



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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## About the Inter Agency Task Team on Young Key Populations

The Asia Pacific Inter Agency Task Team on Young Key Populations was established in 2009 to promote coordinated support from UN agencies and civil society partners to meet the HIV prevention, treatment, care and support needs of YKPs including: young men who have sex with men, young transgender people, young people who inject drugs, young people living with HIV, and young people selling sex.

The Task Team is an informal working group that includes as its members a wide range of UN and civil society partners. Membership is open to any organization interested in working collaboratively to support the HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support needs of YKP.

The members for 2019 are:

- Youth LEAD
- Youth Voices Count (YVC)
- YPEER Asia and the Pacific Centre
- APCASO
- Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM)
- UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Asia and Pacific
- UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) East Asia and Pacific Regional Office
- UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for South Asia
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific

As a usual practice, the IATT on YKP is co-chaired by one UN and one civil society organization. For 2019, the Co-Chairs were: Youth LEAD (Eddy Rudram) and UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (Shirley Mark Prabhu)

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## 2019 Annual Report

The Task Team functions focuses on progress towards achieving outcomes and its members are accountable for promoting a coordinated approach toward expanded HIV, sexual health and human rights related responses for YKP across the Asia-Pacific region.

2019 has provided an opportunity for the IATT on YKP to demonstrate its joint work for the region on young key population issues which continues the work done in 2018.

The annual report covers the joint work plan of the IATT on Young Key Populations under four outcome areas:

- Outcome 1: Young people from key populations in the Asia-Pacific region are engaged and capacitated to contribute to national HIV responses to improve their health, well-being and to realize their sexual and reproductive health rights
- Outcome 2: Strategic information are generated, synthesized and used to support regional level advocacy targeting governments and civil society to promote scale up of comprehensive evidence-informed interventions for YKP
- Outcome 3: Scale-up evidence-informed, national programmes for YKPs through advocacy interventions with government, policy-makers and other stakeholders
- Outcome 4: Increased advocacy for an enabling and coherent environment for YKP



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## Highlights in 2019

*Outcome 1: Young people from key populations in the Asia-Pacific region are engaged and capacitated to contribute to national HIV responses to improve their health, well-being and to realize their sexual and reproductive health rights*

### TeenGen Leadership Training in the Philippines

TeenGen aims to build the leadership capacity of adolescents from key populations through interactive games and activities that enable young people to participate proactively on HIV and SRHR issues. The leadership training course was hosted by Y-PEER Pilipinas with support from Youth LEAD, UNAIDS RST and the Robert Carr Fund. The training was conducted over two full days in Manila, The Philippines in July. This round of TeenGen training was organized in part to address the rise in HIV infections amongst young people in the Philippines, accounting for a 174% increase since 2010. There were 22 young adolescents between the ages of 14-18 who participated in the Manila-based TeenGen training, from various different regions of the Philippines: Metro Manila, Western Visayas, and Northern Mindanao, with an overarching aim to build an informal network of young people living with HIV and YKPs across the country.

During the two-day training, the participants brought high-energy into long days of interactive games and activities designed to equip them with knowledge, leadership, and communication skills towards advocating for their overall health and human rights. The most powerful takeaway from the TeenGen leadership training in Manila were the bonds shared amongst the participants and the plans shared with stakeholders to actively learn more about how to best lead and advocate through their respective community-based organizations.



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## TeenGen (In school) Leadership Training in Viet Nam

Viet Nam National Network of YKP (VYKAP) took the TeenGen Leadership training to various schools around the country to empower adolescents aged 13-17 years on knowledge of HIV and SRHR. This is the first attempt by Youth Lead's network partner to integrate TeenGen training into a school's curriculum. Praised by teachers and students alike, VYKAP will continue to carry out TeenGen training in schools.

The Vietnam Network Of Young Key Affected Populations has members working across five different areas of Vietnam; consisting of 72 member groups representing young men who have sex with men, young transgender, young persons who sell sex, young people who use drugs and young people living with HIV. With the support of UN Women Vietnam, VYKAP sought out to conduct a series of in-school activities to promote HIV prevention, SRHR education, SOCIE and LGBTQ understanding. In the project, elements of the TEENGEN manual which was developed by Youth LEAD (and translated into Vietnamese by VYKAP) merged with elements from the CHANGE MAKER manual, developed by UN Women. Elements from both manuals helped form the TeenGen in-school training that was rolled out in various schools, which supported trainers in facilitation and how teachers can become involved.



