



IATT ON YKP 2022 REPORT

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ABOUT THE INTER-AGENCY TASK TEAM ON YOUNG KEY POPULATIONS ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The Asia Pacific Inter-Agency Task Team on Young Key Populations was established in 2009 to promote a coordinated response from UN agencies and civil society partners to meet the HIV prevention, treatment, care and support needs of young key populations (YKPs). The YKP Task Team is an informal working group that includes many UN and civil society partners. Membership to the group is open to any organisation interested in working collaboratively to support HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support needs of YKP. This includes 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.

Current Members (2022)

- Youth LEAD
- Youth Voices Count (YVC)
- Y-PEER Asia and the Pacific Centre (Y-PEER AP)
- Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organisations (APCASO)
- Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation South Asia Regional Office (IPPF SARO)
- UN Population Fund Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA APRO)
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Asia and Pacific (UNESCO)
- UN Children's Fund East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (UNICEF EAPRO)
- UN Children's Fund Regional Office for South Asia (UNICEF ROSA)
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific (UNAIDS RST)
- United Nations Development Programme Asia and the Pacific Bangkok Regional Hub (UNDP)
- The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN)

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Task Team 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. Recently, progress in the Asia Pacific in reducing new HIV infections has drastically slowed down, mostly due in part to the after-effects of the global pandemic, COVID-19. Though several countries reduced new HIV infections by more than 50% between 2010 and 2020, new infections decreased by only 21% across the region as a whole—far short of the 2020 Fast-Track targets set by the UN Member States. Many countries in the area, including Afghanistan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, to name a few, are experiencing sharp increases in new HIV infections, based on the latest data gathered in 2022.

Young people accounted for **26%** of new HIV infections in Asia and the Pacific in 2020; in some countries, over 45% of new HIV infections were among young people. Current trends reflect rising complacency and a failure to prioritise HIV prevention, provide services where they are needed the most, and tailor them to people's needs. Many HIV programmes also overlook the specific needs of young people living with HIV. As a result, the region's HIV epidemic among young people has largely escaped the attention and action needed, despite evidence that alarming proportions of young people are affected. This neglect seems tied to the fact that the vast majority of young people affected by HIV in Asia and the Pacific belong to commonly stigmatised, criminalised, and marginalised populations.

The primary objective of the IATT on YKPs is to strengthen the consensus and collaboration among UN agencies and key civil society partners at the regional and country levels to accelerate action to achieve the global and national targets to reduce HIV transmission among young people at risk of HIV.

The objectives of the IATT on YKPs are:

- To encourage a coordinated UN/civil society approach toward expanded HIV, sexual health and human rights-related responses towards YKPs across the Asia Pacific region;
- To jointly advocate for YKP-friendly policies and guidelines and the inclusion of YKP issues in relevant national policies and plans;
- To jointly advocate for increased emphasis on strategic information on YKP (including improved surveillance and monitoring and evaluation);
- To jointly advocate at the regional level for scaling up comprehensive evidence-informed interventions for YKPs by governments and civil society;
- To provide more coordinated and efficient country support for YKP policies and programmes initiated by civil society and government partners;

- To provide regional guidance on the collection, analysis and use of strategic information (including surveillance data) to support advocacy, policies and programmes for young people who are most at risk of HIV;
- To promote, collaborate, and strengthen partnerships between IATT on YKP partners and link the group to other regional teams to share best practices.

This report, most importantly, highlights the strategic partnerships and collaborations to ensure YKPs in the region are not left behind, especially after the disastrous effects of COVID-19 on advocacy and programmes for YKPs in the Asia Pacific. The report showcases the collaborative efforts under the joint work plan of the IATT on YKP under four outcome areas.

OUTCOMES

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

OUTCOME 2:

Strategic information is generated, synthesised 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



OUTCOME 1

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Improving access to services for YKPs via Healthcare Worker Sensitisation Trainings in four countries in the Asia Pacific

As an effort to improve access to youth-friendly services in 4 countries in Asia Pacific, **UNAIDS RST** (with support from **DFAT**) partnered with **Youth LEAD** to implement the *Regional YKP Healthcare Workers training manual* to sensitise healthcare workers on YKP issues, a manual which was developed by Youth LEAD in 2019.

