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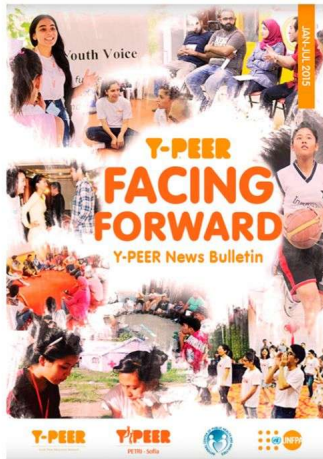
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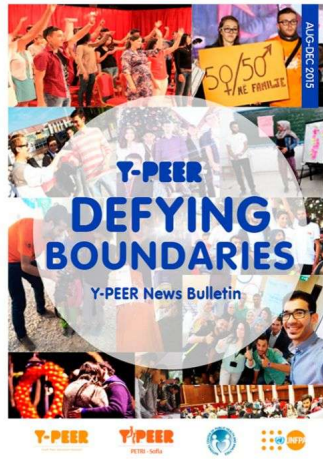
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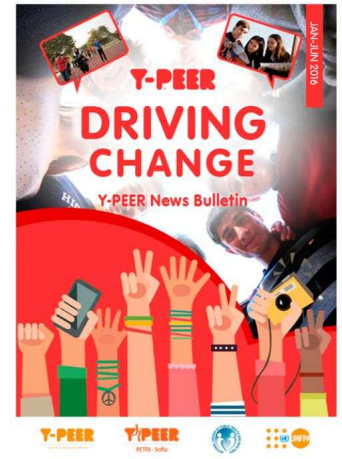
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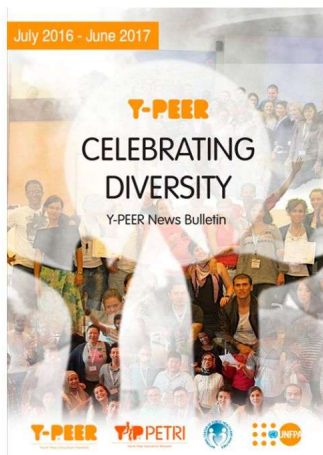
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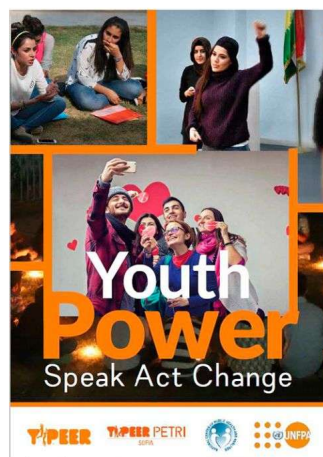
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AFGHANISTAN

In February 2018

Y-PEER Afghanistan held two training sessions on issues related to SRHR, AIDS and drugs.

50 participants took part in the three-day peer-to-peer trainings which were organized in cooperation with UNFPA and AFGA in the Nangarhar province.



These served as a platform for the promotion of HIV/AIDS prevention, SRHR and drug awareness.

The trainings were animated through different techniques such as role play, games, group activities, videos and lectures.

Trainers included Allahmohammad Ahmadzai , Homiara Zwak and Rahmatullah.

The trainings were highly appreciated by the participants who gave their pre-and post-session opinion through questionnaires.

Role plays proved to be particularly effective in raising awareness on youth issues in Afghanistan, as well as on counteractions that need to be implemented in order to limit their consequences.

All trainees were granted completion certificates for their participation.



ALBANIA

January-February 2018

The volunteers and Focal Point of Y-PEER Albania, Julian Sopaj, in Kamza City created and implemented two-month campaign called **Stop Bullying**. The Kamza population has a heterogeneous composition and many social and cultural problems. This campaign used some communication canals like Local and National Media, Newspapers, social media, face-to-face meetings with young people. They designed some posters and stocked them in public space and different high and vocational schools. The campaign directly reached more than 350 young people and throws social media, TV and newspaper more than 3500 young people. Parts of the campaign were 7 high schools and 2 vocational schools.



Training “Online Discrimination” on March 2018

Members of Y-PEER Albania participated at the training with theme ***Online Discrimination*** organized by YSAFE, ILGYO and Digital Leadership. The activity took place in Strasbourg, France. Their representative shared her knowledge and information with Y-PEER Albania members. These kinds of trainings help us to raise the knowledge and skills among our members at a time when we are facing the lack of funds.



Training “Organisational Skills and structured volunteering”



On March 21st, Y-PEER Albania organized one-day training with their members in Tirana on ***Organisational Skills and structured volunteering***. This training was supported by UNFPA Albania. The training targeted 19 young people and was leaded by a group of volunteer from USA.



Western Balkans Youth Conference, 26-27 March, Pristina, Kosovo

Andi Rabiaj, Focal Point in Charge, was invited to be part at one of the most important conference for youth in the region. The main theme of this conference was about ***“Youth, Peace and security”*** in the region. Be part of more than 100 youth organisation in the region helps us for new collaboration and to learn from the best practises.

Y-PEER Albania introduced her work in Albania and the youth resolute 2250 for the participants and gave a set of recommendations for this topic. This conference served as good platform for the network to raise her visibility. This activity was organised by British council and British Embassy.



Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Are Human Rights - training

On May 31st, in Durres, Y-PEER Albania, with support of UNFPA Albania conducted one-day training on the topic: ***“Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Are Human Rights”***. The main purpose of this training was to increase the participation of young people in the field of sexual and reproductive health and to advocate locally for these issues.

Y-PEER Albania gathered together 27 young people (19 high school students and 8 students form University), 3 Staff members from Social Services department and one teacher.

The participants were from different background (about 30% of them were from rural areas of Durres), different age, and especially from marginalized group of Durres (part of them were from family who has immigrate from North of Albania and 2 participants were from Roma Community).



This training took place at the Municipality of Durres as part as of the MoU between Observatory and this Municipality on behalf of Youth Voice Network of Organization. Part of this training was Department of the Social Services part of the Durres Municipality.

The training was facilitated by Y-PEER members that have done TOT training and had experience on SRHR field. The main purpose of Peer Educators participating is to be able to practice their skills acquired before and for their further qualification.

The discussed topics were about sexual and reproductive health, Peer Education, Sexuality, HIV/AIDS, Adolescent development and how to take care for themselves.

Part of the training was a short presentation about Y-PEER and Youth Voice Network and their further plane in Durres about SRHR and youth participation. In the beginning of the workshop students were shy and they didn't ask the trainers for different questions that might had but they wrote their questions or concerns on small piece of papers and handed them anonymously.

At the end of the workshop, trainers answered and gave information for their concerns or questions.



Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Are Human Rights - Second training - Fier Region

Based on project proposal, Y-PEER Albania conducted the second training on SRHR and Youth Participation in Levan City part of the Fieri Region. This activity is part of the MoU, signed by Observatory for the Children and Youth Rights and Municipality of Fieri on Behalf of Youth Voice Network of Organizations.

Y-PEER, with coordination of the observatory Local staff and partners (Social Services Department of Fieri Municipality), organized one-day training on Youth participation and SRHR in Levan. This city is mostly populated by Roma community. Our training took place in a Community Centre, part of the Fieri Municipality.

They used the same methodologies like the training conducted in Durres. In this training participated 18 young persons (most of them were boys from Roma and Egyptian Community) and two staff members from Social Services Department part of Fieri Municipality. Before the training, the organizers adapted agenda and materials based on needs of the participants.

Achievement Y-PEER Albania is the first youth network which is implementing this kind of project in their community despite the work of the Municipality and from the other organizations.



