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**Y-PEER News Bulletin** is a visual content-based document, which will report and illustrate activities administered by Y-PEER network on an international level, as well as the national one. Aim of the Bulletin is to enable network members and active Y-PEERers get acquainted and informed about various seminars, workshops, events and activisms taking place within their own communities, along with those occurring within their geographical region and beyond.

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Y-PEER Armenia, with the support of UNFPA Armenia and Youth Voice Armenia network, has conducted a lot of activities for the youth in the period January-June 2016. Our main goal was to engage more people on SRHR and that is why we focused on those issues. We organized preparation seminars for the participants in our national SRHR training camp, which took place on 22-25 July 2016 near to Arpy Lake in one of the regions of Armenia (Gyumri). Due to our preparation seminars, the young people were really motivated to participate in the training. Finally, after lots of preparations and interviews, we were ready to start our camp on SRHR. There were more than 80 participants from Yerevan and from all the regions of Armenia.

During the training, representatives from UNFPA Armenia, Sargis Ghazaryan (Focal Point in Charge of Y-PEER Armenia) and Ilona Demirtshyan (Focal Point) were conducting training sessions on HIV and SRHR. On the first day we pointed out the problems and the priorities of our youth, as well as the different aspects of SRHR which should be taught at schools as part of the comprehensive sexuality education. The following day was dedicated to summarizing the points and to coming up with proper solutions for the problems that were identified during the sessions. After these activities, we made a report for UNPFA and we are planning to have a meeting with representatives of UNFPA, in order to follow up on the training.

Theater Workshop in The SRHR Training

During the training, we also organized a theater workshop focused on the same topics. Activities related to healthy and active lifestyle also took place, such as biking. All the participants in the training were really impressed and motivated by this national-level activity, and wanted to share the experience in their own networks, among their peers, which is a great opportunity to motivate and involve more young people, and to multiply the effect of the training.

Y-PEER continues its activities and is proud that young people of Armenia are motivated and want to make changes in their communities.

Find more about Y-PEER Armenia on the following links:

https://ypeerarmenia.wordpress.com/about/
https://twitter.com/YPEER_Armenia
The project “Accessible Education-Accessible Future” was organized with support of Qafqaz University. The project consisted of a 3 days of training course, aiming to increase awareness about disability, to built the competence of young educators, trainers and future teachers studying pedagogical science at the universities in Baku. The 3 days of training course took place at Qafqaz University, 18-20 February, 2016 with participation of 22 young people interested in learning ethical principles and right methodology while working with persons with disabilities (PWD).

The 22 successful participants of the training course were selected through a competitive selection process. The main target group of the project was young people studying pedagogical science at the universities in Baku along with young activist and educators who were passionate to learn methodology and ethics of working with people with disabilities. There were 17 female and 5 male participants in the training course, as well as 2 female and 2 male volunteers assisting the project.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM7lZ6sGfxE

The project is developed by Y-PEER Azerbaijan in collaboration with Transparency Azerbaijan (TA) in response to goals and vision of TA under Azerbaijan Partnership for Transparency project, youth public awareness raising sub-component. The project is also in line with the ongoing development agenda of United Nations, and particularly Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, that targets to reduce corruption and bribery, develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.

This project aimed to contribute to the above goals through increase of youth awareness and encouragement of participation in this process of young people through the capacity building program. Thus, National Y-PEER proposes to arrange 5-day theater-based training, particularly designed through International Y-PEER theatre-based training manual and awareness raising program of expertise of Transparency Azerbaijan. The methodology of the training course is based upon non-formal education and edutainment methods. During 5 days 16 participants has attended in National Theatre-based Training on Good Governance and Transparency. There were 7 female, 9 male in this training course. At the end of last day-5th day they showed to audience what they have learnt. After long discussions they’ve decided to take these 3 topics and show the social theatre about them. These topics are:

- Disclose mechanisms of corruption
- Tender
- A whistle-blower
No Hate Speech against Gender Based Discrimination

Within the framework of No Hate Speech Movement which aims to counter discriminative speech and stands for human rights through online and offline activities and recently focuses on combating sexist hate speech, Y-PEER Azerbaijan develops a training course, which will encompass five full days of program and relegates to LGBT rights, gender based discrimination and sex-selective abortion.

The main goal of the project is to sustainably decrease gender based discrimination as well as combat with sexist hate speech in Azerbaijan. This project aims to contribute to the above goals through increase of youth awareness and encouragement of participation in this process of young people through the capacity building program. Thus, Y-PEER Azerbaijan proposes to arrange 3 days of training, particularly designed through International Y-PEER training manual and No Hate Speech Training Manuals. The methodology of the training course is based upon non-formal education and edutainment methods.

The main target group of the project is 20 capable young people aged 18-23 living in Baku, Azerbaijan. The indirect target group of the project encompasses peers of the 20 direct beneficiaries, friends and family and users of Social Media.

Reproductive Health and Gender

The project “Reproductive Health and Gender” was organized with support of UNFPA CO. The project consisted of a 5 days of theatre based trainings on gender related issues, sexual and reproductive health and rights to built the competence of young educators, trainers and students in Baku. The 5 days of training course took place at Central Park Baku Hotel, 21-25 June, 2016 with participation of 19 young and adolescent interested in learning SH and Gender.

The 20 successful participants of the training course were selected through a competitive selection process and were students of various universities (Pedagogical University, Academy of Public Administration under the President of Azerbaijan, Baku State University, University of Public-Political Sciences, Qafqaz University, Khazar University, Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan Tourism University) in Baku.

At the end of training participants demonstrated 4 social theatre about Gender based discrimination, LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS and Sex selective abort.