In 2022, the sensitisation training was conducted in 2 districts in Indonesia, particularly in the remote area of Papua, where a total of 40 healthcare workers received trainings. The feature story [here](#) describes how the training went and the immediate feedback received from the participants. In addition to Indonesia, the training was previously implemented in Papua New Guinea as a pilot in 2019. The final countries for the piloting series (Philippines and Cambodia) will take place next year. The evaluations of these trainings will be collated to revise the training manual to an experienced based tool for YKP networks in the Asia Pacific. Other than revising the manual, YKP networks can integrate the trainings into their advocacy plans whether this is duplicating the training in further districts or incorporating the training sessions into the national HIV response to improve access for YKPs.



E-course on digital safety and security and Digital HIV programming for young LGBTI and YKPs

Recognizing that young lesbian, gays, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons and YKP are often exposed to a hostile societal and legal environment; that young LGBTI persons are particularly vulnerable to bullying and harassment, including online; and acknowledging the emerging demand among young LGBTI persons and YKP in the Asia-Pacific region for digital competencies to safely navigate online spaces, protect their personal data, and to create positive and empowering online spaces and experiences for themselves and their peers, **UNDP** and **UNESCO**, in partnership with **Youth LEAD**, used the findings and recommendations of the “Mapping and Review of Resources for, and Needs of Vulnerable and Marginalized Young People” develop online training materials.



UNESCO and UNDP also shared the learning materials at **Y-PEER AP's** “Regional Academy 3.0” with a cohort of approximately 20 young people, providing training on how to navigate online spaces.

In 2022, Youth LEAD piloted the HIV programming component with five YKP networks in the region. After completing the training component, they developed short digital HIV programmes targeting stigma&discrimination, policy and advocacy, CSE, etc.

- ➔ Explore the online course [here](#)
- ➔ To view the digital programmes led by YKPs click [here](#)

In 2023 UNDP will complete the digital security component of the online course and host an official launch to encourage young LGBTI and YKP networks across the region to improve their safety and digital programming skills. This is critical to avoid future programming gaps for YKPs when it comes to emergencies such as the pandemic.

Youth Friendly Harm Reduction Service Piloting in Nepal

The "*Potential YPWID-friendly Interventions for Piloting*" targeting the young people who inject drugs (YPWID) in Kathmandu district for seven months, from June 1 to December 31, 2022, have been successfully implemented by **YKP Lead Nepal** in partnership with Recovering Nepal, SPARSHA Nepal and supported by

Youth LEAD. The primary activities include:

- a 3-day workshop to strengthen the capacity of outreach workers and OST counsellors; the creation of a website, Facebook page, and private group; and a discussion on how to engage YPWID online.
- Mapping of non-conventional hot-spots, conduct regular Outreach Activities outside regular hours- On, off-days & off-times (A school & workplace-based outreach and service for YPWIDs targeting students inside & outside of school)
- Conducting 3 FGDs with YPWID in DIC
- Development & distribution IEC Material
- DIC Refurbishment (Proposed activities) and a video of harm reduction services.

Overall, the Youth Friendly Harm Reduction Manual Pilot Program was a success. Young People Who Inject Drugs (YPWID) harm reduction services were provided to the YPWID in accordance with the recommendations from the manual, and an online safe space was established between outreach workers and the targeted community. YKP Lead Nepal also refurbished two drop-in centres in the city. Next steps include reviewing the Youth Friendly Harm Reduction Guideline pilot program and organise advocacy events.



Increasing demand and access to condoms and lubricants (and other prevention method) for MSM including young MSM

This project was aimed to increase demand generation and access to condoms and lubricants for men who have sex with men (MSM), including young MSM, in an effort to boost condom use and to reduce the rates of new HIV infection or AIDS-related death. The countries included in this multi-country grant were Cambodia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (**UNAIDS RST**) was the Principal Recipient (PR) of the **DFAT** multi-country grant and **APCOM** as the Sub-recipient. A mapping exercise was conducted to determine the scope and objectives of the demand generation campaign and understand the background and context. It consisted of focus group discussions (FGD) conducted in 4 countries alongside 4 community-led organisations which are mentioned below:

1. Indonesia: GWL-INA
2. Philippines: HIV and AIDS Support House (HASH)
3. Papua New Guinea: KP Advocacy Consortium
4. Cambodia: Men's Health Cambodia

The management of the project was led at the regional level by **Youth Voices Count**, Inc. with the support of APCOM, UNAIDS AP and UNAIDS country offices in the four countries.