ARMENIA

Article of the activities of the national network Y-PEER Armenia

In beginning of 2018, Y-PEER Armenia organized their first training which was part of project Dialogue through theater. It was a 6 days program overall, which was held from 20th to 25th January 2018. The training focused on theater based technique about peace and conflict resolution.

young enthusiastic people gathered in Yerevan to participate in the 20 first stage. During the training, the participants were introduced to different types of conflict. They had sessions on peace and conflict; most importantly they were fully introduced to theater as a way of communication and problem solving. The main objective of the training was to come up with 4 theater performances to be shared on different platforms to raise awareness in youth that war is not the solution to the conflict. Moreover, the participants were part of team building activities, where they had opportunity to express their emotions and feelings.



From March 28th to April 2nd, team of Y-PEER Armenia, organized second training of the "Dialogue through theater" project. The training was held in Gyumri, where 20 young people were gathered, and again participants had theater based training, which mostly had the same content of the previous one. Five theater performances were created by participants who were widely shared on different platforms, YouTube Facebook etc .

As year before, Y-PEER Armenia had a TOT for members, during that they have come up with 4 project proposals for the youth of Armenia ,from different regions. The projects were related with SRHR, SDGs education, culture and more .



Furthermore, during the year, members of Y-PEER Armenia have been working on many projects, including more research work, preparation for annual board meeting, working on merging the projects into one and creating a final project to be held at the end of August. As they have planned, all the members will have their impact on the project as it will be of different aspects and everyone will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills through peer to peer education with youth from rural areas of Armenia

Besides all this, they had different social campaigns, street campaigns; the most remarkable one was the survey on the awareness of SDGs. From the time period of two months, members were conducting surveys about SDGs, they were going out in the city and asking different people, starting from the age of 16 to 40, whether they were aware of SDGs or not .

Depending of answers, surveys were asking a few questions to see how much they were informed and if not they were giving brief info on them and sharing the knowledge they have. They collected roughly 3000 answers, and later on they were working on analyzing the data and assessing the need to have a few sessions for different groups of people on the goals .

As Y-PEER Armenia has 2 monthly meetings regularly, during these meetings they were conducting different activities, such as movie screenings on global problems, sessions on different topics, like SRHR, SDGs and more. Also they discuss about their further activities, come up with new staffing list, people who are responsible for social media, .logistics and HR. The terms change every 3 months

Y-PEER Armenia is actively involved in different activities and members are encouraged and motivated to do all that they can to make our network better .



AZERBAIJAN

JOINT MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS - UN YOUTH HOUSES INITIATIVE

According to the state-backed initiative, 12 youth centers were built and started functioning in Baku and in other regions. In order to the approach their maximum potential and increase the effectiveness of each of the youth centers, there is a strong demand for experienced staff to attract the local adolescents and young people to the activities that are held. One of the partners of the programme ñ UNFPA, has taken the initiative to lead the pillar of Adolescence and Youth Health and Wellbeing, focusing on spreading knowledge about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Two of the youth centers will pilot the program. Taking into consideration that young people in some of the regions are more vulnerable than in others, one of the venues of the prospective trainings will be Mingachevir, whilst youth center in Binagadi district of Baku will be the another place for the trainings.



GENDER MIRROR

The Gender Mirror Theater Performance took place in Baku on April 8th, implicating more than 150 guests. The performance was supported by Embassy of the Netherlands in Azerbaijan and Hilton Baku Hotel, and implemented by Y-PEER Azerbaijan Network. The theatre performance was prepared by the young people living in Barda and Baku. Its goal was to demonstrate the current gender based challenges, including gender based stereotypes, violence and rights of women and LGBT people. After the performance, the audience actively participated in discussions on the same topic.



DIALOGUE THROUGH THEATRE

Training programs within the iDialogue through Theatre project were developed and co-organized by Y-PEER Azerbaijan and Y-PEER Armenia with the support of the Eurasia Partnership Foundation and CRRC Georgia during January-June 2018, in Baku, Mingachevir and Aghdam regions of Azerbaijan.



Each 5-day program aimed to deliver knowledge and skills on conflict transformation and peace-building to young people as well as increase dialogue in the society on the topics of peace, conflict and violence through social theatre performances. Overall, 4 training programs took place with a total of around 80 participants. The trainees then participated in 12 theatre performances on topics related with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the impact of war on transforming gender roles and the consequences of war and violence. Participants managed to transform their emotions, and increase their knowledge. They also mentioned that they feel more confident and interested in the peace-building process. Theatre performances allowed us to implicate 240 people including local authorities, war-veterans, parents, CSO representatives, media, young people, IDPs and refugees in Baku and Mingachevir. Those were followed by active discussions and provided constructive feedbacks with the audience. More than 1000 people are reached through online media articles and videos of the theatre performances. Many people expressed their gratitude to the organizers and supporters of the project and emphasized the importance of such events, especially those focusing on the resolutions of the Nagorno-Karabakh, as well as issues concerning IDPs and refugees.

GENDER VISION

The project called iGenderVision, a video-based Gender training, increased awareness on gender-related issues and activism contribution through videos. The training was concluded by the conception of 3 videos by the 13 participants which focused on gender, gender related discrimination, early marriage, the problems of LGBTQI+ individuals.

A screening of these videos, called 'GenderVision: Shoot for equality', was held on June 16th. More than 50 people attended the screening and contributed to the discussion. This served as a pilot project of video based training and is to be followed by other projects of the same type.



ADVOCACY FOR PEACE

The project aims to prepare young people in Azerbaijan to be competent and willing to change the war and violent narratives into peaceful ones and contribute to the conflict-transformation processes. The objectives of the project include expanding peace and conflict competences of 20 young people, who live and study in Baku and are interested in conflict-transformation and peace-building, as well as increasing their advocacy skills and encouraging them to be actively involved in the advocacy for peace. The goal is to prepare the participants of becoming active peace-makers in their local communities and in the region.



BELARUS

Trainings and meetings

The first training for Y-PEER Belarus members this year happened on 28th January. Vałdzis Kinik and Nasta Lojka, experts from NGO *“Human Constanta”*, held a session on Human rights.

In the end of March, a second meeting of our volunteers took place. It focused on discrimination and used the Live Action Role Playing technique, as learning through experience is amongst the most effective methods of transferring knowledge. Volunteer were also introduced to the conception of Human integrity.



One of the most memorable events for our volunteers was meeting with Alanna Armitage (Director of UNFPA's Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia) and the famous Belarusian top-model Natalia Vodianova. On a panel discussion about stigma and taboo, which was moderated by Natalia Vodianova, the National Coordinator Anastasiya Kamysh talked about the situation with sexual and reproductive health among young people in Belarus.



In May, 6 trainings and 3 forum-theatres in a school in Dziarzhynsk city (Minsk Region) were held. The main topic of the whole event was HIV-infection and prevention.

One of the events consisted of a forum-theatre play on stigmatisation people living with HIV.

Mass media communication

Two articles, one focusing on talking to children about sex and one focusing on the mission and future of sex education in Belarus were published in popular mass media

(www.lady.tut.by ; www.citydog.by)
in the beginning of the year.

In June, the National Coordinator Dzmitry Karol was invited to present the opportunities provided to medical students volunteering for Y-PEER at the medical talk-show "*Medyc-Party*".





Summer camps

June was a very busy month and productive month as Y-PEERians were invited to conduct more than 16 trainings on reproductive health, STD, contraception and gender stereotypes as part of different summer camps around the country.

This year, some trainings for children living with HIV also took place.

As a result, in the period from January to June 2018, Y-PEER Belarus conducted a total of 53 trainings and 5 forum-theatres in which participated more than 1,000 young people.

CHINA

April 2018

In April, the China Family Planning Association launched the tender for the sixth batch of youth health college projects, and announced the results of the winning bid in June. In China, the winners included more than 200 colleges and universities who will receive an annual fee of 10,000 yuan for youth health-related activities.



April and May 2018

In April and May, 2 members of China Youth Network Volunteers visited two cities in Jiangsu Province to conduct peer education activities. Thus, more than 30 new peer education trainers have been trained, increasing the impact of the network.