According to the evaluation of the program, majority of the training, participants increased their competence on sexual health and gender. Most of the participants of the training course mentioned that as a result of the training they are more willing to share the information and experience they have gained with their peers.
Sixth National Training of Trainers

Y-PEER Bhutan organized the 6th National Training of Trainers from 3rd – 7th July, 2016. The participants were from various institutes and colleges such as Royal Thimphu College (RTC), TrashiYangtse Institute of ZorigChusum, Jigme Namgyel Engineering College (JNEC), College of Language and Culture Studies (CLCS), Sherubtse College, Gaeddhu College of Business Studies (GCBC), College of Science and Technology (CST), Paro College of Education (PCE) and we also have Bajothang Youth Center (Wangdue) and Chanjiji Youth Center (Thimphu). The training covered the main objective of Y-PEER “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)” and the significance of peer-to-peer approach, Peer Education in disseminating correct information among young people.

Advocacy Program for Young Female Athletes

Y-PEER took advantage of the National Sports Meeting which took place in the capital on 4th - 9th July. In the evening of 6th July, 3 Y-PEER trainers/Peer Educators went to Luntenzampa Middle Secondary School to meet 160 young girls who had gathered from 113 schools around the country for a sensitization program on various ASRHR (Adolescent Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights) related issues which lasted more than 2 hours.

Advocacy Program For Young Male Athletes

Likewise, in the evening of 8th July, Y-PEER had the wonderful opportunity to meet around 170 young boys from around the country who had gathered for the National Sports Meeting. This 2-hour-long sensitization program was led by WangchukDema and SonamLepcha. It included an introduction to Y-PEER, information on SRHR and other important issues related to that. The young boys interacted actively by asking questions and clarifying their doubts. The evening ended well with some of the boys being interested to be part of Y-PEER and actually taking Y-PEER to their schools as well. We hope they will do their best in sharing knowledge and information among their peers.
Preparing for World Population Day

On 9th July, almost 70 young boys and girls gathered in the Department of Youth and Sports for a preliminary program on the World Population Day (11th July). This year’s theme was “Investing in young teenage girls” and the program involved discussions on issues, challenges faced by young teenage girls and recommendations to address such challenges which would be presented in front of relevant stakeholders on 11th July.

Selection of Speakers for the Main Event of WPD

We had identified five participants from the preliminary discussion for the main event of the World Population Day; they practiced and rehearsed on the 10th July presenting the outcome of the discussions to the relevant stakeholders on 11th July. All the five participants were girls who were guided by the Chief Program Officer of Department of Youth Sports (DYS) and former Focal Point In-charge of Y-PEER Bhutan, SonamLhamu. The rehearsal took place at the Convention Centre, Royal Banquet Hall. This was done to fully prepare the five speakers for the important event on the World Population Day, dedicated to “Investing in teenage girls”.

Consultation Program with Harmony Youth Volunteers

Y-PEER Bhutan had a short consultation program with 40 Harmony Youth Volunteers for about 1 and 1/2 hour with regard to ASRHR issues on July 15th. First of all we focused on the concerns and challenges that adolescents face regarding their sexual and reproductive health, which they are not able to discuss with others, apart from their friends. This is a fact which was also corroborated during this brief discussion by this group of young people who felt most comfortable while talking with their peers on such matters. We also touched upon social issues other than ASRHR, such as bullying, the rising issue of stabbing incidents, suicide etc. The recommendations on how to face the challenges and problems were also discussed, along with the kind of support they would like to be provided with. The major outcome of this short discourse was that there is a high necessity of Comprehensive Sexuality Education for the adolescents in schools.

Find more about Y-PEER Bhutan on the following link:
https://www.facebook.com/ypeer.bhutan/
Training in Beijing

On March 19th and 20th, Y-PEER China organized a Training for Trainers in Beijing, China. The training was targeted at peereducators in Beijing. Some members of Y-PEER China who still did not have experience also took part in it. On the first day we invited Mr. Miao and alumni of CYN to give comments and suggestions for the performance of the trainers. All the participants gave a positive feedback in the end of the training.

Training in Zhengzhou

The members of the Peer Education and Training Workgroup went to Zhengzhou Province, China, to conduct a 2-day training for students at the Henan University of Animal Husbandry and Economy on March 26-27, 2016. This university has a professional working area for education on youth sexual and reproductive health. Therefore, the training was aimed at improving the training skills of peer educator in this Youth Club. They all had a good knowledge in this field, which made this training easier to conduct and more interesting.

Recruiting New Numbers for Y-PEER China

On April 9th, Y-PEER China started a recruitment process nationwide. Those who applied to join us had to submit an application form online and to have an interview. Altogether, 9 volunteers were recruited.

Training for Trainers Workshop by Y-PEER China

In order to build the capacity of new volunteers, enhance the in-depth understanding of SRHR and related concepts, and share experiences with all the members and volunteers, Peer Education and Training Workgroup held a Training for Trainers and invited Liang Xiao, the coordinator of China Family Planning Association on April 17th.
Dance For Life – Tailoring to Local Audiences
From May 17th to 24th, Y-PEER China was invited to Wu Han and Shenzhen, China. Our volunteers organized a peer education training for the SRHR volunteers. After understanding the concepts, the participants discussed the possible ways of meeting the SRHR educational needs of different groups.

National Training for Trainers

North Area Training in Beijing
On May 23rd and 24th, Y-PEER China conducted Training for Trainers in Beijing, China, and invited representatives from different northern universities as well as their advisers. The two-day TOT demonstrated how to conduct peer education sessions and was led by our volunteers and senior fellow. In the end, participants had a practical part when they conducted their sessions and were instructed by experts from China Family Planning Association.

East Area Training in Qingdao
From May 7th to 9th, Y-PEER China conducted Training for Trainers in Qingdao, Shan Dong province, China. Active students from universities we collaborate with took part in this training. On the first day, some basic concepts related to SRHR were introduced. In the next two days, the facilitators introduced information about HIV/AIDS, its prevention and treatment.

Central Area Training in Nanchang
More than 60 young people and 20 teachers joined this peer education training organized by Y-PEER China on the 7-8 of May for volunteers from universities in the central area in China. At the training, the Coordinator of China Family Planning Association, Liang Xiao, gave a speech for all the participants.

South Area Training in Nanning
This was not the first time we went to Nanning to conduct a peer education training. Young people there showed great passion in volunteering in this field. We spent 2 amazing days with them and observed their progress.