In total, there were forty (40) participants in four countries belonging to the MSM community who had varying levels of knowledge about HIV/AIDS. The country partners were asked to ensure diverse representation of MSM coming from various settings, including urban and rural. Levels of English language comprehension and knowledge of matters pertaining to sexual and reproductive health were also considered. The FGDs were therefore conducted in local languages and aided by language accessibility tools whenever needed, such as an interpreter or translated question guides.

➔ View the final report [here](#)

M4M Ambassador Program on Mental Health

The Me for Myself Ambassador program was initiated by M4M Asia Pacific with the help of **Y-PEER AP** to advance the mental health and well being of YKPs on a national level. Initially Ambassadors were selected for each network at the national level to work with the core members of each network.



This program took place in Nepal , Bhutan , Sri Lanka , and Pakistan. Networks were able to reach more than 1000 people each to support their mental health and well being. Participating networks reported being able to surpass the stigma about discussing mental health.

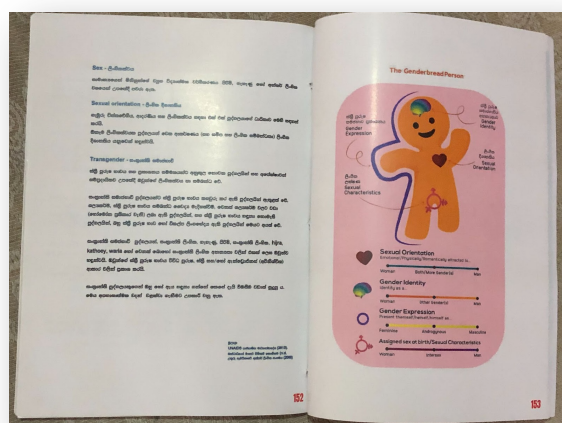


SRHR Manual for Deaf and hard of hearing young people

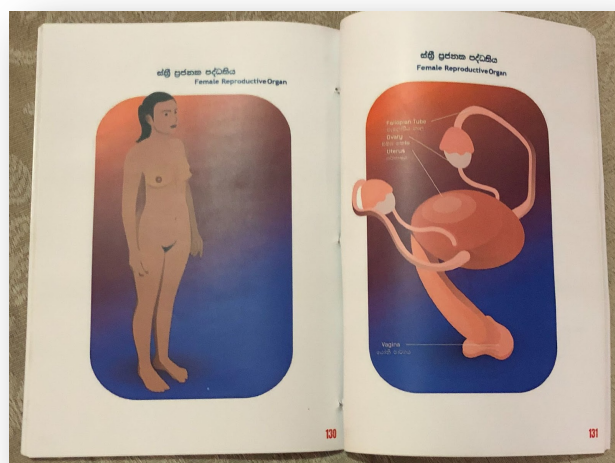
Sri Lanka YPEER launched the first local language SRHR manual for the deaf and hard of hearing youth community.



It was so successful; it was exhibited at the First National Conference on Gender at the University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka.



Two SRHR sessions were held for more than 1200 university students on LGBTIQ issues, contraceptive methods, and HIV.



OUTCOME 2

Strategic information is generated, synthesised and used to support regional level advocacy targeting governments and civil society to promote scale-up of comprehensive evidence informed interventions for YKP

Mapping and Review of Resources for, and Needs of Vulnerable and Marginalized Young People in the Asia-Pacific Region on Digital Literacy, Safety and Participation

Commissioned by **UNESCO** and **UNDP**, with research undertaken by the **University of Technology Sydney (UTS)** team, this rapid assessment aims to understand the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex (LGBTI) young people and Young Key Populations (YKP) in the AIDS response in the Asia-Pacific region, in their quest for more secure digital spaces and improved experiences of digital citizenship.

This mapping has informed follow up actions by UNESCO and UNDP in collaboration with **Youth LEAD** and **Y-PEER AP** in order to close the gap on available and appropriate online digital citizenship resources and capacity-building opportunities for these groups.

➔ View the rapid assessment [here](#)

The assessment findings were later launched on *International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) Day*.



In celebration of IDAHOBIT Day, UNESCO and UNDP launched the mapping. During the launch, UTS were invited to present key findings and recommendations of the Mapping and Review. UNDP also invited inspiring young leaders in the region to share their stories of developing safe spaces online and using the digital space for advocacy.