May 2018

In May, China Youth Network organized an internal training. Our goal is to train each volunteer into a peer education trainer.

In the one-and-a-half-day schedule, everyone learned a lot. On the last afternoon, we also invited former members to share their stories in CYN.



EGYPT

Over the past 6 months, Y-PEER Egypt has carried out many activities and training including :

Three training sessions concerning SRHR issues with a total of 75 participants (Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi and Yemeni) were carried out. Following these trainings, 20 sessions on refugee integration were held in youth centers in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and UNFPA.



A 5-day national advanced training of 24 trainers was also took place. It focused on reproductive health, family planning and other related issues.

Recently, the National Advocacy Bored was held with the attendance of 195 trainers from the network. The new members of the core team of 2018-2019 were elected.

A special training on gender-based violence was carried out. 25 trainers participated. The training included 4 interactive theatre performances that could be implemented at the national level.

Y-PEER volunteers participated in the Crossing Egypt Challenge, organized by UNFPA with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, which aims to raise awareness on population issues.



An important step in increasing the network's impact was the opening of a new Development center for peer education in creativity and skills. It will accommodate all the activities of the network and will provide administrative and technical support for future events.

The new center, which is the first regional center in the Middle East and in North Africa, will work on the implementation of peer education techniques in Egyptian Higher education.

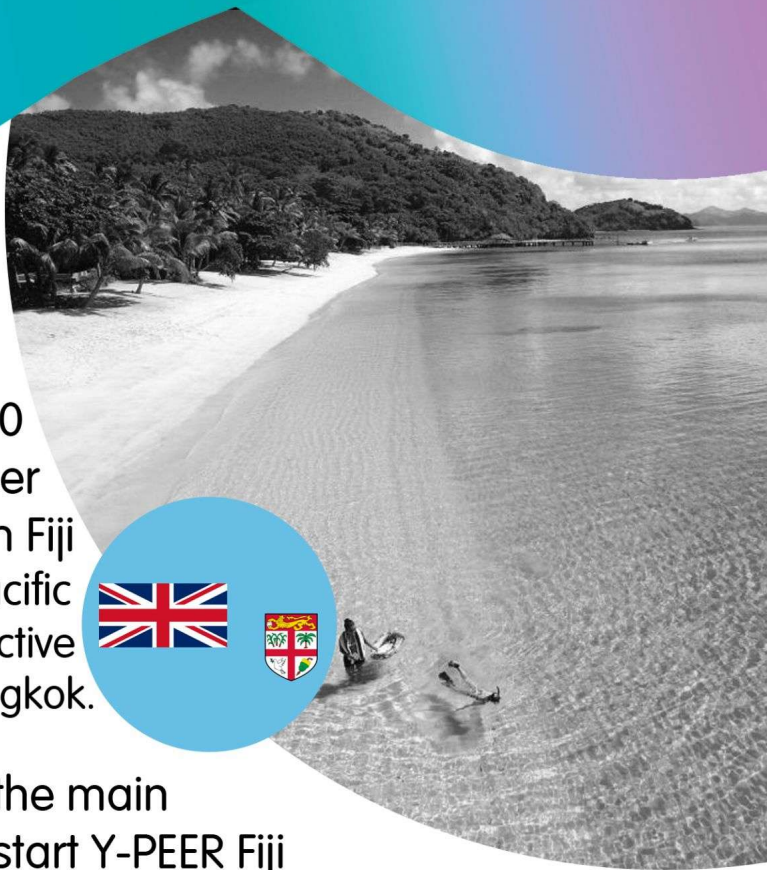
For the upcoming period, Y-PEER Egypt has organized various camps, theater workshops and different campaigns which hope to reach more than 2300 young people from all over Egypt. They aim to inform university and high school students on family planning and population issues.



FIJI

TOT-Bangkok, 2017

Y-PEER Fiji was first established in 2010 and it however died out in 2014. A peer educator Lanieta Rokotuiwakaya from Fiji was selected to attend the 2017 Asia-Pacific Training of Trainers on Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights for Youth Advocate in Bangkok.



After this TOT, the main goal was to restart Y-PEER Fiji and get in people who would be willing to join as volunteers.

Meeting with UNFPA

First approach was a meeting with UNFPA, on ways in which we help each other out in terms of financial aid and the re-establishment of Y-PEER Fiji. The meeting was attended by Lanieta Rokotuiwakaya and a group of youths, who were willing to volunteer. The main point of discussion was to set plan and ideas to help and mobilise work in the area of SRHR. This meeting was bound successful as we were able to generate ideas and especially getting Y-PEER alumna involved in the planning process for the future of Y-PEER Fiji.



Creation of social media platform

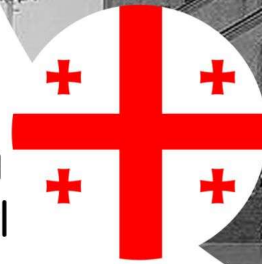
Y-PEER Fiji social media platform was also established. This was indicate the re-establish and active body of Y-PEER Fiji in hope to attract more young people on social media and also a way of educating in SRHR.

GEORGIA

Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health Promotion and HIV Prevention among Young People in Georgia

On 8th February 2018, the final conference was held in Tbilisi, Georgia. GYDEA in partnership with the representatives of government and NGO have developed a summary document on promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV prevention among young people through collaborative work and cross-sector partnership. The conference was organized within the project 'Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health Promotion and HIV Prevention among Young People in Georgia' by the Public Association 'Bemoni'. The program took a comprehensive approach through two components, such as:

1. Prevention in the field of HIV/reproductive health among young people.
2. Stigma reduction and policy interventions. Target group was young people aged 14-25 and program implemented in two regions of Georgia: Kakheti (Telavi) and Guria (Ozurgeti). GYDEA was one of the main implementing partners of the program. Through the conducted activities GYDEA enhanced raising awareness among young people on healthy behaviors with regards to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights/HIV, Family Planning etc. along with promoting peer leadership skills and social responsibility. Program outputs: (a) a comprehensive training methodology for young peer educators is created and applied; (b) 60 youth peer educators (30 in each region) received all necessary tools to start prevention activities in their own communities; (c) 4 public events organized; (d) 80 participants attended the Conference; Collaboration strengthened among the government, NGOs and youth representatives.



On April 26th, the final event was held in Telavi, Georgia. As a symbol of health and well-being the participants planted a tree with partners and peer educators, the program were summarized by the various activities during the closing ceremony.

UN-civil society roundtables

Nino Chitishvili, on behalf of GYDEA and as a Focal Point in Charge of Georgia, took part in Civil Society Consultations on the UN-Civil Society Roundtables on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Tbilisi on March 5th. Consultations brought together representatives of civil society organizations from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia and representatives of UN system to discuss what thematic issues and format modalities which can be useful for organizing UN-Civil Society Roundtables. Consultations were focused on the following thematic issues: youth policy frameworks and youth engagement; civic engagement and economic empowerment of women; social entrepreneurship and human mobility.