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## 4Youth Organizational Development and Change Workshop

In August, Youth LEAD, Y-PEER APC, Youth Rise and Y+ gathered in Bali, Indonesia for the organizational development and change workshop. Also known as 4Youth (The youth consortium formed under the Robert Carr Fund for 2019-2021) came together to work towards improving organizational problem solving and renewal processes, particularly through a more effective and collaborative management culture. The consultation brought together 20 participants from 15 different nationalities, youth networks and organizations working in four different continents. Six participants from Youth LEAD, three from Y-PEER APC, three from Youth RISE, three from Y+ and two from Inti Muda (National network of young-key populations) participated at the consultation. Workshop sessions helped foster dialogue between network partners to hone in on key existing challenges and to find proactive mitigation strategies. These sessions also encouraged participants to consider networks/organizations as a system, rather than fragmented parts and to find solutions to problems through cross-organizational learning approaches. Following the conclusions of the meeting, the consortium worked collectively to develop a group work-plan for 2020, producing timelines and targets for each consortium member that specifically addresses the organizational development and change outcomes.





*Outcome 2: Strategic information are generated, synthesized and used to support regional level advocacy targeting governments and civil society to promote scale up of comprehensive evidence-informed interventions for YKP*

## **Joint Formative Assessment on the needs for adolescents and youth at risk of HIV in East Asia and the Pacific: Case studies of the Philippines, Indonesia, Viet Nam, and Thailand**

Given the need for reinvigorated HIV-prevention efforts for adolescents and youth in the Asia-Pacific region, the [Joint Formative Assessment](#) on the needs of adolescents and youth at risk of HIV presents the experiences of adolescents and young people including those from key populations and the perspectives of experts working with young people in the four domains: education, parental and peer support, communication and mental health – in relation to HIV risk and prevention, and broader sexual reproductive health rights (SRHR), including perceived needs, access to and use of services, and barriers and opportunities for young people. The vital principle guiding this assessment is that adolescents and youth are experts of their own experiences and therefore, must be meaningfully involved in identifying and assessing their own needs, and in developing and implementing solutions to promote their health and well-being. This Assessment was a joint initiative led by UNICEF with six partner agencies and five young key population/civil society organizations (YouthLead, Y-PEER, APCASO, Youth Voices Count, APCOM, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNDP, UN WOMEN, UNODC).



*Photo: Launch of the report at the 'Asia Pacific Youth Forum: Youth at the front of the HIV response: Engaging in meaningful partnerships to meet the 90-90-90 targets' which was held in Bangkok on 2-3 December 2019.*



Qualitative data were collected from 139 young people and 37 key informants in four countries: Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. A total of 16 focus group discussions (FGDs) (four in each country), were conducted with adolescents and youth, including AYKP. FGDs solicited primary data on youths' experiences that focused on the four domains – education, parental and peer support, communication (online and offline), and mental health – in relation to HIV risk and prevention, and broader SRHR. Key informant interviews were conducted with experts from governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and youth networks. The purpose of key informant interviews was to identify and understand risk environments, resources, and social support systems, programmes, policies and strategies used as well as obstacles to reach young people, including AYKP, and strategic directions moving forward.

The findings revealed shared dimensions of experiences and needs among adolescents and youth, including AYKP, across countries in the four focal domains. These findings have paved the way for the development of a set of recommendations for advancing SRHR, HIV prevention, and broader health and well-being for adolescents and youth, including AYKP:

<b>Education</b>	<p>Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) is largely absent or limited in schools and teachers are mostly unprepared and under-resourced to offer CSE, including lack of SRHR and HIV information and curricula.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>Capacitate teachers and schools to provide fact-based, fun and non-stigmatizing SRHR and HIV prevention education which is also age-appropriate.</i></p>
<b>Parental and peer support</b>	<p>Adolescents and young key populations experience disproportionate familial rejection, stigma, marginalization and homelessness. Parents are unprepared, lacking in information and skills to discuss SRHR.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>Expand and intensify parenting interventions designed for parents and families in the workplace and community. Capacitate and resource peer-outreach and support programmes. Design and approach whole-school anti-bullying programmes and policies.</i></p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Social media platforms, including YouTube, Facebook and various apps emerged across countries as primary sources of SRHR information. However, some information is outdated or fake news/myths and other information is unreliable or not designed with young people in mind.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>Leverage extensive social media penetration in Asia-Pacific through fun and engaging training for young people to enable critical evaluation of information received online and its sources, and promote safety. Establish government hotlines/web-based apps to enable young people to seek counselling.</i></p>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<p>Programmes and services tailored for adolescents and young people are extremely limited. Baseline data on adolescent mental health is lacking.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>Invest in the collection of quality data on adolescent and youth mental health at national and sub-national levels, including sex and age disaggregated data. Introduce and integrate curricula on gender-responsive youth-friendly mental health into the training of health care providers and regular on-the-job training and job-aids to support competencies.</i></p>

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The assessment highlights some promising practices and includes policy and programme recommendations on what we can do to give the support that our adolescents and young people desperately need. The report was successfully launched at the 'Asia Pacific Youth Forum: Youth at the front of the HIV response: Engaging in meaningful partnerships to meet the 90-90-90 targets' which was held in Bangkok on 2-3 December 2019.

## **Asia Pacific Youth Forum: Youth at the front of the HIV response: Engaging in meaningful partnerships to meet the 90-90-90 targets, Bangkok, Thailand**

The government of Thailand together with UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women, Youth LEAD, APCASO and ASEAN Secretariat, convened the Asia Pacific Youth Forum for World AIDS Day in 2019. This youth forum brought together approximately 150 participants with the main aim of providing an opportunity for youth leaders and health professionals, HIV specialists and representatives from the related ministries to share experiences of implementing interventions that provide young people with the skills, knowledge and means to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and improve their overall health and well-being.



The event took place over two days (2-3 December 2019) in Bangkok, Thailand. The first day of sessions involved various Davos-style panel discussions, in which youth leaders and representatives from health ministries highlighted key themes, using evidence and experience from successful programmes, including the recently completed Joint Formative Assessment on the needs of adolescents and young people at risk of HIV which was also officially launched during the event. The first day of the forum concluded with a visit from HRH Princess Soamsawali Krom Muen Suddhanarinatha, UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador for HIV

Prevention for Asia and the Pacific and HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendira Debyavati. HRH Princess Soamsawali Krom Muen Suddhanarinatha who has been at the forefront of Thailand's HIV response acknowledged the Asia Pacific Youth Forum and committed to continue her vision to ensure that the HIV response remains relevant and grounded, keeping people at the centre.



The second day of the forum began with a symposium session to provide an insight into youth participation activities in ASEAN countries as part of the 'ASEAN Cities getting to Zero Project', which aims to achieve zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths in the region as part of the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda for 2016 to 2020. In the afternoon, a youth consultation session provided an opportunity for youth representatives to reflect on the recommendations proposed by the Joint Formative Assessment and explore opportunities for young people to actively participate in decision-making processes. The lessons learned from these activities informed a set of key findings and joint recommendations to guide future efforts in scaling up accelerated action on HIV prevention interventions towards reaching the 90-90-90 targets for adolescents and young people in the region (see Annex 1: **Key Challenges and Recommendations identified during the Asia Pacific Youth Forum**).



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## YKP Realities: Short Documentary Series

A collaboration between Youth LEAD and UNICEF ROSA, this short documentary series titled *YKP Realities*, captured the many lived realities of young key populations in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Using videography as a tool to convey stories of youth, the campaign sought to shed light on issues and topics affecting adolescent and young key populations, such as HIV prevention, treatment and care; sexuality and sex education; access to education; SRHR, gender equality; stigma and discrimination; sex work and harm reduction. A total of five videos were released on YouTube and Facebook and received more than 250,000 views across both platforms. A combined total video reach is close to 500,000. The project was completed in early 2019 and can be viewed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



## # ColourMeIn Campaign – Amplifying LGBTI artwork and voices for safe and inclusive schools

On 17 May of 2019, the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB), in response to SOGIE-based discrimination in communities and schools in Asia and the Pacific and in an effort to celebrate the strides made toward equality for LGBTI people, UNESCO Bangkok coordinated and launched the #ColourMeIn campaign. Recognizing that art in online and offline spaces can be a powerful tool for advocacy and visibility, the #ColourMeIn campaign was designed to amplify LGBTI artwork and voices to promote safe and inclusive schools for LGBTI learners. The #ColourMeIn campaign featured work from 19 artists from across 10 Asian countries (China, India, Japan, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, and Viet Nam) to raise awareness about the challenges faced by LGBTI learners in the region, and to catalyze support for preventing & addressing SOGIE-based violence in schools.

