the 7th Grant Making Cycle in 2024, Youth LEAD plays a role in ensuring the active involvement of Young Key Populations in the GC7 processes. We provided financial and technical support to five countries: Indonesia, Nepal, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Vietnam. In these countries, our youth-led partners significantly contributed to the development of funding requests. They hosted standalone YKP and community country dialogues, offering insights and sharing YKP priorities and needs with the Country Coordinating Mechanism and Technical Working Group. Notably, all these countries successfully advocated for the inclusion of YKP recommendations and activities in the main funding request proposals.

Moreover, in collaboration with Y+ Global, Youth LEAD curated a comprehensive guide for YKPs participating in the 7th Grant Cycle, providing essential insights and information. We also organized a webinar for our country partners and developed a case study to share our engagement experiences and challenges with other networks and young people. All these resources can be accessed on our website.



Asia Pacific CCM Youth Members Regional Workshop

With the aim of increasing youth participation in the CCM, the first regional CCM workshop was organized for young CCM members and young people engaged in the Global Fund-related processes across the region. This workshop was designed to strengthen the ability of young individuals to actively engage in the CCM and Global Fund processes, particularly Grant Cycle 7, and accelerate their engagement at the country level. It received both technical and financial support from GF-CRG through APCRG and UNAIDS AP RST, funded by a grant from the Global Fund and DFAT. The workshop took place over two full days in Bangkok, Thailand, and extended invitations to 13 participants from 13 countries in the Asia Pacific region. These participants included Youth CCM members, oversight committee members, representatives from young key populations in the technical working group, and young individuals interested in getting involved in Global Fund processes.

Additionally, it provided a platform for cross-learning, sharing best practices, and fostering collaboration to address HIV, TB, and malaria in participants' communities. The workshop also aimed to strengthen participants' capacity to oversee new GC7 grants, interpret funding request documents, and utilize the Youth LEAD situational analysis findings to inform policy and programmatic decisions. The ultimate goal was to promote meaningful youth engagement within Global Fund processes, especially within Country Coordinating Mechanisms.

To enrich the workshop and provide invaluable insights, regional and global experts from UNAIDS, the Global Fund-CE-SI, APCASO, APCOM, APN+, and APTN were invited to share their experiences and proffer recommendations for fostering meaningful engagement within the CCM and Global Fund processes.



3.2 Robert Carr Fund

YKP Small Grant Programme

The YKP Grants programme is aimed at ensuring the human rights of young key populations (YKP) are respected, and the impact of HIV and AIDS is mitigated through the meaningful involvement of YKP in gaining equal and equitable access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. In 2023, Youth LEAD through support from the RCF have granted USD 21,000 to various initiatives for YKP in Asia.

The Human Touch Foundation based in Goa, India utilised the YKP Small Grants to hold their annual “SunBurst Camp” for adolescents living with HIV. This camp strengthened the life skills of AYKP on leadership skills, CSE (HIV, SRHR), mental health and peer support.

Ya_All based in Manipur, India is a case where the YKP Small Grant had to adapt to the dire circumstances of YKP in need. What was initially a grant that would be used to support the mental health of YKPs in Manipur was quickly re-routed to support the crisis conflict in Manipur due to its close location to the Indo-Myanmar border. The grant was used to provide emergency relief, sanitation kits, shelter and peer support to YKPs affected by the conflict.

In Indonesia, Inti Muda Indonesia organized an Internal Meeting with the National Secretariat and National Board of Inti Muda Indonesia. This meeting aimed to update their board on their current project and policies to ensure accountability and transparency within the organization.

Youth LEAD Mongolia focused their efforts on strengthening data collection on YKP needs through research projects on the human rights of young people who inject drugs and other YKPs. They also hosted capacity trainings for their volunteer members on HIV, SRHR and trans youth community issues.

Trans Asia Pacific and Africa Solidarity (TAPAS)

In 2022, Youth LEAD entered into a consortium with the Asia Pacific Transgender Network funded by the Robert Carr Fund. During this year, Youth LEAD supported, trans- and youth-led organizations, developed a LGBTQI_+ Youth Leadership Training Module and situation analysis focused on the needs and priorities of young trans people in the Asia Pacific region.