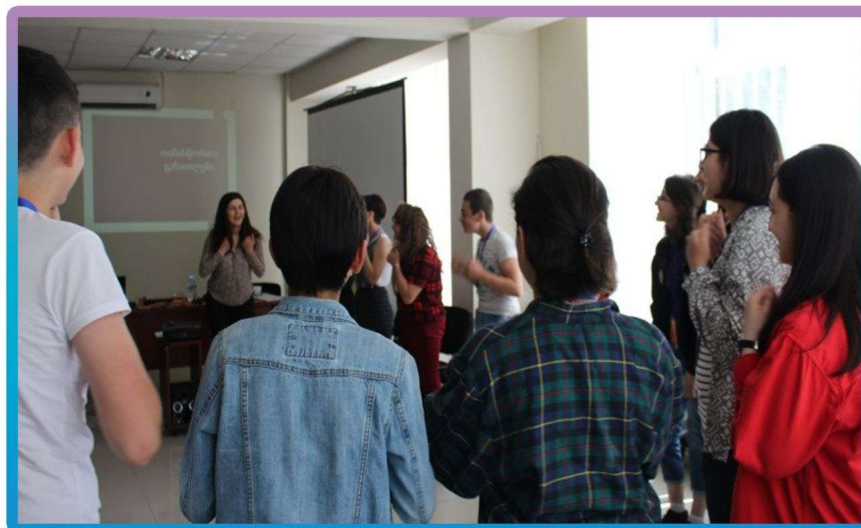
TOT –Zugdidi, from 30th April to 3rd May

GYDEA with the partnership of UNFPA Georgia and with local association Atinati, conducted 4 days TOT training on Peer education, in Zugdidi in period from 30th April to 3rd May.

As an initiator of the peer education network in Georgia, GYDEA strives for raising awareness of the young generation on sensitive social topics, such as: gender equality, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS etc. The training participants were selected based on the open call by GYDEA. Attendees acquired relevant knowledge and skills to become the future trainers and educate their peers on the above-mentioned issues.

TOT – Poti

GYDEA with the partnership of the UNFPA Georgia and with local association ÌAtinatī conducted four days TOT training on Peer education, in Poti in period from 4th to 7th May. The purpose of the peer education training was to provide participants with the information on SRHR, Gender Equality and to enhance leadership skills among participants.



Conference “rights of persons with disabilities: challenges and perspective”

On May 10th 2018, FPC - Nino Chitishvili attended the conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The following issues were discussed during the conference: aspects of using peer education in this field, new legislative initiative for the protection of persons with disabilities; state programs for employment for persons with disabilities; strategy for inclusive electoral environment; Rights of persons with disabilities (in the context of the 2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Resolution of the Government of Georgia); Prospects of Universal Design and Inclusive Tourism Development in Georgia; Challenges for Employment of Persons with Disabilities; The Conference adopted a resolution of the Conference. The recipients of the resolution agreed:

- 1) Promotion of the UN Convention 2006 and Promotion of Increasing awareness;
- 2) Promote awareness and awareness raising on the obligation of access to public facilities for disabled person.
- 3) Joint campaigns to monitor the fulfillment of the requirements in the provision of access to the law.

TOT – Sagarejo

On May 19th -22th, peer education 4-days training conducted by GYDEA in Sagarejo in the Center for Civic Engagement on the following topics: gender, gender roles and gender stereotypes, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Students from Manavi and Sagarejo #4 public schools took part in the training. The peer to peer training had been supported by UNFPA Georgia and SIDA.



TOT – Telavi

On May between 12th -15th, peer education 4-days training conducted by GYDEA in Telavi Center for Civic Engagement on the following topics: gender, gender roles and gender stereotypes, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Students from Karajala and Telavi N1 public schools took part in the training. The peer to peer training had been supported by UNFPA Georgia and SIDA.

Peer Education Training of Trainers, Zugdidi

On 1st of June 2018, UNFPA representative in Turkey and country director of UNFPA Georgia Office Mr. Karl Kulesa and the Head of the Office Mrs. Lela Bakradze joined the Peer Education Training of Trainers in Zugdidi, Samegrelo. The participants of the TOT had the chance to ask questions and to have a discussion on the topics of gender equality, gender stereotypes and the importance of raising awareness in this regard. GYDEA continues holding peer education sessions on the topics of gender equality, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights with the generous support of UNFPA Georgia.

Summer camps

On June 28th, GYDEA launched the first informational session in Anaklia Youth Summer Camp. The info sessions aim to raise awareness about gender equality, gender stereotypes, gender discrimination and HIV/AIDS with their knowledge and experience sharing among young people. The youth camp participants were active, motivated and eager to learn and willing to share with their peers the information that was provided for them. Methods and activities that they used during our trainings and info sessions, ensured participants' active engagement, even though time is limited to cover every burning issue in the field. Moreover, info sessions were good opportunity to encourage young people to start thinking and discussion about above-mentioned topics. During the summer, Y-PEER Georgia's team organized two more summer camps, 'Manavi summer camp' & 'Shaori summer Camp'.

KAZAKHSTAN

January – June 2018

Almaty – Kazakhstan

The first half of 2018 was very productive for Y-PEER Kazakhstan. Y-PEER Kazakhstan Network organized different advanced peer education trainings on youth issues, and actively participated to different seminars conferences and workshops related to young people in past 6 months



Trainings “Adult Relationship – Adult Solutions”

During the January 2018, Y-PEER Kazakhstan in Shymkent organized five different trainings on SRHR, STI and HIV/AIDS Prevention on the topic of “Adult Relationship – Adult Solutions!” Events were organized by the NGO “Dostar” which is cooperating with Y-PEER Kazakhstan in Shymkent. All these events were held at Pushkin Gymnasium High School in Shymkent, in South Kazakhstan .

Info session at the KIMEP University

On February 5th 2018, the training focused on leadership and volunteerism was at the KIMEP University organized by Y-PEER Kazakhstan in Almaty. Trainers came to the lesson of the UN Model, where the students of International Relationships faculty became interested in the activities of Y-PEER Kazakhstan .

Furthermore, on February 15th 2018, Y-PEER Kazakhstan in Shymkent and Ridder and Ust-Kamenogorsk organized many events for pupils and high school students on different topics; SRHR, Prevention of HIV/AIDS and etc. Participants were informed about volunteering, youth health life style, SRHR, STI, leadership, team-working, and gender equality .

International scientific conference on the topic of “PHENOMENON OF NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV: POLITICAL CREDO AND INITIATIVES

In February, the Focal Point in Charge of Y-PEER Kazakhstan, Yasir Rashid, participated in the International scientific conference on the topic «PHENOMENON OF NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV: POLITICAL CREDO AND INITIATIVES» on behalf of Y-PEER Kazakhstan as a youth network working on youth health issues. The conference was organized by the Library of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbassy with the partnership of South Kazakhstan State University “M. Auezov”



Youth Leadership Development Forum: the Mission of Young People in Achieving SDGs”

On February 26th , 2018, in the framework of program of “Youth4Youth”, “AYU International Relations Club” with the partnership of UN Office Department of Public Information in the Republic of Kazakhstan organized the “Youth Leadership Development Forum: the Mission of Young People in Achieving SDGs” at International Kazakh-Turkish University .

For this occasion were invited guest-speakers from International Youth Organizations in Kazakhstan as “Global Shapers Community – Almaty Hub”, “AIESEC Kazakhstan”, “Y-PEER Kazakhstan”, and etc. Through this forum, youths learned more about the value and benefits of developing confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills. In this forum, Y-PEER ,Kazakhstan network was represented by five FPs; Eugeny Vlassov Guldauren Sabirova, Liana Abisheva, Anna Bayganaeva, Akbota Mulkibaeva as well their former coordinator Alen Kuspanov was also one of the speakers.



"Love and in love"

On the basis of the resource center of Ust-Kamenogorsk, another training was held on the theme "Love and in love". The participants ,actively carried out work on developing leadership, team building solving the real problems that every teenager faces. They discussed different topics such as reproductive health, responsibility and relationships .