Priyal Agrawal, founder of the [StandWeSpeak](#) sexual wellness platform in India, showcased her SexEd-tech initiative that is building a modern sexual health ecosystem. Agrawal's presentation was followed by that of Fresh Palis, founder of [Prism Chat](#), an online, peer-support platform for LGBT+ youth. These youth-led initiatives have been accessed by more than 25,000 people across Asia and the Pacific region. As Palis commented,

"We (youth activists) recognize that the experience of seeking support as an LGBT+ teenager is extremely nuanced and intersectional with other factors such as race, religion, culture, language, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age. We believe it is imperative that technologies employed by these support systems are responsive and tailored to the individual needs [of users]."



UNICEF East Asia Pacific regional report on improving the inclusion of young key populations in the data collection procedures of the countries with country specific case studies from PNG and Philippines.

Evidence generation on improving the inclusion of young key populations in the data collection procedures of the countries in East Asia Pacific regional with country specific case studies from Papua New Guinea and Philippines. To improve the inclusion of young key populations in the data collection procedures of the countries a situation analysis report of the inclusion of young key population using Routine data collection, population size estimation exercises and Bio-behavioral surveys.

KEY FINDINGS
Out of participating countries, Six have a digitalized data collection system for routine data. This is a critical step towards countries being able to disaggregate data by key populations and demographic characteristics (e.g., age).
HIV testing data are the most commonly collected data in the region; however, most of the countries have data limited to young MSMs, FSWs and PWID.
Most of the countries are conducting population size estimation (PSE) exercises for MSMs and FSWs but PSE is not available for young MSMs and FSWs.
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The methods and tools for PSE, Integrated Bio-Behavioral Surveillance/ Behavioral Surveillance Survey (IBBS/BSS), stigma index, and similar surveys/studies, should be revised to make them applicable for calculating/estimating young key populations.
Advocacy initiatives are required to sensitize key decision makers and stakeholders about the missing young populations, including young MSWs, TSWs, Inmates, PWUD, and Migrants.
HIV data collection tools and methods should be revised to support national HIV responses to have disaggregated TG-specific data which is not merged into MSM data.
Young key populations should be included in stigma and discrimination studies. This process constitutes revising the design, sample size, methods and data collection and analysis procedures.

OUTCOME 3

Scale-up evidence-informed, national programmes for YKPs through advocacy interventions with government, policy-makers and other stakeholders

Publication of the “Putting Young Key Populations First” advocacy report, in partnership with Youth LEAD, UNICEF and UNFPA

In 2022, the “*Putting Young Key Populations First*” advocacy report was published in the **UNAIDS RST** website. The report, which had been in development for two years with **Youth LEAD**, **UNICEF** and **UNFPA** as partners, was published in August 2022, with a global soft launching where the key findings were presented by a youth representative at a satellite session on Adolescents and Young Key Populations at the **AIDS 2022** conference. Additionally, the report was launched regionally at the **2022 Asia Pacific Youth Forum** with multi-stakeholder partners, youth and communities present.



Evidence generated on the needs of adolescent and youth at risk enabled effective policy advocacy on emerging health and HIV issues and promotion of partnerships between governments and youth. The report is complemented with a series of infographics, animated video, social media cards and presentation. This report describes the HIV epidemic among young key populations in the Asia-Pacific region, takes stock of HIV programmes for young key populations, and identified the priority actions to accelerate progress towards ending AIDS in the region.

- ➔ Access the report [here](#)
- ➔ Watch the report video [here](#)

Regional Situation Analysis on Young people in the CCM

The major recommendations from the regional situation analysis on "Youth engagement in the CCM and GF processes" were included for use by young people in their advocacy work and NFM4 (now termed GC7) engagement.

It was published online, and part of the findings were presented during the panel discussion for the GF-CRG Regional Meeting and the Asia-Pacific Youth Forum 2022 hosted by **UNAIDS RST**, **UNICEF**, **UNDP AP**, **Ministry of Health Thailand** and **Youth LEAD**.