In 2023, in continuation of these efforts, Youth LEAD finalized and published the Transgender youth inclusion in healthcare in Southeast Asia: Insights from Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines in May 2023. Building on the findings of this report, Youth LEAD developed a Trans Youth Training Module for Healthcare Providers, aiming to build the capacity of healthcare providers to provide adequate and competent care for young trans people. The Training Module was piloted in Jakarta, Indonesia, involving 20 young trans representatives and 20 healthcare providers including health officials, doctors, nurses, and community health providers. The pilot training reinforced the importance of the training module in filling the gaps where young trans people fall in when accessing healthcare services. The Trans Youth Training Module for Healthcare Providers will be integrated into the Regional Healthcare Worker Sensitiation on Young Key Populations Training Manual.



Photo courtesy of Inti Muda Indonesia

Youth LEAD also continued to support three trans- and youth-led organizations in the Asia-Pacific as part of a seed funding/small grants programme. For 2023, Youth LEAD supported Inti Muda Indonesia, Youth LEAD Mongolia, and Queer Youth Group Nepal.

Inti Muda Indonesia used their small grant to conduct a consultative meeting and training of trainers highlighting the needs and challenges of young trans people in Indonesia. The consultative meeting, held on 18 July 2023, invited six representatives from national networks to discuss microaggression against young transgender women in the HIV movement. The ToT, held on 21-23 October 2023, trained 10 new members of Inti Muda Bali, a sub-organization of Inti Muda Indonesia, about sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) and human rights using the LGBTQI+ Youth Leadership Training Module developed by Youth LEAD in 2022. As a result of both these meetings, Inti Muda Indonesia is currently looking for support to conduct similar training in different cities. Also, based on the needs and follow-ups of the consultative meeting, Inti Muda Indonesia needs to document the microaggressions towards young key populations who work in the HIV movement in Indonesia, to serve as an evidence for further action, such advocacy for change.

Youth LEAD Mongolia, on the other hand, supported activities at the Playtime Music Festival held in Ulaanbaatar on 6-8 July 2023. Youth LEAD Mongolia, conducted a queer poetry night, talk show and HIV prevention booths during the three-day festival. The queer poetry night, invited young LGBTQI+ people to talk about their experiences through artistic poetry and spoken word, providing a safe space for young queer people to talk, share, and build community. The talk show, titled ‘Horny Talk by Beard Ladies’ invited engaging queer hosts—trans, gay and queer people—collectively known as the ‘Bearded Ladies.’ The talk show educated audiences about sex positivity, safe sex, trans communities, and healthcare issues for the young LGBTQI+ community in Mongolia.

In Nepal, Queer Youth Group organized a one-week comprehensive residential training program from 1-6 November 2023. The training program focused building the capacity of young trans people on organization operation and management. The program was designed to equip participants with skills and knowledge on legal, administrative, and financial management which are crucial for effective organizational leadership.

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4Youth and Count Me In Consortium Meeting

For the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, regional and global networks of young key populations and people living with HIV, the global youth consortium under the Robert Carr Fund, met in person in Bali, Indonesia, for the annual reflection, learning and work-planning meeting from 28 - 30 March 2023.

4Youth, comprised of Youth LEAD, Y+ Global, Y-PEER Asia Pacific Centre and Youth RISE, was established under the Robert Carr Fund in 2019 as the leading global youth consortium working on various issues affecting the lives of young key populations. Except for the disruption brought on by COVID-19, the consortium meets annually to share updates and primary outcomes from project activities and establish concrete action work plans for the coming year.

The meeting was also an opportunity for consortium partners to discuss the achievements and outcomes of the Global Fund Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG-SI) Youth Consortium, also known as Count Me In, and to identify priorities within a central work plan, including a list of potential countries that require additional support. Count Me In comprises three networks, including Youth LEAD, Y+ Global and Youth RISE and was established to support the implementation of country-level activities and programmes to ensure young to young key populations and young people living with HIV are meaningfully engaged in the HIV response. Count Me In also supports youth-led networks at the country level to access technical assistance and support and to ensure the participation of young people in all their diverse in-country dialogues for the new Global Fund funding cycle.