<https://www.facebook.com/unescobangkok/posts/2482784151733988>

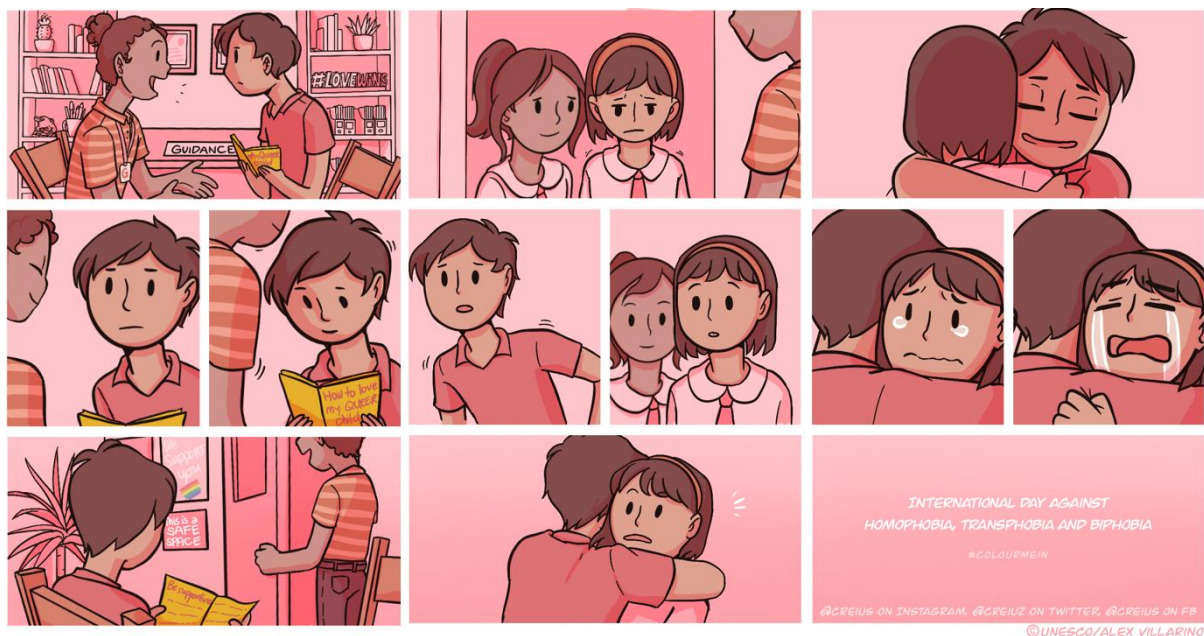


Photo: #ColourMeIn campaign (2019),  
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*Outcome 3: Scale-up evidence-informed, national programmes for YKPs through advocacy interventions with government, policy-makers and other stakeholders*

## **UPROOT Scorecard Implementation in 7 countries in Asia and the Pacific**

#Uproot, an audit and accountability tool developed by and for young people, was launched globally in 2016 by The PACT, a coalition of more than 80 youth organizations. The #uproot scorecard is used to assess progress made by countries on the issues that matter to young people and affect them most, including the commitments on young people in the 2016 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS. It uses both quantitative and qualitative data to assess progress in five areas: laws and policies, participation, partnerships, beneficiaries and leaders. The scorecard is intended to be the starting point for youth-led advocacy at the national level to hold governments and decision-makers accountable for their commitments on HIV, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender equality.

During the first semester of 2019 #uproot scorecards have been finalized and validated through national consultations in 5 countries in Asia and the Pacific, including Myanmar, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Lao and India. Led by UNAIDS and YVC from the regional level, consultations have been implemented with youth leaders and networks and supported by different country partners including UNAIDS and UNFPA country offices in the 5 countries.