- The analysis is ready to be used as a tool for advocacy for YKP, YPLHIV, and Youths for the continued GF engagement as well as NFM4 as a result of 30 in-depth interviews, 8 focus group discussions, and youths from 14 countries in the Asia Pacific.
 - Youth Engagement in the GF- related processes and in the CCMs were evaluated in categories of sufficient support and resource, Removing Human Rights-related Barriers to HIV Services, Value for Money (Sustainable HIV Programme)
 - The Youth constituency, CCMs, the GGF, Government officials, and key population networks in the area were all addressed with recommendations to support youth engagement.
- ➔ Read the Situation Analysis [here](#)

OUTCOME 4

Increased advocacy for an enabling and coherent environment for YKP

2022 Asia Pacific Youth Forum: Putting Young Key Populations First

On 20-21 October 2022, the *2022 Asia Pacific Youth Forum: Putting Young Key Populations First* was held in Bangkok, Thailand, as a joint initiative that was co-organised by **UNAIDS RST**, the **Government of Thailand** (Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs), **Youth LEAD**, with support from **UNESCO** and **UNDP AP**. The regional forum was participated by over 30 youth delegates from 14 countries and was consisted of a Youth Consultation on Day 1, which resulted in the development of a 9-point recommended action plan agreed by the youth. The recommendations were presented on Day 2 at a multi-stakeholder meeting with representatives from government, embassies and UN partners. As mentioned prior, the advocacy report “*Putting Young Key Populations First*” was also presented and launched regionally.

➔ Read about the Youth Forum in the feature story [here](#)



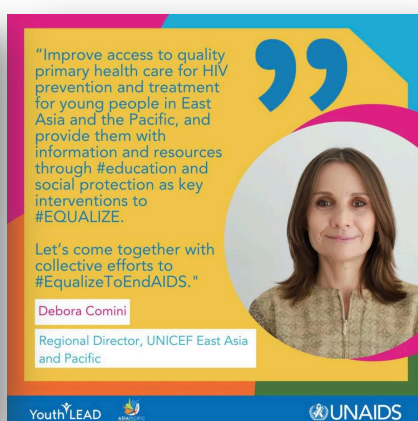
Regional consultation on HIV-related stigma and discrimination in education settings

In October 2022, **UNAIDS RST** co-convened the Regional Consultation on HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination in Education Settings with **UNESCO**, **UNFPA APRO** and **Youth LEAD**. Representatives from governments, including from the education sector, and youth representatives participated in the consultation. The consultation enabled discussion and experience sharing between education sector actors on how HIV-related and intersecting forms of stigma and discrimination impact learners and educators, and provided an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss effective, comprehensive, and age-appropriate policies, strategies, platforms and programmes to address stigma and discrimination in education settings. This consultation is part of a series of regional consultations on stigma and discrimination in various settings which UNAIDS co-convened with partners, in line with the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forums of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination.

World AIDS Day Campaign

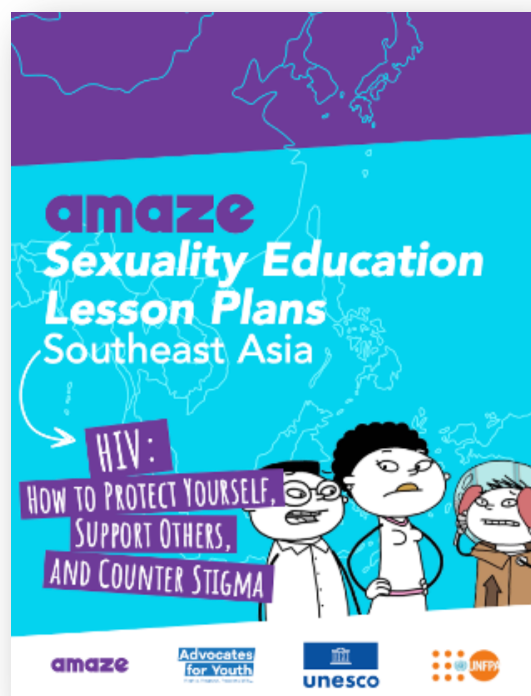
Using the momentum of World AIDS Day on 1 December, **UNAIDS RST** and the **IATT on YKP** implemented a campaign to increase the awareness on youth and YKP issues, related to the global World AIDS Day theme of “Equalize”. In line with this theme, representatives from the IATT on YKP provided their views in a series of [social media quote cards](#), and youth representatives shared their perspectives on inequalities in a video campaign. The campaign, launched during the Global World AIDS Day Report regional launch, also includes a website consolidating materials on young key populations, including reports, videos, brochures, and other publications.