Consortium members walked away from the meeting with several action points for increased collaboration, including increasing the visibility of the consortium, increasing cooperation between communications focal points, regular update meetings, and enhanced knowledge of resource management.





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3.3 UNAIDS and DFAT

Regional Healthcare Worker Sensitiation on Young Key Populations (Piloting Phase)

In 2021, Youth LEAD developed the Regional Healthcare Worker Sensitiation Training Manual with financial support from the Global Fund Asia Pacific Multi-Country grant, SKPA-1 (Sustainability of HIV Services for Key Population in Asia Program), and UNAIDS RST Asia Pacific. The manual provides a comprehensive guideline to train and develop healthcare workers' capacity and skills to understand the needs and realities of young key populations (YKPs) to enable friendly environments and services.

The training manual was piloted in four countries, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, the Philippines and Cambodia, from 2021 to 2023 and completed by July 2023. One of the objectives of the piloting was to receive feedback from all implementing partners and participants of the training to improve and further tailor the sessions to the lived experiences of healthcare workers engaging with YKPs, and vice versa. This year saw the expansion of the manual to include an HIV prevention module and an extension of the project (funded by UNAIDS and DFAT) to further support the leading YKP networks in their efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination for YKPs accessing vital HIV and SRHR healthcare services.

The Regional Healthcare Worker Sensitiation training will continue into 2024 with plans of using the feedback from participants and YKP facilitators to update the content and design, ensuring the most efficient and effective methodology for healthcare workers and YKPs.



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3.4 UNESCO and UNFPA

TeenGen v.2

Youth LEAD has developed a variety of training and guidance packages, including TeenGen. The original TeenGen, developed in 2017, is a leadership course that teaches adolescents from key populations aged 13-16 to mobilize and identify potential activists to be part of the broader youth movement engaged in addressing HIV issues, upholding sexual and reproductive health and rights and includes components on Sexuality Education.

In 2023, in collaboration with UNFPA RO and UNESCO Bangkok Regional Office, Youth LEAD is updating the TeenGen training manual since its inception in 2017. The TeenGen training manual has been rolled out over 50 times in 22 countries globally. TeenGen is a core program among many YKP-led networks in the region and there has been recent feedback with a need to update the content, especially in fast-paced spaces such as youth and HIV. To remain at the forefront and serve the needs of AYKP, the TeenGen v.2 training manual aims to be gender-sensitive, key population sensitive and equip participants with meaningful skills to integrate relevant topics and methodologies from the training into their existing leadership, advocacy and community support programmes. The updated version of the training manual, completed in December 2023, features AMAZE video content developed by Advocates for Youth and UNESCO. The updated content has been workshopped with Youth LEAD's YKP networks in January 2024 and will be piloted in Laos and Viet Nam later in 2024.

3.5 Seven Alliance

Basic Guide on Community-Led Monitoring for Youth-Led Organizations

Seven Alliance is a consortium made up of regional networks of key populations and people living with HIV, composed of APCOM, APN+, APNSW, APTN, ICWAP, NAPUD, and Youth LEAD, working on community-led monitoring (CLM) in the Asia Pacific region. CLM projects have been rolled out in many countries across the Asia Pacific region. Despite young people being one of the most affected populations by HIV in the region, there have been varying levels of engagement of young people in the CLM process: while youth are engaged in some countries, others are still left behind. Thus, a youth-friendly approach to CLM is needed, specifically one that puts value in the role of young people in monitoring, advocacy and co-creation of appropriate solutions that cater to their needs.

With the support from Youth LEAD and UNAIDS Regional Support Team in Asia and the Pacific, Youth LEAD developed the Basic Guide on Community-Led Monitoring for Youth-Led Organizations. The Guide maps out the current engagement of young people in the Asia Pacific region in CLM implementation at the country level and provides information and technical guidelines on how to create more youth-inclusive CLM initiatives. It should also contribute to establishing in-country systems whereby CLM can provide data related to HIV service provision that matters to young key populations. A poster of the Guide was presented during the Regional Community-Led Monitoring Workshop held in Bangkok, Thailand from 11-13 December 2023.