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Setting Up Local Network in Jinan
On May 18th and 19th, Y-PEER China was invited to Jinan, Shandong province, China, to train the local core members. Our volunteers led peer education sessions and with common efforts, a local network was established.
National Advisory Board Meeting May 2016

The meeting was held on 22-23rd of May. 85 national trainers attended the meeting where Y-PEER Egypt bylaws were discussed and the new national core team was elected to moderate the network activities. Also, the annual action plan was discussed and approved during the meeting.

Campaigns Held

1. Yalla Y-PEER is a national self-funded campaign to test Y-PEER Egypt’s ability to implement activities with zero funding from UNFPA CO. Yalla Y-PEER was implemented in the form of peer education and role play sessions, online campaigns on Facebook, and we were amazed to see the LFPs of 10 governorates implementing 80 peer education sessions on the national level in which 1265 peer educators were trained on Women empowerment, Gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS issues. Yalla Y-PEER campaign cost about 20,140 Egyptian pounds that equal approximately 2000 dollars. 34 partnerships have been activated in this campaign.

2. Girls’ Empowerment Campaign: Women for women and men for women 2016

The campaign is going to be launched to empower Egyptian girls and targeted females between 16 and 25 years and to help them exercise their social rights and offer them more opportunities. UNFPA and SIDA (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) support the campaign. 18 proposals on the national level have been submitted to the UNFPA CO and the activities are going to be implemented from July 20th till the end of August.

Trainings And Capacity Building

Y-PEER Egypt has implemented 13 separate peer education sessions in the period from January till April 2016 in 3 Egyptian governorates (Cairo – Damietta – Qena) and 3 local trainings of peer educators in AlGharbia governorate for the partner organizations on SRH, theatre, life skills and humanitarian topics.

National Project Development And Management Workshop

A National Project Development and Management Workshop was held between April 29th and May 2nd where 25 participants were trained to build their capacity on proposals’ writing, project management and development of sub-proposals for the 2016 national campaigns.

Advocacy & Partnerships

34 Organizations on the national level have been activated in Yalla Y-PEER national campaign. The Y-PEER Egypt core team held meetings with the Ministry of Youth and the National Council of Women.

Find more about Y-PEER Egypt on the following links:

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEW5eV_6LPIikMNWX9A0T6g
- http://www.ypeeregypt.com/
- https://www.facebook.com/YPeerEgypt/
- https://twitter.com/YPEER_EG
On May 7-9, 2016 in Telavi, Georgia, Trainers from the Georgian Youth Development and Education Association (GYDEA), in cooperation with the Public Union Bemoni, conducted a Training of Trainers (TOT), within the framework of healthy living topics, including:
• Healthy Lifestyle
• Drug Addiction
• Reproductive Health

During the training, 21 peer educators received information on different issues, such as:
• What is health; unsafe actions for health; health protection; healthy food superiority, etc.
• Consumption of psychoactive substances and their results; abuse liability; drug dependence, psychotropic and new psychoactive substances; alcoholism; marijuana; prevention of substance abuse;
• Reproductive health and rights; early marriage; sexually transmitted infections; HIV/AIDS; stigma and discrimination; Theoretical and practical exercises were used during the sessions, including outdoor activities in which participants were equally involved. Pre- and post-test evaluation demonstrated that participants’ awareness about the issues was increased. During the training there were thematic video shows and forum theatre, which was successfully realized in cooperation with the peer educators. Forum theatre deserved special approval.

Participants and organizers set up an information platform for peer educators and coordinators communication, where they actively share their experiences and innovations. Peer educators provide consultation services to various youth groups; develop and deliver workshops covering a variety of healthy lifestyle topics; assess students’ needs regarding healthy lifestyle issues.

Peer educators also complete a special project which contributes to the effectiveness of the Peer Educators Program. Peers receive group supervision from the program instructor/coordinator and Associate Coordinators on a weekly basis and individual consultations if needed. At the next stage of the project the number of participants was increased and more people joined the trainings. During the visit, both new and old participants, with the support of the trainers, conducted a workshop about already covered topics and planned some activities for the International Youth Day (12th of August).

Considering the interests of young people in Telavi, the working group developed an Action Plan for the celebration of the IYD.
Fifth Anniversary of Y-PEER Iraq

Between dream and reality, the Y-PEER Iraq Network became the main base for a lot of young people in Iraq, and many build their dreams, wishes, and goals on it. They are related to safe and healthy life and to helping others to change their lives and build a healthy environment to live in. This year started with launching a huge celebration in Baghdad for the fifth anniversary of the establishment of our network. Members from different cities of Iraq attended and came together to celebrate and share the beautiful moments on Dijla revere, and enjoyed the amazing weather through musical and theater activities organized by the members, as well as tasting the network’s birthday cake.

“Let’s Dream” Program

In February we started working on “Let’s Dream” program with the National Center for Voluntary Work-Ministry of Youth and Sports. This program is a peer education training program which targeted 25 young people from Baghdad, in order to expand the network’s activities among youth and partners. Our volunteering activities continued with great efforts in different cities such as Sulaimanya, Duhok, Basra, Najaf, and Babylon city, by conducting workshops and peer education sessions. We also implemented other activities and new initiatives, such as painting and decorating a school in Basra city and painting cartoon pictures on the walls. We also had other activities like “info and cake” on the streets: this is an initiative realized by our members in Basra who go to the parks in the city and ask questions about topics we cover in the network, such as sexual and reproductive health and other topics, in an interactive way. Whoever answers the questions correctly, receives a gift and a cake. Meanwhile, the network’s members in Najaf organized a number of theater shows and interactive plays in different places. Also, our team in Mayssan had a series of meetings and training sessions on solidarity topics, and had a great input in creating the first art carnival in Mayssan city.