- ➔ Watch the video [here](#)
- ➔ View the [landing webpage](#)

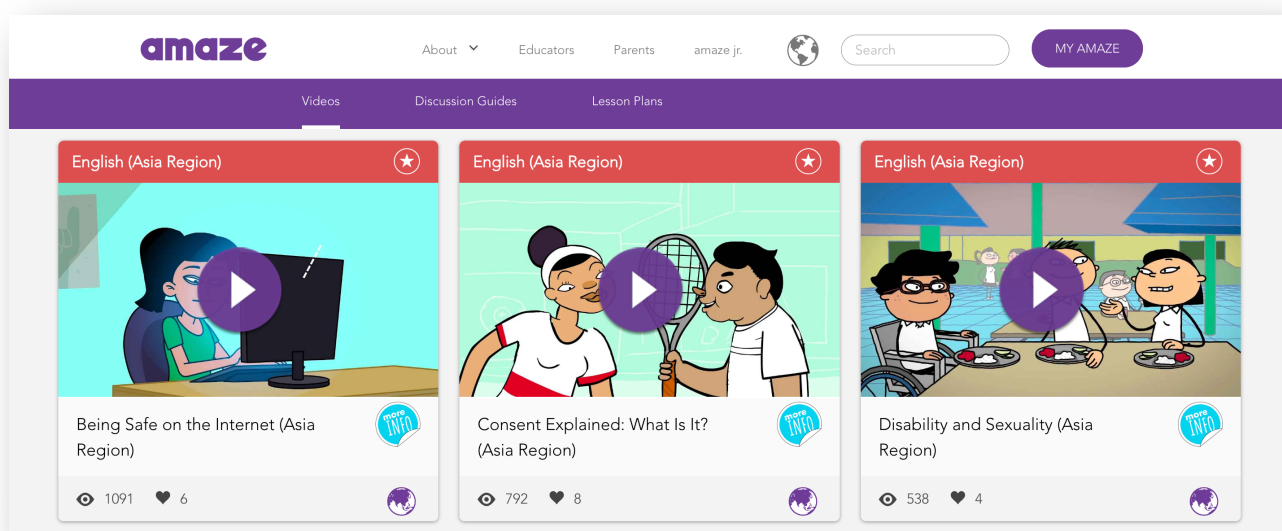


AMAZE Sexuality Education Video Adaptation and Lesson Plan Development for the Asia Pacific Region

With **UNFPA APRO** and Advocates for Youth, **UNESCO** adapted nine existing Amaze.org CSE videos and produced original companion lesson plans and facilitator guides for use by teachers, peer educators and community facilitators. Local language translations and dubbing in process in Thai, Lao and Vietnamese languages. UNESCO collaborated with the regional DSE community to engage 13 youth content creators and platform managers for using the adapted videos and creating companion discussion guides. Nine adapted AMAZE videos includes: ‘HIV: How to Protect Yourself, Support Others, and Counter Stigma,’ ‘Accessing Sexual Health Services for Minors’; What is Bullying?; Healthy Relationships; Reproduction; Gender Stereotypes; Sexting and Consent; How to be an LGBTQ+ Ally and What is Social Anxiety? Three country consultations with UNESCO and UNFPA field offices and were joined by than 44 youth, teachers, and CSO/SRHR facilitators from Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam was part of the adaptation process.



- ➔ The nine adapted videos can be accessed from [here](#)
- ➔ Lesson plans can be accessed from [here](#)



Enhancing LGBTIQ+ inclusive learning spaces in Asia through youth-led transformative actions and partnerships in the education sector

To ensure that all learners – including those who identify as belonging to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community (LGBTIQ+) can access and participate in education and learning because they feel connected, safe, valued and included in the participating pilot universities. **UNESCO** and **Youth Voices Count** is piloting a youth leadership initiative in ROK to create LGBTIQ+ inclusive university learning spaces.



The 2022 outputs include a needs-assessment report, with qualitative data collection (six hybrid focus group discussions (FGDs) and six online key informant interviews [KII] among university academic and non-academic personnel) engaging 36 students and six staff. UNESCO together with Youth Voice Count (YVC) conducted an online stakeholder feedback and validation meeting to discuss the results and recommendations of the needs-assessment rapid study and produced a final report of the stakeholder feedback meeting. The virtual meeting took place on 28 October 2022 with more than 25 participants (15 youth, civil society and other partners in ROK; 11 members of the organizing team including interpreter).