Training on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

On March 17th 2018, "Y-PEER Kazakhstan" organized a Training on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" at Miras University in Shymkent - South Kazakhstan Region

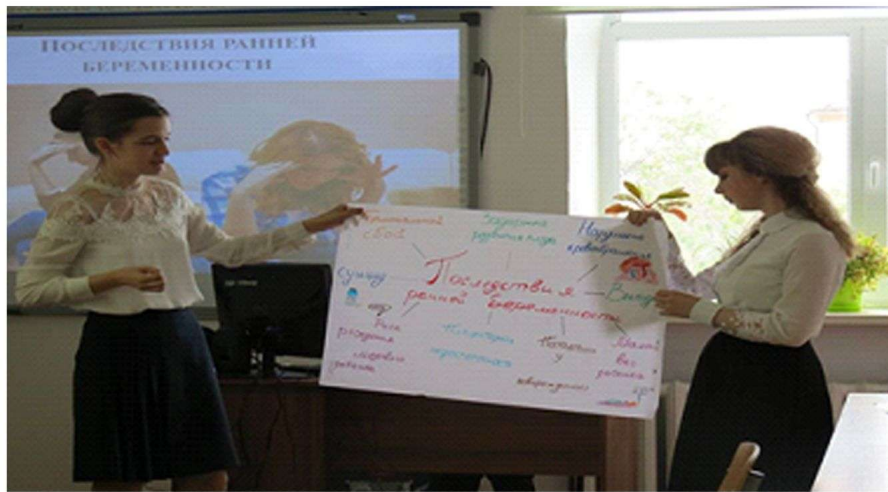
Young people aged between 15 and 24 from different universities and high schools in Shymeknt participated to this training. The main goal of the training was to inform on sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV prevention and STI protection .

Campaign "Spring heat 2018"

"I am against early marriage"!

From 10th to 20th April 2018, Y-PEER Kazakhstan organized the campaign of "Spring heat 2018" which held in 10 different cities of Kazakhstan. During the campaign Y-PEER Kazakhstan worked with new volunteers from different regions of the country. They organized many ,events focusing on healthy youth life style leadership, team-working and gender equality.





As part of the campaign, students of the College of Management and technology and Y-PEER volunteers held a meeting with students of the Technical and Economic College, where the highlight of the meeting was a passionate and fruitful debate on the topic: „I am against early marriage “

“Sport is the key to health”

On April 17th 2018, Y-PEER Kazakhstan with the support of the administration of the Pedagogical College organized a large relay race for students in Semey city, called "Sport is the key to health". The aim of the race was to draw attention to the conduct of a healthy lifestyle, mutual respect and responsible behavior

Global Advisory Board Y-PEER 2018

As part of Y-PEER International annual meeting, FPC of Y-PEER Kazakhstan Yasir Rashid participated in the meeting of the 2018 GAB meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria. At the meeting were discussed issues of advocacy for young people in the field of SRHR, the mobilization of resources for Y-PEER activities, improvements of communication on SRHR, new methods of monitoring, reporting, internal and external communication and evaluation of the network

The themes of peacebuilding and the role of young people in the world today were of particular importance in the discussions. During the meeting, the participants were able to assess the progress in the implementation of the objectives of the existing strategic plan of the Y-PEER network



Trainings "Healthy Lifestyle" with high school students

In May, singer Akmarzhan Kusherbayeva teamed up with Y-PEER volunteers to participate in training on healthy lifestyle, which targeted high school students from the Nazarbayev High School and other young people



Opening ceremony of Y-PEER Resource Center

On May 30th 2018, Y-PEER Resource Center officially opened its doors to the public. Situated on the campus of the West Kazakhstan State Medical University, the main purpose of the center is to protect the reproductive health of adolescents and young people, informing youths about HIV, AIDS, the prevention of early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including, prevention of suicidal intentions, which are based on factors such as unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, unrequited love, sexual abuse, etc. The opening ceremony was attended by the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund in Kazakhstan Ms. Giulia Vallese, the Rector of named university, representatives of the State Administration of Education and Health as well as the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, students and young active people.



Meeting with representatives of the Center for Global Health Studies in Central Asia

On June 4th 2018, Tanirbergen Kaldybaev, a Y-PEER volunteer, held a meeting with Alvin Wu and Zhakupova Gulnara, representatives of the Center for Global Health Studies in Central Asia at Columbia University of USA, organized by the South Kazakhstan Medical Academy. The issues related to the young people such as SRHR, HIV/AIDS, drug addiction, and violence against women and girls were discussed in this meeting and stressed the importance of working with adolescents by using peer to peer education system.

Other related international meetings and trainings took place in Ridder and Shymkent cities in June 2018.

Summer School of Leadership

In June, in the period between 17th-22th in South Kazakhstan volunteers of Y-PEER Kazakhstan organized 18th annual Summer Leadership School (SLS) for youth and adolescents. The school was supported by trainers of "Dostar" Youth Volunteer Center for Leadership including three active Focal Points of Y-PEER Kazakhstan: Oxana Yanchenyuk, Ayim Olzhabai and Kamila Tuyakbayeva. SLS was also supported by the UNFPA country office in Kazakhstan and

members of the South Kazakhstan Business Women's Association. The main goal of the school was the development of leadership skills through increasing awareness on reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, stigma and discrimination, gender equality and violence against women.

During the school, the participants, aged 12-20, attended activities and trainings on different topics such as group performances using theater based techniques, team –building activities and sports competitions. Forum theater and acting was taught by an aspiring actress, Amina Tuyakbayeva, who is a student at Kazakh National University of Arts. On the last day of the school all four groups put on a grand theater show, talking about risky behavior, human rights, stigma around HIV, discrimination based on religious beliefs and unwanted pregnancy. They also created short clips on pressing issues of the society, suggesting their own solutions for them.

LIBYA

January-June 2018

The 2018, members of Y-PEER Libya, started with the election of new FPC focal point in charge the election ran out between Abdallah Aldahash & Ghouson Mesai and for the first time in 8 years of the network a female wins in the position which is a very huge movement toward empowering women in the Libyan network.



Peer to Peer workshops

The network was on a continuous education and awareness of Adelson and young people in Schools and colleges in different municipalities (Tripoli, Sabha, Ghyrian, Benghazi, Zawai) to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, elevating the concepts of the SHRH meanings and how to choose right about healthy decisions. However, Y-PEER Libya, also work on inviting new peers thought out

Meeting with Dr. Luay Shabaneh

As the continuous connection of the network, on April 17th at Carinthia Hotel meeting hall, co- member of the Y-PEER Libya, attended a meeting with Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director UNFPA of Arab States.

PETRI – Sofia Annual School 2018 and Y-PEER Global Advisory Board Meeting 2018 in Bulgaria

The team of Y-PEER Libya attends PETRI – Sofia Annual School 2018 and Y-PEER Global Advisory Board, took place in Pravets, Bulgaria, on April 2018 24-18.

That was the great opportunity for learning, development and additional motivation for members of national network to continue with their work .



The First National advisory board meeting

For the first time in the history of the network-PEER Libya, organized the NAB meeting to adopt the internal bylaws and adopting the new annual action plan.

Attended the meeting the head of youth programs in the UNFPA co Mr. Sofiene Zerll, discussed in the meeting the continuous cooperation of the Y-Peer Libya network with the UNFPA and about the type of support to be in the future.



MACEDONIA

Youth Academy

In April, Y-PEER Macedonia was invited to join the Youth Academy in the period between 4th - 9th April 2018 organized by **Association of Scouts in Macedonia**. The youth academy gathered 70 youth coming from different regions and cities, with different cultural and socio-economical background with one goal: To learn more about Sustainable Development Goals.

Through this event, young people had the opportunity to be informed about different ongoing processes within the SDGs frame and to learn more about the 2030 Agenda. Within the Youth Academy, different workshops were implemented on SDGs topics focusing on: Sustainable Development and 2030 Agenda of UN, Gender Equality, Good Health and Wellbeing and Quality Education.



European Youth Conference

From 16th to 19th April, in Sofia, Bulgaria, Y-PEER Macedonia participated in the European Youth Conference including Consultation on ICPD - regional review (Western Balkans & Eastern partnership).

This European Youth Conference part of the sixth cycle of the Structured Dialogue, a consultative process that aims to increase cooperation with civil society and get first-hand input from young people.