During the last quarter of 2019, UNFPA AP, Youth Lead, YVC and UNAIDS RST joined efforts from the regional level and facilitated the implementation of the #uproot scorecard in PNG and in Indonesia. The outcomes of the scorecard will be followed up with work-plans and ways forward in early 2020. The assessments were possible through the support of country partners including UNAIDS Indonesia, UNAIDS PNG, UNFPA Indonesia, UNFPA Papua New Guinea and Inti Muda.

Advocacy road maps based on scorecard results have been already implemented in Fiji and Cambodia. During these exercises, the facilitators piloted a training package developed by YVC, APCASO and UNAIDS RST.





*Photo: #uproot scorecard implementation in Indonesia*

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## The Global Fund Training: Making Money Work for Young People

From the 29th June to 1st July 2019, Count Me In, a global consortium of Young Key Population (YKP)-led networks (Youth LEAD, Youth RISE and Y+ Network) successfully organized and facilitated the Global Training of Trainers on the Global Fund in Cape Town, South Africa.

The training aimed to create a pool of young champions on the Global Fund from 18 countries.

Participants learned about the funding model of the Global Fund and country dialogues and how young people can be involved in the process at both proposal development and grant implementation stages. In addition, the training also focused on human rights approach of the GF, accountability mechanism, sustainability and transition and other thematic issues.



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## *Outcome 4: Increased advocacy for an enabling and coherent environment for YKP*

### **NewGen Regional Training and YKP Guidance Pilot Training**

In October, Youth LEAD held back-to-back trainings in Bali, Indonesia through the support of the SKPA Program, managed by the Australian Federation of AIDS organizations. The NewGen regional training and YKP guidance pilot training invited 33 participants from nine countries across Asia and the Pacific.



The NewGen regional training aimed to empower young people to become advocates for change on young key population issues through a series of leadership building activities. Using Youth LEAD's flagship NewGen training manual, the outcomes of the training was to prepare advocates with the skills to carry out future trainings in their respective communities. In addition, the YKP toolkit training serves as an introduction to equip young key populations and young people working for key population issues on programming. The guidance provides insight into community mobilization and sharing of best practices, creating stronger partnerships and the development of national plans to advance young people's involvement in decision-making processes.



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## Legal Advocacy Toolkit Training: Breaking Barriers for YKPs

Youth LEAD Mongolia and VYKAP (Viet Nam) conducted a three-day legal advocacy training, inviting 25 young key populations from each country to participate. The Legal Advocacy Toolkit also referred to as *Young people and the law in Asia and the Pacific* was rolled out in Mongolia and Viet Nam in October/November 2019. The primary objective of the roll-out was to provide young key population activists with knowledge of their country's legal environment and to explore the legal barriers and challenges in regard to advocacy. The toolkit also aims to develop the skills of participants to independently analyze and report in required situations.

Participants noted that civil society reporting and reviewing of international legal mechanisms were key highlights from the training. In addition, participants also took interests in domestic law and policy and enjoyed discussions on human rights. The training included many group work activities, games, and sessions involving debates around legal and policy barriers. Moving forward, both countries will go through the UPR (Universal Period Review) and the training will prepare the country team to be a part of the UPR process. Both trainings and follow-up activities were made possible through the support of UNFPA APRO.



## Asia-Pacific ICPD25 Youth Consultation and ICPD25 Nairobi Summit

Youth LEAD and Y-PEER APC jointly led the discussions on ways to amplify voices of young people at ICPD25, both at the regional consultation in Bangkok and the global summit in Nairobi. The regional consultation organized by YPEER APC and UNFPA APRO took place in September. More than a hundred young people across Asia and the Pacific were represented, through an open-call selection process, with additional young people sponsored by SheDecides, ARROW, APA, YWCA and Restless Development, in addition to one nomination per UNFPA country office. A key aim of the regional forum was to strengthen young people's understanding of the linkages between IPCD and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as to highlight the importance of their role in advocating for change. Recommendations developed by young people were taken forward to the Nairobi summit with representatives from Youth LEAD and Y-PEER APC in attendance. The [strong commitments](#) that emerged from the ICPD25 Youth Consultation in Bangkok centred around achieving UNFPA'S transformative results: zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls. Young people also emphasized the need for every child and adolescent to receive comprehensive sexuality education and have access to youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services. Fifty of the young people who attended this consultation, represented Asia Pacific youth at the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit in November, in addition to young people nominated by UNFPA country offices. The full report can be accessed [here](#). A short video which was shared at the youth consultation can be accessed [here](#).