“Sports Against Violence” Campaign

Throughout this period, we were also a technical partner of the Iraqi Social Forum in implementing the “Sports against Violence” campaign. As Y-PEER network we implemented a peer education workshop on how to use sport techniques as an effective social tool to eliminate violence, and we had our share in implementing various active in this campaign, such as participating in a bike trip from Baghdad to Babylon as peace message supporting violence victims in Babylon city, and some other sports activities in Baghdad.
Mobile Labor Art Festival on the International Labor Day

On the international Labor Day, the Y-PEER Network decided to organize an art festival and we organized the Mobile Labor Art Festival. This idea was about a mobile bus with artists that moved to different places in Baghdad, especially places with big numbers of workers, then making the bus as a mobile theater and starting to introduce artistic musical shows as well as theater plays that discussed labor issues, showing our solidarity and defending the rights of workers. The festival was welcomed warmly by the audience and they were all interested in the activities. This festival was organized in partnership with the Iraqi Social Forum and other partners.

Peer Education Training on SRHR

A group of female Peer Educators, high school students, implemented a series of peer education trainings inside their schools on topics such as early marriage, violence, discrimination and life skills. These sessions were very interesting for the students, the administration staff in the schools and the students’ families.

Peer Education Trainings in Refugee Camps

As for the activities we implemented with UNFPA-Iraq, they were focused on youth in humanitarian situations and training them through a series of peer education trainings. There was a series of trainings inside the refugee camps targeting female internally displaced persons in Karbala, Amiya A Faluja, Anbar, Babylon, Najaf, Baghdad, Diyala and Duhok. Finally, as we always say, wait for our upcoming activities and inspiring stories of youth who believed in the Network’s message and worked to make them reality as well as making the message the basis of their behaviors and attitudes.

Find more about Y-PEER Iraq on the following links:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIoXlN8n_BpGpJYBAv9Y97A
https://www.facebook.com/YPeerIraqOfficialPage
The “Model United Nations (MUN) – New Silk Way” conference took place in Kazakhstan and was one of the biggest-simulations in Central Asia that reflects the work of the UN. More than 400 participants from Central Asia, South Asia and Europe joined the MUN conference this year and practiced diplomatic, leadership, public speaking, and language skills.

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On 27-28 April 2016, Y-PEER Kazakhstan organized a Training of Trainers at KIMEP University, dedicated to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), volunteering and leadership. Around 10 people participated in the training, including UNIC (United Nations Information Center) representatives. At the beginning of the training, the participants were given a pre-test on SRH and their average score was 56.6%. After training, the results of the post-test showed a remarkable increase: 74.2% average score.

On 4th March 2016, Y-PEER Kazakhstan, represented by Alen Kuspanov, Iskendirova Zhansaya and Omarova Aliya, organized informational sessions about the Y-PEER international youth network. The event took place in Almaty, at Alma University.

On 6th March 2016 a Y-PEER training on sexual and reproductive health took place in the Orphanage No2.

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https://www.instagram.com/ypeer_kazakhstan/
http://www.y-peer.kz/ru/
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLn9iA8aEGTJpycdpPihWw
https://vk.com/y_peer_kz
https://twitter.com/YPEERKazakhstan

Updates from Kazakhstan

Series of Trainings on SRHR

The Focal Point Oksana Yanchenyuk and Evgeny Yanchenyuk organized a meeting with young leaders at the Humanitarian and Environmental Gymnasium No1 “Pushkin” in Shymkent, on 11th February 2016.

MUN Conference

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On the 8th of July 2016, in Skopje, Y-PEER moderated an event organized by the UNFPA Country Office, related to the International Day of Population which is celebrated on the 11th of July.

The event consisted of a panel debate which was focused on “Investing in teenagers” and the panelists were the resident coordinator of the United Nations in the country, Ms. Louisa Vinton; Ms. Sanja Sazdovska, State Advisor in the Ministry of Health, and Ms. Sebihana Skenderovska from the National Roma Centre.

The event was attended by representatives from the government, UN agencies, the non-governmental sector, academia and international organizations.

Y-PEER Macedonia organized and hosted a national workshop on sexual and reproductive health and rights within the program for capacity building of the member organizations of Y-PEER Macedonia, supported by UNFPA.

The workshop was attended by 14 participants from different regions of the country and from various youth organizations. The workshop was aimed at expanding and strengthening the knowledge and skills for knowledge transfer in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The participants were informed about standardized manual containing seven modules in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, sexual and reproductive health, civil aspects, pleasure, violence, relationships and diversity. The work during the workshop was facilitated by the instructions and guidelines listed in the manual, in order for participants to strengthen and broaden their knowledge in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The second part of the workshop included practical application of the acquired knowledge and skills: organizing peer education sessions on SRHR and information sharing among peers in this field.
School of Trainers

Spring in Y-PEER Moldova started with the second edition of the project “School Of Trainers”. Around 30 young people participated in an intensive session regarding SRH between 7-9 of March and 18-21 of June. Within the modules of the school, the participants developed skills for facilitation and organization of activities for young people, especially informative sessions about sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Online Campaigning on Sexual And Reproductive Education

Within the online campaign “I need sexual and reproductive education in school...” Y-PEER Moldova youth leaders and members say they need sexual and reproductive health education in schools and what are the benefits of it. More than 100 of members and youth people have been involved so far.

First Training About Traffic Education

On 25-27 of June, Y-PEER Moldova organized the first training about Traffic education. More than 30 young people learnt the importance of the traffic lights, signs and rules of behaving on the road. The participants will pass over the knowledge from the training and starting from September they will inform other young people about rules of behaving on the road.

YAP Meetings

YAP meetings are the regular meeting of Y-PEER Moldova national team leaders and trainers. At this meetings team leaders are sharing the experience from their region and learn the practices of other regions. The meetings are taking place every year in March, May, September and December.

Young Leaders Mentorship Program

A new project for Y-PEER Moldova is Young Leaders Mentorship Program which started in April 2016 and lasted for four months. This is a youth initiative that aims to develop a new generation of young people, informed and responsible towards their own health. The main topics which were discussed within the program were SRH, peer to peer education and social theatre techniques.

Y-PEER Moldova is a big family with 16 national teams. Within March-May 2016, our members managed to conduct 215 informative sessions with more than 4100 beneficiaries, to organize 30 “What, where, when?” contests which included SRH topics and had more than 500 beneficiaries. Besides the informative sessions and contests, our members managed to organize 50 different activities such as flash-mobs and social theatre performances, with an audience of more than 850 people.