➔ View the application [here](#)

Commemorating World AIDS Day 2022 by launching a web article

UNESCO Bangkok launched a web article on 'Comprehensive Sexuality Education: the great 'equalizer' in the global and Asia-Pacific AIDS response for young people' to commemorate World AIDS Day 2022'. The web article has been posted in UNESCO Bangkok website, Facebook, and twitter. The article highlighted the comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) as an essential part of the global AIDS response, not only for young people in helping them to better protect themselves from contracting HIV, but also to tackle social stigma and discrimination towards people already affected by, and living with HIV on a daily basis.



➔ Check out the website [here](#)

Spill the T with YKP-Pride Edition

On 30th June 2022, the co-chairs of the **IATT on YKP**, **Youth LEAD** and **UNDP AP** hosted a special pride edition of "Spill the T with YKPs". For this special edition, the Interagency Task Team on Young Key Populations invited Tharindi Devasurendra of **Youth Voices Count**, Shaman Gupta of **TWEET Foundation**, and Six Bernado of **Transmaculine Philippines**/Youth Voices Count, to share their personal stories to inspire others with their own journeys of "finding pride" and their work to foster the next generation of LGBTI activists. This webinar was a great success in terms of reach, and garnered 8700 views and reached over 17,200 people. The IATT on YKP hopes to replicate the success of this webinar during future Spill the T with YKP webinars.

➔ Watch the episode [here](#)



Intergenerational Dialogue on Meaningful Youth Engagement



Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), **Y-PEER Asia Pacific**, and **UNFPA APRO** held a hybrid *Intergenerational Dialogue of the Asian Parliamentarians and Youth Advocates to address Meaningful Youth Engagement* on the 2nd – 3rd of June 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand. The event aimed to strengthen partnerships between parliamentarians/NCs, CSOs, and youth advocates in respective countries and explore modalities for meaningful youth participation and engagement. In addition, it was a space to share good practices of meaningful youth engagement and youth policies/laws, especially in the COVID-19 context.



COMING UP FOR 2023!

UNAIDS RST

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve access and availability of youth-friendly services in key countries in Asia Pacific [UNAIDS; Youth LEAD] 2. Increase access to HIV prevention (including condoms and lubricants) among MSM and young MSM in key countries in Asia Pacific [UNAIDS; APCOM] 3. Increase evidence to support advocacy to tackle HIV-related stigma and discrimination in education settings [UNAIDS, potential partners: UNESCO, UNFPA, UNDP, YPEER, etc.] | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for increased youth representation at decision-making spaces, particularly CCM in Global Fund countries [UNAIDS support to Youth LEAD] 2. Support to advocate for the inclusion of youth interventions in Global Fund funding requests in key countries in the region [UNAIDS support to Support to Youth LEAD] 3. Support production and use of advocacy materials produced by YKP and youth-led organisations to advocate for improved HIV response among YKP, particularly through the UPROOT Scorecards [UNAIDS] |
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UNESCO

- 1) Promote uptake of adapted Amaze.org videos, lesson plans and discussion guides Partnership with UNFPA (APRO, Thailand, Lao PDR and Viet Nam offices) and the IATT on YKP Integration in formal education (Lao PDR & Viet Nam) and non-formal education (regional/Thailand)
- 2) Youth leadership for creating LGBTIQ+ learning spaces Ongoing implementation by Youth Voices Count (ROK 2022 and new countries in 2023 TBC)

UNDP AP

1. Launch of the Digital Security component of the online E-Course
2. LGBTI Inclusion Challenge

Youth LEAD

1. DFAT and UNAIDS RST supported YKP Healthcare Worker Sensitisation Training and Evaluation Phases
2. YKP National network initiation in India
3. Supporting network partners for the GF NFM4

“Strengthening the involvement of young people in the HIV movement.” – Inter-Agency Task Team on Young Key Populations

UNICEF EAPRO

Research will be conducted on mental health and young people examining the complex drivers and their interrelationships which will provide insights to the understanding of mental health and provide important information about strategies and interventions to support young people's mental health and wellbeing, including the digital technologies. This research is being conducted by the Young and Resilient Research Centre supported by UNICEF EAPRO.

Youth Voices Count

Ignite Empowerment Grants was implemented in partnership with Many Coloured Sky.



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