**Advancing Youth Centred Programming through CoE Programme**

**Youth Forum and Youth Centred Programming Conceptual Framework Workshop**

**1.0 Introduction**

IPPF over the past few years have initiated Youth Centred Approach initiative to engage its Member Associations to advance MAs work and engagement of young people. Through the Centres of Excellence programme, PPAG, with support from Rutgers is organizing an Anglophone Regional MAs Youth Forum Programmes forum to facilitate the operationalization of the Youth-Centred Approach in adolescent and youth SRHR programming among IPPF MA and selected youth centred organizations in Anglophone Africa. This is to ensure effective delivery of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Youth Friendly Health services, while promoting Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP).

* 1. **PPAG – the Anglophone Centre of Excellence**

With the coming into being of the new IPPF business model, IPPF is expected to continue its leadership in SRHR through its MA-centric model. As part of this process, PPAG has been identified as a Centre of Excellence for Youth Programming and is expected to play a major role in strengthening the youth programmes structure in Anglophone Africa to effectively engage and serve young people. With support from Rutgers International and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), this specialized project seeks to improve Youth Centred programming and to advance the uptake of quality integrated gender and rights-based youth centred SRH information, education and services for young people. The program offers a unique opportunity to consolidate technical expertise and disseminate contextual best practices on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and youth friendly servicedelivery.

**2.0 Youth Programmes Forum**

As part processes towards the development of a regional youth programmes framework, PPAG is organizing a Youth Programmes Forum to engage key stakeholders from selected Anglophone IPPF MAs and strategic development partners to work on a Youth Centred direction for Youth Programming in Anglophone Africa to scale-up sexuality education, adolescent and youth friendly service delivery while enabling meaningful youth participant.

**3.0 Youth Programmes conceptualization framework**

Following the outcomes of the youth forum, a core team will proceed to develop the Youth Programmes Conceptual Framework to improve operationalization of the YCA towards quality youth-centered programming and attainment of Meaningful Youth Participants (MYP) in the region. PPAG, working with other MAs and Youth Centred organization and key stakeholders, aims to contribute to sustainable change in the way youth centered programmes are planned, funded, implemented documented and embedded in national and international government systems. Therefore, we to seeking to collaboratively develop a shared frameworks for the assessment of YCA, Meaningful Youth Participation, CSE, and Youth Friendly Health Service Delivery.

**4.0 Overall Objective of the workshop**

The overall objective of this workshop is to facilitate the operationalization of the Youth-Centered Approach in adolescent and youth SRHR programming among IPPF MA and selected youth centered organizations in Anglophone Africa. This is to ensure effective delivery of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Youth Friendly Health services, while promoting Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP).

**5.0 Invited participants**

Participants to attend this meeting will be deliberately selected from key stakeholder groups whose participation is intended to make meaningful input in the youth forum and the programme conceptual framework development. The key stakeholder groups to be represented in the meeting include the EDs, youth programme focal persons/managers and youth representatives from select Anglophone MAs in addition to UN and international bodies with technical insights into youth SRHR programming (WHO, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, Rutgers, IPPF) and youth focused CSOs from the region.

As part of the process to share knowledge and exchange ideas among the CoEs, the ED and the CoE Officer for ATBEF will both be invited to participate in the Workshop to share the work ongoing with the Francophone MAs and learn what the Anglophone MAs are doing.

PPAG in consultation with Rutgers will also identify particular experts from global entities and institution of expertise including WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, IPPF and Rutgers itself to join the workshop. The purpose of inviting such regional or global bodies is to provide global and regional perspectives on developing and advancing programming in SRHR for young people. The full participants list in included below in Appendix 1.

**6.0 Facilitation**

PPAG and Rutgers will identify and engage a youth programming expert to provide technical guidance to facilitate the meetings, as well as help to effectively organize and document the ideas and concepts into a conceptual framework to guide post workshop actions and follow-ups. This individual will be engaged in a pre-workshop conversation to understand the purpose and objectives of the workshop, propose tools to be used in the conversations and agree on the documentation and conceptual framework development process and reporting.

**7.0 Workshop date & location**

The meeting will be held in a standard international conference hotel in Tanzania. The workshop is scheduled for 13th – 18th December 2021. The workshop will be held in person with possibilities of virtual engagement for individuals who may not be able to travel due to COVID and other logistical challenges. To foster ownership of the COE project, hosting of key activities is expected to rotate among participating MAs. Tanzania was strategically selected as the first East African Country to host a COE activity.

**7.0 Format of the Workshop**

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| **Day** | **Agenda** | **Participants** | **Description** |
| Day 1- 2  12th – 13th December, 2021 | Youth Programmes Forum | EDs, Youth Focal Persons, ARO/CO Team (Regional DP, Global Youth Lead, CoE Officer) | The Youth Centred Programming Forum will focus on engaging MAs leadership, Youth Programmes Focal persons and YAM to discuss and review the current state of youth programmes being implemented by various MAs. The EDs/Youth Focal Persons from the MAs will share their youth programmes to shed light on how their programmes are organized, priorities, issues of focus, projects being run and key impacts or effects of the programme. The meeting will discuss gaps and opportunities for scaling up interventions with particular focus on Human Centered Design and taking Programmes to scale through strategic collaboration with state institutions. |
| Day 3-4  14th – 15th December 2021 | Development of youth Centred programing conceptual framework | Youth Focal Persons, YAM, Technical/Development Partners | The second part of the workshop will focus on the development of the youth centred programming conceptual framework based on the core objectives of the CoE programme and the YCA of IPPF. The core objectives will include achieving MYP, expanding access to CSE, advancing YFS and ensuring programme effectiveness through scaling up. The framework development process will last over a two day period. The second part of the workshop will have the Youth Programmes Focal Persons, YAM and the technical experts from the various partners participating and going through the participatory process of developing the framework. This session will be facilitated by an external facilitator who will provide technical guidance and to support the process to effectively evolve. |
| Day 5 - 6  16th – 17th December 2021 | Validation of Youth Centred Programming MA Assessment tools and guidelines | Youth Focal Persons, YAM, Technical/Development Partners | The third part of the workshop will focus on validating tools and guidelines developed and adapted for the assessment of MAs Youth Centred Programe under the CoE programme. The tools to be validated include the CSE Inside and Out Tool; Youth Centered Approach Guide; Youth Friendly Service Delivery Assessment Tool; and Meaningful Youth Participation Guide. |
| Day 6  18th December 2021 | Learning Visit | Youth Focal Persons, YAM, | The Centre of Excellence programme is designed to amplify MA to MA sharing of best practices and knowledge among MAs. As part of the workshop, UMATI will be engaged to facilitate a learning visit for participants from the other MAs to learn about the UMATI Weekend Clinic innovations in their youth programme for purposes of knowledge sharing and replication. |