BASIC GUIDE ON COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING FOR YOUTH-LED ORGANIZATIONS

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1 Abstract
In the Asia Pacific region, a concerning rise in HIV infections among young populations underscores healthcare disparities, particularly in countries like Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand. Only a small percentage of young MSM and PWID receive HIV prevention services. Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) is recognized as vital, yet its implementation faces challenges in community leadership and ownership. The #UPROD Scorecard reveals low youth engagement in the HIV response, emphasizing the urgent need for accelerated efforts and the establishment of youth-led organizations.

The methodology involves a qualitative approach for guideline development, incorporating consultation with Youth-Led Organizations (YLO) representatives and Key Informant Interviews (KII) with stakeholders. Results indicate that CLM implementation at the country level is crucial to addressing data gaps among young key populations. Barriers include existing laws, limited capacity, lack of leadership, absence of specific youth focus, and limited engagement in CLM governance. This hampers youth involvement in CLM processes, leading to a lack of youth-focused recommendations and interventions. This module provides a fresh perspective and methodologies on developing CLM for youth-led organizations.

2 Introduction
In the Asia Pacific region, the alarming rate of new HIV infections among young people, particularly in countries like Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand, highlights a significant healthcare disparity. Only 28% of young MSM and 23% of young PWID receive HIV prevention services. Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) is identified as a crucial process to address these issues, yet its implementation faces challenges in community leadership and ownership. Key populations, including young people, encounter barriers in participating in CLM processes. The #UPROD Scorecard reveals low youth engagement in the HIV response, emphasizing the need for accelerated efforts and the establishment of youth-led organizations.

Figure 1: Distribution of new HIV infections by age Source: UNAIDS 2023. Young people are at risk in Asia and the Pacific.

Figure 2: The youth-focused data journey

Figure 3: Successful CLM Project

3 Methods and Materials
The methodology employs a qualitative approach for guideline development, utilizing two data collection methods: consultation with Youth-Led Organizations (YLO) representatives and Key Informant Interviews (KII) with stakeholders. Online Zoom Interviews and Focus Group Discussions (FGD) involve youth-led organizations from Nepal, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Vietnam. KII includes stakeholders from 7 organizations across 5 countries: Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and India. The consultation with YLO aligns with the #UPROD Scorecard framework, incorporating aspects such as Law & Policies, Participation, Partnerships, Beneficiaries, and Leaders to inform the development of questions on the instruments.

4 Results

The CLM implementation at country level is crucial to address the gap on the data among young key population. Barriers such as existing laws or regulation, limited capacity, lack of leadership, the absence of specific youth focus, age disaggregation analysis on CLM, and limited engagement of young people in the CLM governance are hinder young people engagement to the CLM process. This leads to the non-existing youth-focused recommendation, advocacy, and intervention from the community and healthcare providers. This module is emphasizing the needs on youth-focused based indicators, political engagement among stakeholders, culturally sensitive instruments, age disaggregation analysis & data cleaning, and a monitored advocacy process.

5 Discussion
The obstacles faced by young people especially young key population in implementing CLM will be followed by the non-existence data on young people and youth advocacy process to the healthcare providers which is not cover the needs of young people. The implementation of this framework will also rise up several concerns: The acceptance of the stakeholders, resources availability, and capacity building needs.

6 Conclusion
The needs of the CLM implementation by youth-led organization is critical to response the lack of data and advocacy in the context of HIV response. This effort need to engage young people meaningfully from the capacity building process, program development, data collection, analysis, advocacy, to the monitoring of the advocacy process itself. Multi-stakeholder engagement and support are needed to ensure the meaningful engagement of young people to this process or the independent implementation by youth-led organization.

Table 1: Country score on #UPROD Scorecard

Country	Total Score (Range 0-35)
Vietnam	5.6
Philippines	5.08
Indonesia	5.3

Community-led Monitoring and the Seven Alliance



SEVEN ALLIANCE



WHAT IS THE SEVEN ALLIANCE?