# IATT YKP Work Plan

## Outcome 1: Young people from key populations in the Asia-Pacific region are engaged and capacitated to contribute to national HIV responses to improve their health, well-being and to realise their sexual and reproductive health rights

Activity/Programme	Intended outcomes	Indicators	Timeline	Agencies	Status/Update/Funding status
<b>1. Mentoring programmes</b>  <b>2.1 Ignite programme</b>  <b>2.2 Teen Gen 2.0 &amp; New Gen 2.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New generation of YKP advocates capacitated and mentored in participating in the HIV response.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 of small-scale programmes implemented at country-level.</li> <li># of young activists participated in mentoring programme</li> </ul>	<b>2.2 Q3/Q4</b>	YVC, APCOM, UNAIDS, UNICEF  <u>YVC</u>  <u>Youth LEAD</u>	Ongoing 2nd round of small scale projects have been implemented since may 2018 and are expected to be completed by February 2019  <i>2.2 Timor-Leste, PNG and Malaysia</i>
<b>3. Teengen training roll out</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New generation of AKP advocates capacitated with leadership skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of Teengen trainings</li> <li># of AKP trained</li> </ul>	May-September	<u>Youth LEAD</u> , UNAIDS, UNICEF	Roll outs planned in Vietnam
<b>4. HIV &amp; SRHR Centers mapping Website</b>  <b>4.1 Innovative SRHR programs for YKP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate to access the Services related to SRHR and HIV</li> <li>Innovative interventions to meet SRHR needs of YKP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#Website with information and location of service centers for Young People in 3 Countries</li> <li># of projects on innovation</li> </ul>	Q3/Q4	<u>Y-PEER</u>  <u>Y-PEER, Youth LEAD</u>	Ongoing : Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia*  Ongoing: Nepal and Philippines
<b>5. Small grants for YKP and youth-led organisations in AP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Networks/organisations of YKP and young people strengthened for stronger advocacy</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of organisations and networks supported with small grants</li> </ul>		Youth LEAD/YPEER	Ongoing: 17 organisations in AP region



6. E-Course on SRHR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint online E-Course for Young Key Population/webinar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of young people enrolled in the online course</li> </ul>		YouthLEAD Y-PEER. UNFPA	Expand partnerships
7. Organisational Development Initiative				Youth LEAD	
8. UP Root Scorecard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation of young people</li> </ul>		UNAIDS, YVC	Updating the score card (Laos, Myanmar, India, Philippines,
9. Regional Guide for Global Fund implementers on young key population inclusive HIV programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCMs, regional and country-level Global Fund Grantees engage YKPs and YKP-led network in development, planning and implementation of GF grants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X number of countries implement GF with engagement from young people and youth-led networks</li> </ul>		<u>Youth LEAD</u> UNICEF, UNAIDS, APCASO	On track for 2019  Regional guide already finalized. Youth LEAD creating consortia with Y-Plus and Youth Rise to apply for GF grant to cover evidence, dialogue, country processes and YKP-led watchdog mechanism. TA for 2 years.
10. YKP Toolkit				<u>Youth LEAD</u>	Piloting of tool kit in two countries. TOT in 2019

**Outcome 2: Strategic information are generated, synthesized and used to support regional level advocacy targeting governments and civil society to promote scale up of comprehensive evidence-informed interventions for YKP**

Activity/Programme	Intended outcomes	Indicators	Timeline	Agencies	Status/Update/Funding status
1. Young people and HIV in Asia-Pacific data 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data and information on the HIV epidemic among young people in Asia-Pacific, based on the GAM, collated and synthesized and utilized for advocacy purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infographic/scorecards developed and disseminated.</li> </ul>	12 August	<u>UNAIDS APCOM</u> IATT on YKP	<b>On track</b>