Find more about Y-PEER Moldova on the following links:

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https://youtube.com/channel/UCHiILZ5KnG02Sei1q6JlgA
https://twitter.com/YPeerMoldova
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Y-PEER’s collaboration & Knowledge Management Platform was created by Hamza OUKILII, computer engineer and Y-PEER Morocco’s Alumni and was relaunched on January 9th 2016. The platform is basically an intranet that every focal point can access using a username and a password. It aims to support communication with the national and international network. By using this platform, Y-PEER Morocco’s members are able to access information quickly and communicate better.

Partnership between Y-PEER Morocco & IFMSA

During the last week of January, Y-PEER Morocco has partnered with the International Federation of Medical Student’s Associations (IFMSA). The main objective of this partnership is to share knowledge between both organizations, including Y-PEER’s techniques for peer education and accurate information about Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH). It was also agreed to jointly organize sessions around the country in order to raise youth awareness about SRH.

Peer Education Training Sessions

Over 200 youth and adolescents (Female & male) attended our different peer education sessions held between February 15th and 28th in Lekbab, Casablanca, Kelaat Megouna and Kenitra. The sessions were organized by Y-PEER Morocco in partnership with other NGOs and facilitated by Y-PEER’s Focal points.

Peer Education Training for Engineering Students of ENAM

Y-PEER Morocco organized a peer education training for 12 Engineers students of Meknes national school of agricultural. The training aimed to introduce peer education concepts, promote civic engagement, and explain the importance of youth participation in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The training was organized in partnership with “the circle for engineering students”.

Peer Education Session

As part of its activities, Y-PEER Morocco organized an awareness session on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) for 18 young people from Beni Mellal. The session was moderated by Y-PEER’s focal point Abdelhadi GUIRROU and organized in collaboration with AMAL association and the multifunctional social center - Beni Mellal.
Awareness sessions

On March 5th, 12th and 20th, 4 awareness sessions took place in 3 villages in partnership with Peace Corps, Handhala Association for child & woman and Boulmo Association for Rural Development. The sessions were organized by Y-PEER Morocco’s Focal points about sexual and reproductive health, child marriage, HIV and the Peer Education approach. All sessions entailed many interactive exercises and a screening of the movie “Chabab” (Youth), produced by Zakia TAHIRI, and followed by a group discussion on youth issues related to rights and health. Results: More than 80 youth and adolescents attended the 4 Awareness sessions in Lekssiba, Tagzirt and Agelmam.

Participation in the Stepping Stones Dissemination Meeting

The Stepping Stones Dissemination Meeting took place over the course of three days in Casablanca, Morocco. Five Focal points represented Y-PEER Morocco in this event. The meeting aimed to:
- Present the results of the research on HIV and Sex Work among Minors in Tunisia and Morocco.
- Acquire more knowledge on results and challenges, evaluate the process of implementing Stepping Stones and discuss how to overcome obstacles faced thus far for future initiatives.
- Build on these experiences to enrich the regional framework on HIV, human rights and minors selling sex and/or sexually exploited. Also to link the implementing work to research and an overall policy for UNFPA country offices.
- Share experiences on the work with HIV and Sex work among minors in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and discuss joint response strategies, exchange of knowledge and expertise between two regions.
- Discuss innovation in outreach for HIV and Sex Work, including information technology and edutainment and agree on joint responses of the Regional Y-PEER Centers in Amman and Sofia.

Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals

Y-PEER Morocco organized a workshop on sustainable development Goals and the role of youth in their implementation, so secondary students outlined their own priorities within the SDGs (17), and then they draw three murals about the objective 4, 6 and 8. - Goal 4: quality education. - Goal 6: clean water and sanitation. - Goal 8: Good jobs and economic growth.

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https://www.facebook.com/ypeermaroc/
https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/ypeermacedonia/
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SDGs and Sports (6A Side Football Tournament)

YPEER-Nepal in partnership with Study Plus Nepal, Saipal High School Nepal & other partners organized the Inter School 6’A’ Side Football Tournament. It is believed to be one of the first events around the globe where young people came together to promote Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) through sports. The event took place on 9-17 January 2016, in Ganes than Ground, Kathmandu. There were 320 players, from 32 different schools; players were 12-17 years old; 34 games were played, watched by more than 5000 spectators. Find more: http://bit.do/sdg-football

SDGs and Sports (7th Inter School President Running Shield-072)

YPEER-Nepal in partnership with District Sports Committee, Joseph High School Nepal & other partners organized the “7th Inter School President Running Shield-072” on 24-26 January 2016 in Joseph High School and Handball Ground, Kathmandu. The main aim of the program was to promote SDGs among young people and to ensure their active participation in their implementation. 13 Schools with 420 players from the age group 12-17 took part.

Orientation on SDGs to Youths at UN House

On 18th February 2016, UNDP Nepal in collaboration with Y-PEER Nepal & UNYAP, organized a meeting with 50 students and youth volunteers from various colleges and organizations, on the topic SDGs and the role of youth in that agenda.

First National Conference on Adolescent Health and Development

The first National Conference on Adolescent Health and Development in Nepal with the theme “My Health. My Rights. Our Future” was organized by the Family Health Division and GIZ in partnership with UNFPA, UNICEF, World Health Organization, Y-PEER Nepal and several others, in order to accelerate the implementation of commitments and agreements on adolescent health and development in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

SAARC REGIONAL Dialogue on Promoting Youth Participation

Y-PEER Nepal was part of the first regional event on SDGs and Youth organized on March 24 2016 in Kathmandu, Nepal. 5 YPEER members took part in the event which involved members from Y-PEER Pakistan, YPEER Bhutan, and Y-PEER Nepal. The event was organized by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the Government of Nepal and UNFPA. Find more: http://bit.do/ypeer-un21
Updates from NEPAL

Orientation Workshops on SDGs

Y-PEER members and volunteers in Nepal have been involved in sharing information related to SDGs among young people. They have visited some schools and colleges to share basic information on SDGs. This is an ongoing activity and Y-PEER Nepal is planning to continue this effort and to focus mostly on SDGs 3, 4, 5 & 10. Find more: http://bit.do/ypeer-smita-fb

2000 days Celebration by Y-PEER Nepal

Y-PEER Nepal celebrated 2000 Days of its establishment on April 30, 2016, and welcomed more than 120 adolescents who were trained to be Peer Educators and volunteers of Y-PEER Nepal on SRHR.