Seven Alliance is a consortium of regional key population networks comprised of APCOM, APN+, APNSW, APTN, ICWAP, NAPUD, and Youth LEAD.

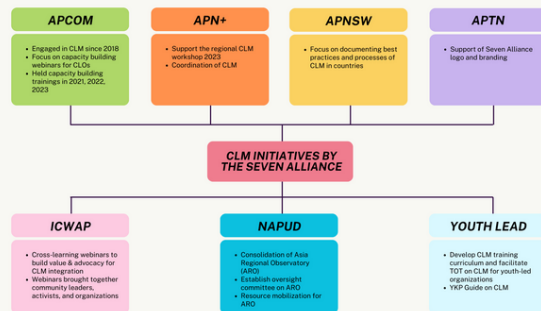
The Seven Alliance was formed in 2021 through a shared commitment to build expertise amongst key populations on community-led monitoring (CLM) and to facilitate their active participation in improving HIV and related health services and ending stigma and discrimination.

THE GOAL

Strengthen the leadership of the KP and PLHIV Regional Networks to support CLM implementation in the Asia and the Pacific region

OBJECTIVES

- Enable leadership of Regional Networks to provide TA on CLM
- Build capacity of Community-Led Organizations (CLOs) conducting CLM based on the needs identified during phase one
- Support advocacy efforts to raise awareness and understanding of CLM and foster cross-learning and sharing of experiences



3.6 InterAgency Task Team on Young Key Populations (IATT on YKP)

In 2023, Youth LEAD continued to engage with the IATT on YKP. On 17 May 2023, in commemoration of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), Youth LEAD and the IATT on YKP continued its webinar series ‘Spill the T’ with a focus on the IDAHOBIT theme, Together always, united in diversity. The webinar invited queer people from around the Asia Pacific region, including Mr Gay World 2021 Joel Rey Carcasona and Ms Universe Bhutan Tashi Chorden.

The IATT on YKP also organized a global campaign for World AIDS Day, inviting young key populations to submit photos and videos that highlight their voices on the importance and contributions of young people in the HIV movement around the world.

WORLD AIDS DAY
Let Young People Lead

Vanessa Monley
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“Youth-led initiatives have been instrumental in raising awareness, advocating for better policies and services, and providing innovative solutions to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS. By mobilising and empowering young people, these initiatives have helped to break down stigma and discrimination, increase access to prevention, treatment, care, and support services, and promote a more inclusive and equitable response.”

#WorldAIDSday2023

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“Time and again, HIV data has shown that young people are one of the most vulnerable key populations to HIV. Despite ongoing age discrimination and tokenism of youth in HIV response, young people have led innovations on best community-led practices around the world. There is undeniable proof that meaningful engagement of young people in HIV response can accelerate the ending of AIDS and ensure that no one gets left behind. As we recall this year’s World AIDS Day theme of ‘Let Communities Lead’, it is equally essential to let young people lead by ensuring youth-led initiatives are adequately funded, young people are supported and empowered, and stigma and discrimination against young people are eliminated.”

#WorldAIDSday2023

Eddy Rudram
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“Young people have always shown that when they are actively meaningfully engaged in HIV response, they can bring about positive health outcomes. Their passion, determination, and resilience continue to guide us towards a brighter, healthier world for everyone. To end AIDS, we must provide them with opportunities to lead, support them in their leadership, and empower them as leaders. Only by allowing young people to lead can we achieve this goal.”

#WorldAIDSday2023

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Co-Chair of the Asia Pacific
Inter-Agency Task Team on
Young Key Populations

“On this World AIDS Day, it is important to recognise the vital role that young key populations play in our fight against HIV. They are the present leaders in the region and beyond, and it is crucial that UN agencies and other stakeholders actively support and empower them on their journey to make progress towards the 10-10-10 and other ambitious targets. We need to create space for the voices of marginalised communities, especially those who face stigma and discrimination, so that everyone can be included in our pursuit of a more equitable and inclusive future. By working together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.”

#WorldAIDSday2023

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