The conference aimed to create a platform for efficient collaboration between young people and the representatives of the institutions in charge of the implementation of the youth policies in Europe, to demonstrate the good partnership between young people and decision-makers and to explain what empowerment of young people means.



The Consultation on ICPD - regional review (Western Balkans & Eastern partnership) organized by UNFPA EECARO, gathered youth from the region to discuss future directions and actions needed to be taken within the ICPD framework based on the regional review for Western Balkans & Eastern partnership.



UNESCO Education for Sustainable Development conference

In May, The energy and ideas of more than 70 youth leaders from 60 countries were harnessed for an Education for Sustainable Development conference, *Youth Saves the Planet*, held at UNESCO Headquarters from 14th to 16th May 2018.

The conference was the culmination of a series of eight capacity-building workshops on ESD, held from February 2017 to March 2018 in Almada (Portugal), Bangkok, Beirut, Brasilia, Dublin, Nairobi and New Delhi and to which 300 young leaders from 93 countries were selected to attend. Participants went on to conduct their own workshops in their communities reaching over 11,000 youth around the world.

Kristijan Angeleski, FPC from Macedonia and YRE Alumni member, represented the national network and had the opportunity to address the participants and to present best practices implemented via different activities organized by Y-PEER in the country in order to encourage and motivate youth to take part into different ongoing processes connected with 2030 Agenda and SDGs on national level.



MOLDOVA

The meeting of coordination and planning of Y-PEER Moldova activities

Y-PEER Moldova organizes four Youth Advisory Panels annually. Firstly, these meetings role is to plan local teams activities and present the opportunities for implications at the national level, what kind of activities is possible to organize at local level and give them all the organizational support for doing informal and interactive activities, as well. Secondly, the network assures an experience exchange among local team leaders. This have a huge benefit for Y-PEER Moldova as network to promote collaboration among local teams.



First YAP meeting

During the 2018, Y-PEER Moldova, organized two YAP meetings, School of Trainers for Teachers and many local events and campaigns. On 24th February, the first YAP meeting was organized with the participation of 47 Y-PEER focal points and local leaders from 23 targeted communities. Achievements of this meeting were :

- 1) 22 annual working plans for 22 local teams developed, shared among teams.
- 2) Implemented and efficient monitoring of progress ensured during February and March implementation period of the 2018 Work Plan with UNFPA

Second YAP meeting

On 2nd June, at the second YAP meeting, were presented the whole implementation of the local teams working plan. This event was organized with the participation of 27 Y-PEER focal points and local leaders from 18 communities. After the meeting, young team leaders designed and developed their working plan for next 3 months,

until September. This exercise helps them, as a network, better coordination of the activities, ensure knowledge sharing in the Y-PEER network and assess the 2018 Work Plan implementation progress. Also, young leaders from local Y-PEER teams participated at the session about Gender Balance and Violence, where they got a lot of information about violence forms, gender equality, opportunities and rights. This session was leading by an expert in this domain. Achievements of this meeting were :

- 1) 18 annual working plans for 18 local teams developed, shared among teams and implemented.
- 2) Efficient monitoring of progress ensured during April-May implementation period of the 2018 Work Plan with UNFPA.

School of Trainers for Teachers, 2nd Edition, Module I

School of Trainers on Adolescents SRHR for Teachers is an advanced workshop on peer to peer education, SRHR and subjects closely related with it, as well as the teachers role in the promotion of health as value.

This set consists of 3 modules. The participants had opportunity to develop their skills for their skills for facilitating and organizing youth activities on the following topics:

- 1) Education for reproductive health of young people, including HIV prevention and sexually transmitted infections, contraceptive methods, pregnancy in adolescence:
- 2) Peer Education through Social Theater Techniques:
- 3) Gender Equality and Discrimination:
- 4) Communication, facilitating and developing trainer skills.

The first training module of second edition of Schools of Trainers on adolescents SRHR for Teachers took place in March and was attended by 32 school teachers who gained skills in organizing educational workshops for adolescents concerning SRHR.



School of Trainers for Adolescents, 4th Edition and 5th Edition

The School of Trainers is an advanced workshop on SRHR for adolescents. It includes 3 modules after the completion of which the participants become national trainers. This year, two editions of the School of Trainers were organized. A total of 69 young people participated in the modules.



All participants got valuable information about SRHR and about techniques of peer-to-peer education. Their assignments included the implication of friends, adolescents from their localities or other young people in workshops on sexual reproductive health and rights, as well as the creation of a team of peer-to-peer educators at local level. The third and last training module of the School of Trainers took place in June and focused on violence, bullying and discrimination. Theatre techniques were also practiced. 35 people completed this module and are now certified Y-PEER Trainers.

Public Discussion

In April and May, the Y-PEER Chi in u team organized 23 training sessions at the Center of Excellence in Light Industry. These served as platforms for spreading reproductive health information on family planning, HIV prevention, violence and other relevant topics.

On 12th June, Y-PEER Moldova held a public discussion with UNFPA and representatives of the embassies of Austria, Sweden, Germany. 100 young people from the both rural and urban areas participated. The event included a theatre performance that highlighted the issue of the unreliable information sources that young people tend to use on SHRH topics.



MOROCCO

February-March 2018: Involvement of the Y-PEER Morocco network in the project of social inclusion of people with mental disabilities.

As part of the partnership between UNFPA and the National Center Mohamed VI (CNMH) for the Disabled, it is proposed to develop an information, advocacy and awareness program for the benefit of young people with mental disabilities (PSHM) and their entourage through the involvement of a group of peer educators who are trained and qualified

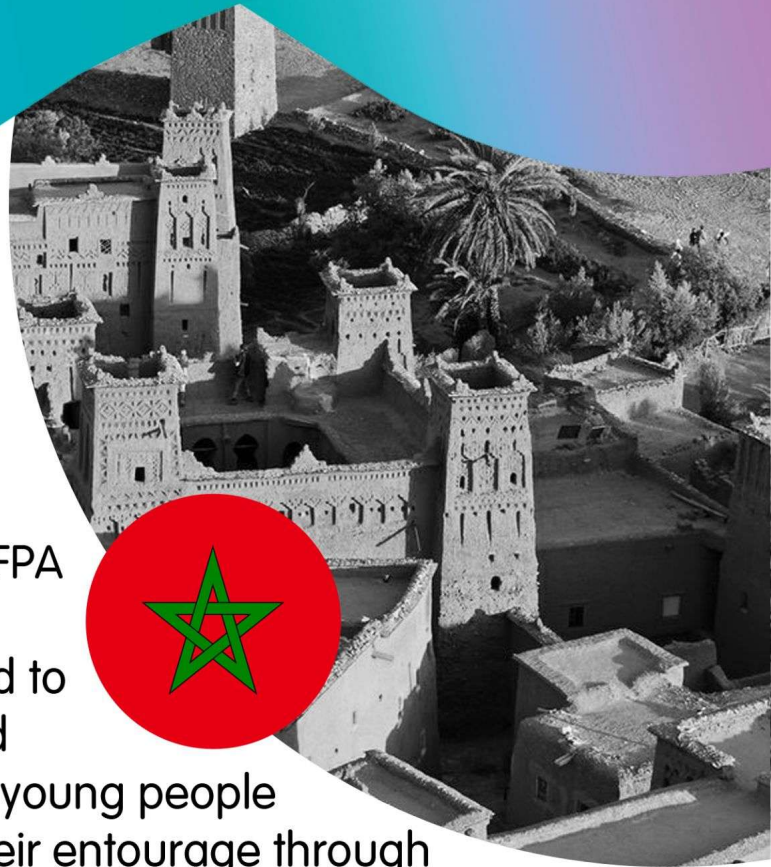


in communication in the field of reproductive health. As part of the same project, members of the Y-PEER Morocco network received training on the social inclusion of people with mental disabilities and the psychosocial skills specific to people with intellectual disabilities. After this training,

Y-PEER Morocco members have engaged in other activities that are part of the advocacy and sensitization of young people and their entourage on sexual and reproductive health through the approach of education by the peers.