7th Y-PEER National Training of Trainers

The 7th Y-PEER National Training of Trainers was held at Dhangadi, Kailali, from 30 May to 3 June 2016. 19 participants from 9 Far-Western and 2 Mid-Western districts took part in the training. The major objective was to make the participants better understand the concept of peer education, skills-based health education and related peer-led health education methodologies and to learn methodologies to acquire and share accurate information about SRHR, including HIV/AIDS.

Orientation on Menstruation and Menstrual Hygiene

An Orientation Session on Menstruation and Menstrual Hygiene for female students was organized on the occasion of the Menstrual Day on the 28th June 2016. Information on making Alternative Sanitary Napkins (ASN), menstruation matters in the SDGs was shared, as they are directly or indirectly related to various goals like Health and Hygiene, Water and Sanitation.

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- https://www.instagram.com/ypeernepal/
- http://ypeernepal.blogspot.bg/
- https://www.youtube.com/user/mekhraphulara
- https://www.instagram.com/ypeernepal/
SaveSexy: A Social Media Campaign

On 30th April 2016, 700+ #SaveSexy Lifeguards and volunteers marched from Station 2 to Station 1 of one of the world’s most beautiful beaches in the Philippines, Boracay Island. The sunset march was a culmination of the three-day campaign to raise awareness on HIV and AIDS as well as to encourage people to vote for candidates who support the cause. #SaveSexy is The Red Whistle’s annual summer campaign, particularly set for LaBoracay, as the long weekend brings thousands of people, most are young adults, to relax and enjoy the parties offered in the island. #SaveSexy 2016 is co-organized by Y-PEER Philippines.

Thirty young people were selected as lifeguards and grouped into three teams: SaveSexyUNITE, SaveSexyBRAVE and SaveSexyACT. They participated in the gamified HIV education drive and invited people to participate in the mock elections highlighting 5 major issues: Reproductive Health; Stopping HIV; Teen Pregnancy; Tobacco, Drug Abuse; LGBT rights. During the three-day race, lifeguards distributed safety kits—containing condoms, election guidelines, ballots. For each person receiving the kits, he/she is given basic information on HIV and AIDS.

At the end of the race, the teams were able to distribute 1000 safety kits, educated more than a thousand people, and mobilized 700+ for the mock elections and the sunset march. This season outnumbered last year’s participants and volunteers.

National HIV Testing Week

On May 9 to 13 2016, the Department of Health (DOH) Philippines held the National HIV Testing Week. Y-PEER Philippines participated in it, together with our partner organization - the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines Youth Chapters. Some of its members were tested as well.
Adolescent Sexual And Reproductive Health And Rights Training

On May 21 to 24 of this year, Y-PEER Philippines organized a training on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights with the integration of values formation for Child Leaders. It was funded by the World Vision and Internationale Nederlanden Groep Dutch Bank. It took place in Makati, Philippines. 27 young people aged 10-19 from Baseco, a village near Manila City, attended the training.

The training program included lectures, workshops, role playing, games, talk show, small group discussions and plenary sessions. The modules used were Y-PEER Peer Education Manual, Creating Connections, and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in Humanitarian Settings. The training was also attended by Models and Pageant Title Holders. Miss Global Runner up Candice Ramos was one of the facilitators of the training. The current title holder of Mr. Manhunt Philippines, Don Mcgyver Cochico and Karan Singh-dole, Man of the Year Philippines also attended the training.

Peer Education Training on ASRHR

Y-PEER Pilipinas and the Local Government Unit of Vigan City, Ilocos Sur’s Basic Peer Education Training on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR)

The Local Government of Ilocos Sur, Philippines has invited Y-PEER Philippines to facilitate a training on ASRHR. The training took place on June 22-24, 2016 in Vigan City. The participants were 50 selected Youth Leaders aged 11-19.

The training was a combination of different approaches ranging from formal classroom type discussions to interactive workshops, role plays, games, talk show, small focus group discussions, and plenary sessions. During the last day, the students took the lead to present their insights accumulated throughout the training.

Updates from PHILIPPINES

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https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/ypeerpilipinas/
http://ypeerpilipinas.weebly.com/about.html
https://twitter.com/YPEER_PHL
Participation in the Model UN “New Silk Road”

Y-PEER Tajikistan members participated in the Model UN “New Silk Road” on 23 June 2016.

Training on “Provision of First Aid in Emergency Situations”

Four members of Y-PEER Tajikistan participated in the training “Provision of First Aid in Emergency Situations” on 11-14 May 2016.

Training on “Provision of First Aid in Emergency Situations”

On 28-30 May 2016, a Youth Consultation Meeting took place, involving members of the national network of Y-PEER Tajikistan and partners. Its aim was working on joint strategies and planning the further development of the organization.

Celebration Of World Refugee Day

On 20th of June 2016, cognitive and holistic presentations were conducted by representatives of UNHCR, during the World Refugee Day. A platform was created for supporting the UNCHR’s global campaign “We stand together #WithRefugees”. Y-PEER Tajikistan’s volunteers actively took part in the campaign and demonstrated their solidarity towards refugees.

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- https://www.facebook.com/ypeer.tj/
- https://www.instagram.com/ypeer_tajikistan/
- https://ypeer.wordpress.com/
- https://vk.com/ypeer.intajikistan
Reproductive Health Peer Education Project

Youth Approaches to Health Association (YAHA) is a co-partner of the project that aims to increase awareness on sexual and reproductive health and rights and establishing right and healthy behavior of youth. The Peer Education for Trainers was organized on 18-25 April in Antalya. The 22 participants were from 10 different cities of Turkey. Education included sexual and reproductive health knowledge, trainer skills, gender and LGBTIQ.