2. <b>Strengthening strategic information on adolescents from key populations and YKPs.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SI on adolescents and YKPs are developed and strengthened and utilized for evidence for focused intervention and investments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X no of SI tools and publications developed and disseminated to key partners working on YKPs.</li> </ul>		UNICEF UNAIDS, Youth LEAD APCOM	<b>Ongoing</b> Web based RDS survey on adolescent MSM in China under finalization.  IBBS on young key populations in Bandung, Indonesia.  Analysis of the primary data on AKP in Nepal (Youth LEAD)
3. <b>Formative assessments on the needs of adolescents at risk</b>					
4. <b>Advocacy Plans</b>	Session on strengthening strategic information on young key populations at ICAAP, Perth		September	UNICEF, Youth LEAD, YPeer IATT	
<b>Outcome 3: Scale-up evidence-informed, national programmes for ykps through advocacy interventions with government, policy-makers and other stakeholders</b>					
Activity/Programme	Intended outcomes	Indicators	Timeline	Agencies	Status/Update/Funding status
1. <b>Adolescent-friendly services</b>  1.1 <b>Jumping hurdles tool on youth-friendly health services.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service providers are equipped to better respond to the needs of young key populations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toolkit developed and disseminated to X health service providers in 6 countries</li> </ul>		YVC	<b>1. Ongoing</b>  1.1 YVC is selected as a grantee on the UNESCO (HQ) supported CSE Project.

<b>2. Engagement with ASEAN particularly Health Cluster 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASEAN Workplan on AIDS implemented with key engagement from the IATT members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IATT represented at key ASEAN meeting on youth and raise the voice of young key populations.</li> </ul>		UNAIDS, Youth LEAD, YVC, UNICEF, UNFPA	On track
<b>3. Develop CSE mapping and conduct workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct an in-depth mapping of select digital sexuality education initiatives and stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region. The mapping exercise should include engagement with the creators/developers of these initiatives as well as gather user insight (where possible) on design, operational modalities and content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on existing digital platforms on CSE in Asia-Pacific</li> </ul>	Q1/Q2	UNESCO, UNFPA	On track
<b>6. Out of school CSE guideline development</b>			Q2	UNFPA, Youth LEAD,	
<b>7. Public - Private Partnerships</b>	Understanding better on public- private partnerships			UNICEF, Youth LEAD, UNDP	

#### Outcome 4: Increased advocacy for an enabling and coherent environment for YKP

Activity/Programme	Intended outcomes	Indicators	Timeline	Agencies	Status/Update/Funding status
<b>1. Legal advocacy toolkit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate and develop pool of champions on legal advocacy at the regional level</li> <li>Youth networks are capacitated to engage in national legal and policy advocacy.</li> <li>Awareness raised among governments on legal and policy barriers to services for young people including YKPs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of regional youth trainers and champions developed for advocacy and knowledge management.</li> </ul>	Feb - August	Youth LEAD, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, APCASO	On track
<b>2. YKP Global Advocacy Toolkit</b>				UNAIDS	



3. AYKP Communications Advocacy Campaign	UNICEF ROSA - VIDEOS			Youth LEAD, UNICEF	
4. Policy Paper on the Age of Consent				Youth LEAD UNICEF UNDP	
5. ASEAN Summit	Youth forum with Fast Track Cities - side event (October)			UNAIDS LEADING: IATT	
6. Universal Health Coverage		Look into talking to AFAO		UNIADS: LEADING IATT APCASO	
7. Engagement with inter-faith networks		Get in contact with ILGA Vu			

**Process: The Task Team functions effectively, focuses on progress towards achieving outcomes and its members are accountable for promoting a coordinated approach toward expanded HIV, sexual health and human rights related responses for YKP across the Asia-Pacific region.**

Activity	Intended outcomes	Indicators	Timeline	Agencies	Update
<b>Bimonthly meetings of the Task Team</b> -Meetings convened bimonthly -Agenda circulated in advance, with inputs from members -Meeting minutes and action points circulated	-Increased opportunities for information sharing, learning and partnerships -Monitoring of the workplan and actions undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the meeting</li> <li>Partner participation</li> </ul>		<u>UNFPA, YPEER</u>  All members	
<b>Engagement and inputs into other relevant mechanisms</b> -IATT inputs feed into other global-level mechanisms (i.e. IATT on Young People, IATT on key populations, and other global-level initiatives) -IATT inputs feed into other regional-level mechanisms (i.e. IATT on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV) and promote coordination	-Improved awareness of data, programme experience and programming on YKP in Asia-Pacific -Improved coordination across Task Teams, reduced overlap and duplication of efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting on relevant IATTs will be a standing agenda item for all meetings</li> </ul>		All members	

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**Communication on the work of the Task Team**

- Communications on Task Team activities available on the Internet (website, YouTube)
- Production of annual report.