April 2018: Training of Trainers in techniques of Peer Education, Life Skills and social inclusion of people with mental disabilities.

Twenty-five young people, aged 20-35, took part in advanced training in peer education techniques, life skills and social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities and are now full members of Y-PEER Morocco. The 5-day training followed the training kit in peer education and life skills of the Ministry of National Education,



the international standards of Y-PEER and the trainer's guide for mental disabilities and psychosocial skills specific to young people with mental disabilities at the Mohammed VI National Center for the Disabled.

The youth gained knowledge, skills and communication skills in peer education, life skills and social inclusion of youth with disabilities. Young people received information on sexual and reproductive health issues, the gender approach and gender-based violence, using an innovative approach. These young people are now equipped to initiate and develop peer education programs within their respective communities, in youth spaces including clubs and forums, and contribute to the healthy transition of Moroccan youth into adulthood. The training also addressed conflict resolution, psychosocial skills and interactive methods and games that youth can use in their peer education activities to help fight violence. This training was conducted by the Y-PEER Morocco network in partnership with the Master's degree in Education and integration of young people in difficulty from the Faculty of Education Sciences, the Mohammed VI National Center for the Disabled, the Ministry of National Education and UNFPA.



NEPAL

Discussions

Y-PEER Nepal conducted several interaction programs in cooperation with Restless Development and UNFPA focusing on different social issues like sexual education, family planning and women's challenges in this area.



A special event took place to celebrate the International Women's Day.

It included events promoting women's health and gender equality.



Monthly cafés

Starting 2018, Y-PEER Nepal plans to conduct a youth open forum each on a monthly basis. The first Monthly café focused on women issues, feminism, equality and equity and was animated by Deputy Director Ms. Shreya Thapa from Women LEAD Nepal as part of the International Women's Day celebrations. The next monthly sessions were organized in the context of the World Health Day and the World Menstrual Hygiene Day.



9th National ToT

The ninth national training of trainers took place from 29th to 2nd June and implicated participants from 10 districts of Nepal. It was facilitated by Sagar Budhathoki, Bhagyashree Bist and Sanil Koirala.





1 Peer 1 School Workshop

Y-PEER Nepal conducted a 1 Peer 1 School workshop in June, which was facilitated by Sagar Budhathoki, Sujata Moktan and volunteers and members of Y-PEER Nepal.

The objective of the workshop is to capacitate the peer educators from Sarlarhi, Rautahat and Okhaldhunga districts of Nepal to conduct sessions in schools using the 1 Peer 1 School Manual.



PHILIPPINES

Y-PEER Philippines joined to Reproductive Health Medical Mission for the young IDPs

The Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER Philippines) in partnership with UNFPA, WHO, Local Government Units and other non-government organizations conducted the series of Reproductive Health Medical Missions aiming to address the issues faced by the pregnant and lactating mothers

During the 2018, Y-PEER Philippines and Youth Volunteers took part in child-minding activities to ensure that the mothers are focused in medical consultations. Also, the volunteers ensure the safety and comfort of pregnant and lactating mothers by carrying the distributed Dignity Kits and sending them home.



Y-PEER Philippines Activities

The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP) Iloilo Chapter, a proud member of the Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER Philippines), conducted a poster making contest among young people and adolescent which posters were exposed in the ***After 5 Clinic***. After 5 Clinic operate after office hours to accommodate any individual seeking to get free HIV Testing and Counselling. This successful event took part 35 adolescent with 8 contestants vying for the first prize. Furthermore, The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, organizing many events, and workshops to raise awareness of the students and out-of-school youth on HIV Prevention.



Iloilo City is known for its festive celebration called ***Dinagyang Festival***. On that occasion and opportunity, ***Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP)*** and an active member of the Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER Philippines), distributed free condoms and conducted Health Young Ones Information Sessions.

Y-PEER Philippines as part of the Awareness Building for Youth Leaders on Ending CEFM

On June 7th 2018, members from Y-PEER Philippines participated at The Leticia Ramos-Shahani Policy Discussion Series: An orientation for youth leaders on ending child, early, and forced marriages, a discussion organized by Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development Foundation (PLCPD). The program discussed the overview of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and child, early, and forced marriages (CEFM) at the local and national levels.. The program was participated by Y-PEER Philippines, Virilanie Foundation Inc. and ERDA Foundation Inc.



Youth Leadership Summit with the theme T.R.E.E.S

From 23th to 26th February at the Social Hall of the municipality, Local Government Unit of Hinabangan, in partnership with the 87th Infantry (Hinirang) Battalion and Youth for Peace Philippines Eastern Visayas Chapter has conducted a Youth Leadership Summit with the theme T.R.E.E.S..

The activity aims to raise awareness among the youth the programs of the government that are available to them that they can be involve with. The Summit's objective is to enhance the potential of the youth's leadership skills, to develop spirit of volunteerism, and to become a responsible citizen who also advocates peace and development.



Y-PEER Philippines guests at National TV

Y-PEER Philippines President and Focal Point in-charge, Ralph Ivan Samson discussed the importance of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights together with the Philippine Reproductive Health Champion, Senator Risa Hontiveros, on a national television show, ***Bawal Ang Pasaway with Mareng Winnie*** hosted by premier country economist, Winnie Monsod.

The interview was aired on March 12th 2018 where they discussed the hurdles and struggles of adolescents in accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights which detail the legal barrier, as one of the common struggle where there is prohibition of public health care workers to provide SRH services for young people especially under 18 years old unless there's a parental consent. Also, he mentioned the lack of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in the basic curriculum that teaches young people on the basic life skills on SRHR, and help adolescent to develop social and emotional skills that help them to make informed decisions and communicate effectively with their parents, teachers and even among their peers.

Samson suggested that in order to address these issues, there should be full implementation of Philippine Reproductive Health Law and allowing young people to access SRHR services. Also, creating mechanism where young people can access SRHR services even without parental consent through proxy consent, upon thorough assessment of a health care worker or a medical social worker that a young person is at risk and/or engaging into risky sexual behavior. Most importantly, strengthening of the Community Systems (youth-led organization) to do Peer Education that teaches young people on life-skills program, which includes teaching about sexual and reproductive health and promoting the social and emotional skills that can help young people make informed decisions, communicate effectively, look after their own safety and wellbeing and provide support to peers.



Y-PEER Philippines and UNICEF training program

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in partnership with Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER Philippines), from May 28th to June 1st, launched a five-day training program. Members from different school-based and faith-based organizations such as participated in the training. On the first day, the participants are acquainted with the duties and functions of UNICEF, children's rights, and human rights. The following day, lectures on sexual and reproductive health and the concept of consent were held and was highlighted with an activities on body mapping, hunter-prey simulation, and values clarification. The third day of the training program had been concept-heavy as the topics of reproduction and responsibility in sexual relationships, family planning, and safety and sexual health were discussed alongside the workshop activities on pass the baby game, family planning, and a wildfire discussion with a person living with HIV (PLHIV).

A continuation of the safety and sexual health lecture started the fourth day session and is followed by lectures on peer education and gender and sexuality. The envisioning and planning of the participants in their organizations are done on the last day of the training as a send-off project. The training ended with the awarding of certificates and induction of the participants to the Y-PEER Philippines family.

Y-PEER Philippines Joins the Campaign on Ending Child, Early, and Forced Marriage

From 4th to 6th July 2018, Y-PEER Philippines representatives joined ***The Leticia Ramos-Shahani Policy Discussion***: An issue orientation and policy advocacy training for youth leaders on ending child, early, and forced marriages organized by the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development Foundation (PLCPD Foundation Inc.). The event is a continuation session of the learning discussion on ending child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) held at De La Salle College of St. Benilde and Sulu Hotel.