“Take Care of Yourself” box game, an important part of the Reproductive Health Project, aims to give basic information on HIV/AIDS in an enjoyable way. In the last 6 months, 170 young people played the game. Through street activities 76 female and 92 male were informed correctly on SRH issues.

Support to Young Refugees Project

YAHA gives content support to the project that aims to contribute to young refugees’ integration process in the daily life in Hatay and Diyarbakir. There was a refreshment workshop in Hatay with 20 Turkish and Syrian young people to understand each other’s needs and the situation in the first 6 months of 2016. “Youth Friendly Health Services Workshop for Health Service Providers” was organized on 16-17 June for 22 people. The exhibition From Lens of Young People: ‘Refugees’ Lives in Turkey’ was organized on the 20th of June, for World Refugees Day. At least 500 people visited the exhibition. Hatay/Kırıkhan and Diyarbakir Youth Centers including Youth Friendly Health Services were opened on the 24th of June.

YAHA Meetings on SRHR

5 regular coordination meetings were organized in Istanbul and Ankara to plan current and upcoming activities on sexual and reproductive health and rights with trainers and volunteers.

Our MATRA Project on LGBTI Was Approved

Training for Peer Educators will be conducted for 8 days with the participation of 24 young people who are from LGBTI community. During the training, trainer candidates will get informed about “safe-sexual activities”, possible risks and protecting themselves from these risks, in order to make participants able to train other LGBTI groups. 60 sessions will be held on SRH issues, planning to reach 1200 LGBTI individuals.

There will be 6 local meetings, in order to raise awareness on stigma and discrimination regarding health service providing in the LGBTI community. Members of this community will participate in this event having discussions on homophobia and transphobia with health care providers. All trainers will become a part of our association after finishing the project, so that we can continue organizing trainings in the field. Due to the interaction between LGBTI individuals and health care workers, health care services will continue to work with them and meet their needs. Also, we will follow up with a policy document in the field of advocacy which will eventually lead to a comprehensive solution on the national level.

Find more about Y-PEER Turkey on the following link:
https://www.facebook.com/ypeerturkiye/?fref=ts
Y-PEER PETRI-Sofia (Peer Education Training and Research Institute) is a joint project based on a strong partnership between Y-PEER International Network, UNFPA, Ministry of Health of Bulgaria and National Center for Public Health and Analysis of Bulgaria. Its mission is to strengthen and spread internationally high quality peer education in the field of adolescence sexual and reproductive health. Since its establishment in 2007, PETRI-Sofia has organized, facilitated and supported numerous trainings in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of the young people.

“Meet & Greet
Ana Mosiashvili
PETRI-Sofia Fellow

“My name is Ana Mosiashvili, I’m from Georgia and I joined the PETRI – Sofia team in April 2016 as a fellow for three months. I’m graduated from Tbilisi State University faculty of international law. I’m youth worker and have five years experience working in the youth NGOs in Georgia as well.

The fellowship was valuable experience for me to improve skills and knowledge in the field of official communication, teamwork, supporting international youth network and etc.

I loved the atmosphere in PETRI office and time which I spent in Sofia will remain for me as the most memorable, full with emotions and great experience. I’m sure that the experience and impression which I have gained in PETRI-Sofia will support me to be more productive and valuable for Y-PEER and for my work in Georgia. It is really exciting being one of the member of this great orange family”.

Find more about PETRI-Sofia on the following link: http://petri.ncpha.government.bg
The Peer Education Training and Resource Institute (PETRI) in Sofia, Bulgaria, is expanding the areas of training opportunities for the Y-PEER network and other youth led organizations. PETRI-Sofia organized a Pilot Training on Fundraising, with the support of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in order to increase the capacity of the national Y-PEER and other youth led networks and organizations to successfully fundraise and mobilize resources for project development, to engage in policy dialogue and advocacy for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health. The training took place in Borovets, Bulgaria, from March 29 until March 31, 2016 and involved 15 participants from Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia and Romania. The main topics that were covered included the role fundraising for the civil organizations, existing platforms for fundraising and volunteers recruitment, techniques and mechanisms for fundraising, corporate and individual donors, motivation of volunteers, campaign organization, long-term relations with donors, organization and communication of charity campaigns and events. The training was led by Mrs. Krasimira Velichkova, Director of the Bulgarian Donors’ Forum. PETRI-Sofia Pilot Training on Fundraising was an example of a successful pilot training that can be further developed and applied as part of the capacity building of PETRI-Sofia, Y-PEER and other youth organizations.

Find more about PETRI-Sofia on the following link: http://petri.ncpha.government.bg
Brief info about Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development (ICYD)
The Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development is a product of a unique collaboration between UNFPA, Y-PEER and the National Centre for Culture and Arts in Amman, Jordan. The center aims to be a pillar in promoting youth development and leadership. The center will provide technical assistance, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation of Y-PEER capacity building activities. Through interdependence between key Y-PEER programme components (EISCOSA – Education, Information, Skills development, Community mobilization, Outreach, Services and Advocacy), Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development is established to respond to the needs of young people on both, the grass-root and policy level.

Y-PEER Global Advisory Board Meeting 2016
The Y-PEER Globally Advisory Board (GAB) Meeting 2016 – took place at the Dead Sea, Jordan, on 2-5 June. The UNFPA Regional Offices in the Arab States region and in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, in collaboration with the Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development (ICYD) hosted by National Center for Culture and Arts of Jordan, combined their efforts, in order to make the Y-PEER GAB possible. Representatives of 27 country networks were brought together to discuss global advocacy, work in humanitarian settings, implement peer to peer approach to the programs targeting young key population and many other topics which are playing a big role in our communities today. All participants had the chance to share good practices, change perspectives on different fields of work, taking into account widening the scope of activities, including young key population and marginalized youth. Furthermore, the Strategic Plan of Y-PEER for the next three years was debated and developed during the meeting. Please visit the Y-PEER Webpage for more information: http://www.y-peer.org/news/

Danish Family Planning Association’s visit to NCCA/ICYD
The team of NCCA/ICYD and Y-PEER Jordan had a successful meeting with two representatives of the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA) – Lene and Susanne, on their programmatic planning tour for Jordan and Lebanon.