-Greater awareness of the work of the IATT and use of IATT materials and programme experiences

- AP-IATT website articles
- Bi-monthly additions published on IATT website
- Report completed

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All members

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## Links to IATT YKP Documents

- I. Minutes of the Meetings:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GdaChISWGnsYsQLeibpK8DuGgsGkswOm>
- II. Resources and Documents: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16S-54gyrirtfcRohtY0uQWfRTXrsckO>



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# ANNEXES

## Annex 1: Key Challenges and Recommendations identified during the Asia Pacific Youth Forum

### Key Challenges

*The discussions held during the Asia Pacific Youth Forum on HIV led to the identification of the following key challenges in the regional HIV response for young populations:*

- Despite early successes in preventing the spread of the HIV epidemic in the Asia-Pacific region, young people aged 15 to 24 years accounted for one of four new HIV infections in the region in 2018.
- The Philippines (69 per cent), Myanmar (54 per cent), Indonesia (50 per cent) and Thailand (47 per cent) had the highest proportions of young people among new HIV infections in the region, well above the regional average. Key populations of youth in the region are at greater risk along with their sexual partners.
- Despite increasing numbers of countries adopting policies supporting sexuality education, our data show that in many countries in Asia and the Pacific two thirds of young people do not have correct and comprehensive knowledge about HIV and its prevention.
- At least 13 countries have laws that impose the need for parental consent for adolescents and young people below 18 years to access HIV testing. 1 in 3 young people from key populations do not know their HIV status.
- Stigma and discrimination including from health workers, teachers or family prevent young people from accessing HIV prevention, HIV testing, HIV and sexually transmitted infection treatment and broader sexual and reproductive health services. There is a general absence of adolescent and youth friendly HIV programmes, and policies and services within broader health-care programmes are not always adapted to the needs of youth.
- When we look at meaningful participation of young key populations, including LGBTI, in the HIV response, too often young people perceive that they are excluded from important decision-making spaces.
- Funding for youth-led initiatives and organizations are not prioritized leading to the depletion of youth-led organizations and their critical role.

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## Key Recommendations

*The lessons learned from the Asia Pacific Youth Forum on HIV have informed a set of recommendations to guide future efforts to promote partnerships between governments and youth, to advance Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), HIV prevention, and broader health and well-being for adolescents and youth:*

- Effective, contextualized access to education, parental and peer support, communications and access to quality health service delivery and mental health support for adolescents and youths at risk of HIV infection in Asia and the Pacific are needed to end the HIV epidemic as a public health threat by 2030.
- HIV prevention initiatives must address the root social and structural drivers of HIV and sexual and reproductive health risks among young people. HIV prevention programmes need to be scaled up, including preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and HIV self-testing.
- Remove legal, policy and social barriers that jeopardize the access to HIV and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people.
- Collection of data disaggregated by sex, age and key populations (national and sub-national) is needed to support strategic planning and effective programme design, implementation and resource allocation in the HIV response.
- There is a greater need for training of teachers, parents and peer-educators in accurate and up-to-date comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), as well as funding and resources to be able to do so. Peer-programmes have proven successful in schools and universities, providing a more approachable service to young people for SRHR, education and counselling.
- Discussions on SRHR and HIV prevention should be initiated in other spaces other than the education system, such as through churches/temples/mosques, families and community groups.
- Improve awareness strategies to reach out to young people in the virtual space. Online platforms have been very effective in raising awareness about SRH and HIV through various social media channels and other innovative applications. However, there should be more focus on ensuring that the information being shared is accurate and based on evidence.
- Meaningfully engage adolescents and at-risk youth (urban and rural) in designing and delivering effective, gender-responsive HIV programmes.
- Increase the investment for youth-led initiatives and organizations by governments and donors.
- Strengthen advocacy for investments in adolescents' and young people's skills that are required to succeed in today's world including health and wellness literacy.
- Promote and resource multi-sectoral partnerships between youth, community organizations, governments and the private sector to design, develop and sustain youth-friendly policies and programmes. These partnerships should be leveraged to design, develop, and sustain youth-friendly policies and programmes to support the overall well-being of adolescents and youth.
- Promote South-to-South collaboration to share and promote promising practices, exchange of knowledge and lessons learnt among the youth, government, civil society and other stakeholders in the HIV response.