The executive Director of NCCA, Mrs. Lina Attel, gave a presentation on NCCA/Y-PEER ICYD, and Y-PEER Jordan had their presentation including a video of the 10Days of Activism 2015. There was a vibrant discussion after the presentations, where we talked about the Y-PEER structure and programs involving refugees and host communities. UN-level advocacy and programs for the implementation of the SDGs were also mentioned as it’s one of the focuses of DFPA.
Sharafdzhon Boborakhimov is Y-PEER International Coordinator in charge from Tajikistan. Sharafdzhon has been actively involved in project proposal development, regional and national capacity building and management, advocacy campaigns and youth coalition representing Y-PEER. He was a fellow at the Y-PEER regional center PETRI-Sofia in Bulgaria in 2014-2015 and later was elected as International Coordinator at the Global Advisory Board meeting in 2015. Altogether he has more than 5 years of working experience in youth-led organizations whose activities are focused on youth empowerment and employment, peer education, peace-building and advocacy. The duration of his placement at ICYD is six months (April - October 2016).

Nabila Nasir started her career in advocacy, resource mobilization and communications working for various national NGOs and the corporate sector in Malaysia. She founded a community based organization for conflict affected communities and worked for IPPF East, South East Asia and Oceania Region in Kuala Lumpur. While pursuing her Master’s degree in International Security and Diplomacy at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London as a Chevening scholar, Nabila consulted IPPF’s Central Office in London. In 2015 she was involved in the monthly negotiations of UN’s Sustainable Development Goals and at the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security where she was in the drafting committee for Amman Declaration, the base document for UN Security Council Resolutions 2250. Nabila moved to Amman, Jordan, in May 2016 for the love of hot weather, falafels and ice lollipops. :}

ICYD Welcomes

Sharafdzhon Boborakhimov
New International Coordinator in Charge

ICYD Welcomes

Nabila Nasir
New Resource Mobilization & Communication Fellow
Introduction to Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center

The Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center is a new regional office established in Bangkok, Thailand. The center is supported by RCNF (Robert Carr Funds for Civil Society Network), UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA APRO) and hosted by Youth Lead (the regional Asia Pacific Network of Young Key Affected Population) who is partner organisation of Y-PEER (www.youth-lead.org).

Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center will also be working together with Y-PEER International, UNFPA APRO, UNFPA Headquarters and Country offices and other partners, in order to support the peereducators of Y-PEER and other networks in the region.

This year, the center will be supporting Y-PEER national networks with some small-scale funds, so that they work more closely on issues related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and will also help the establishment of new national networks. The center has the plan to reactivate the existing national network in Laos, as well as to support the establishment of new national networks in Vietnam, Maldives, Cook Islands, Tonga, Solomon Island.

We are also happy to inform that Mr. Sangeet Kayastha, former International Coordinator of Y-PEER who had been working for the network since 2010 will be the Focal Person & Coordinator of the new center.
Women Deliver Conference
Women Deliver’s 4th Global Conference, 16-19 May 2016, was the largest gathering on girls’ and women’s health and rights in the last decade and one of the first major global conferences following the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Almost 6,000 people from 169 countries participated, including:
• 2,500 Organizations
• 169 Countries
• 1,200 Young People
• 500 Journalists
• Private sector representatives from multiple industries
• UN Agencies and government representatives, including ministers and parliamentarians from over 50+ countries.

Check out these documents and links:

• Europe and Central Asia Youth report – the report was developed based on the inputs received from young people who attended the conference can be downloaded here.


• Deliver for Good Campaign – The initiative is an evidence-based advocacy and communications push to promote the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. A core element of the campaign is the following policy briefs related to the 12 investment areas. You can see the initial briefs that were drafted in consultation with more than 25 issue experts from around the world at http://womendeliver.org/deliver-for-good/view-briefs/

• Women Deliver 2016 Conference session podcasts, interviews and more are available at the following link: http://womendeliver.org/conference/wdlive/
Regional Workshop on Global Citizenship Education
A regional advocacy workshop on Global Citizenship Education for 30 youth leaders from Eastern Europe was held in Chisinau, from 3 to 6 May 2016.
The United Nations Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative, New York (GEFI) in partnership with “Educate a Child” Programme, Y-PEER Moldova, UNFPA Moldova and Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Moldova organized an international advocacy workshop for 30 youth leaders from 21 countries in Eastern Europe. During the workshop, 30 young people, ages of 18-24 years have learned how to initiate an advocacy campaign for global citizenship education and to promote sustainable development goals (SDGs), with support from international trainers. The participants have learned how to use social media (Facebook, Tweeter, Webstory, video blogs, etc) in order to promote advocacy messages and initiate education campaigns.
First Regional Youth Force 2030 on SDGs

The first Youth Task team was formed in Asia Pacific to work on the SDGs in September. 19 young people from different countries working with different organizations were selected depending on their capacity and area of work.

Ms. Anju Shrestha from Y-PEER Nepal was one of them. She has been working on the SDGs since early 2016.

Ms. Anju Shrestha and other young people in the youth force 2030 will work as Ambassadors of the SDGs and will be working more closely with UNDP, UNV, UNFPA and other agencies, youth networks and individuals.

9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive & Sexual Health & Rights

In two days from April 19th to 20th, 2016, the International Steering Committee’s Inaugural Meeting of the 9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights is held by Vietnam Public Health Association with the attendance of experts and leaders working in SRHR field in the region. At the meeting, attendees will be discussing identifying theme, tracks and sub themes for the 9th APCRSHR; identifying groups of experts needed with TOR; deciding a working plan and how to communicate with others and discussing an agenda for the 2nd ISC meeting. Expected outcome of the meeting includes a unique and theme and sub-themes of the 9th APCRSHR conference, a list of all needed specific groups of ISC and a working plan of the preparing period. Y-PEER is part of the International Steering Committee and International Youth Steering Committee. Find more: https://www.facebook.com/9thAPCRSHR/
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