Equipped with advocacy skills, such as stakeholder analysis, political mapping, message development, utilizing social media for advocacy, and person-to-person advocacy, the participants will be partaking advocacy projects on the campaign in the future activities.

The participants of the training were: Y-PEER Philippines, ERDA Foundation, Virilanie Foundation Inc., Pasay Youth Development Office, youth leaders from Barangay Culiati, and partner organizations and communities of Center for Social Action of De La Salle College of St. Benilde.



Y-PEER Philippines powers new breed of Peer Educators in Northern Philippines

Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER Philippines) with strong partnership and support from the Local Government Unit of Ilocos Sur headed by Governor Ryan Luis Singson through the initiative of Senior Board Member Jaime “Jimboy” Singson enabled new sets of peer education addressing adolescent’s sexual and reproductive health issues in the region. The new youth group is called APEER Ilocos Sur, composed of young people from 15-24 years old.

The group had a 4-day workshop on Human Rights, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights, HIV and AIDS and SOGIE. APEER Ilocos Sur will cover the entire province and push forward the ASRH advocacy through mainstreaming peer Education.

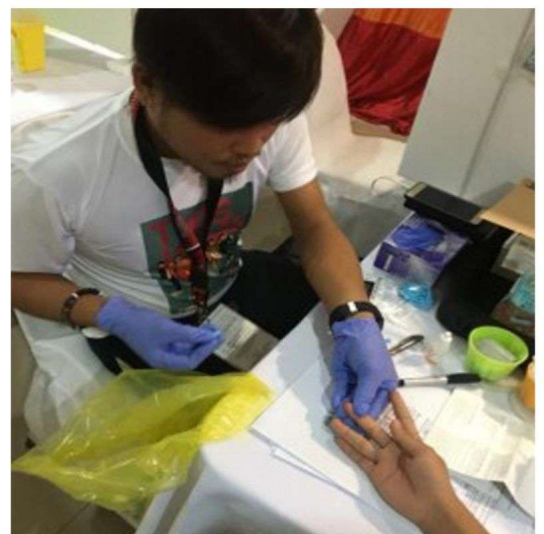
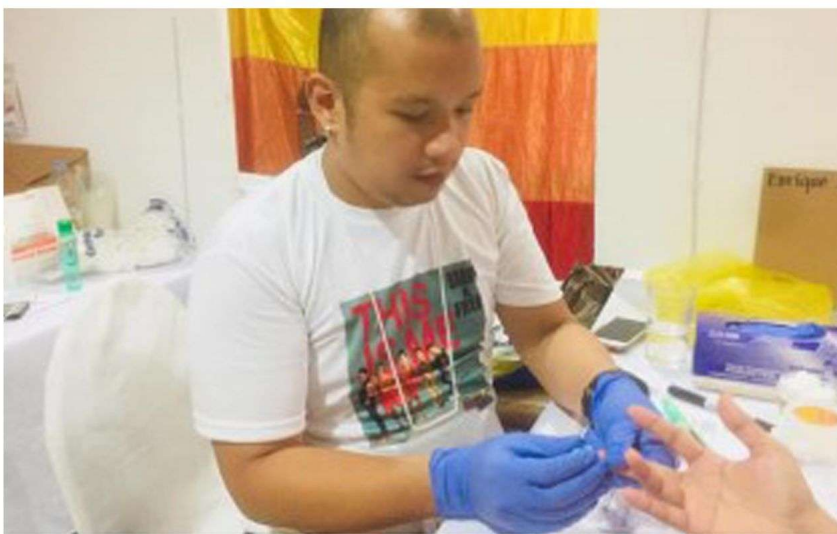


Kagay-an PLUS- Preserving Lives, Uniting Society Inc,

A proud member of Y-PEER Philippines organize city-wide HIV Screening Day

Member of Y-PEER Philippines In partnership with *The Love Yourself Inc* and other major cities organized the multi-city HIV Screening Day on May 26th 2018.

The campaign called *This is ME* was about being brave and having courage to accepting who you are. Accepting who you are means you live free from fear. Fear from rejection, fear from getting tested and fear from stigma.



PALESTINE

January-June 2018

This training enhanced my experience in acting. I was able to liberate myself and jump into another character. The best thing though, was engaging the audience within your own self-liberation! Suad Al-Nawajha, Y-PEER member since 2013



Frist national Advanced Y-PEER Training in Gaza despite the Blockade

The Y-PEER Network in the Gaza Strip is gradually expanding throughout various areas. Nevertheless, members in Gaza have not been able to attend regional and international advance and

interactive theatre trainings due to the constant blockade and siege on the Gaza Strip. Hence, we conducted both trainings in Gaza which were attended by 50 Y-PEER members. The trainings will enable young Gazans to start coordinating for peer-to-peer sessions independently using their newly acquired skills. Y-PEER Gaza is now working on humanitarian support through providing psychosocial initiatives for women and adolescent girls affected by the blockade via UNFPA safe spaces and civil society organizations

Y-PEER Advocacy: speaking from youth for youth

on another level, Y-PEER has been working on mainstreaming its work and activities through advocacy for other youth led initiatives and young influencers. Two Y-PEER members tackled Y-PEER related issues through the Palestinian Opinions Platform PoP Youth in Hebron, West Bank. The TedX-like style of the event enabled peer educators to describe how they challenge traditions and norms and the ways in which they approach marginalized adolescent girls and boys when discussing gender-based violence, including child marriage. The event was attended by 200 young people from the West bank and East Jerusalem

Y-PEER as an essential awareness tool

Y-PEER in Palestine serves as an important awareness tool. Y-PEER educators, with the help of their theater group, engaged in an interactive session with 400 attendees in the First National Sexual and ,Reproductive Health Conference in Palestine led by UNFPA Ministry of Education and Higher Education and various civil society organizations The session included a theatrical play on child marriage and an introductory talk about Y-PEER and the importance of integrating comprehensive sexual education in schools and universities



Y-PEER and UN youth resolution

Y-PEER members attended a 3-day workshop on UN Security Council 3 Resolution 2250: Youth, Peace, and Security organized by the Swedish Institute in Alexandria in partnership with UNFPA ASRO. The workshop was attended by youth representatives from Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Libya. The activities were inspired by the UN Security Council resolution 2250 on the role that young people can play in paving the future but also in resolving current conflicts, including society issues like gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights infringement



TURKEY

Sabancı Foundation Turkey's Changemakers Program

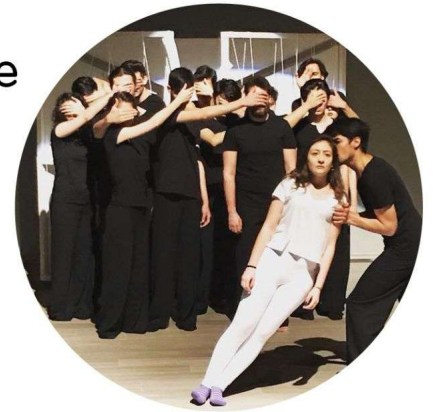
The Sabancı Foundation Türkiye's Changemakers program aims to promote social development and awareness and ultimately mobilize active citizenship by inspiring and encouraging others.



Youth Approaches to Health Association has been selected as one of Turkey's changemakers. After the selection process, informative videos about Y-PEER Turkey and its projects were broadcasted through mass media. Y-PEER Turkey got the opportunity to work in partnership with the other Changemakers.

Theater Based Training

Theatre Based Peer Education aims to encourage young people to get informed on SRHR through entertaining and creative educational tools. Y-PEER Turkey organized the 3rd TBT with 17 participants in Istanbul. There were sessions related to gender equality, SRHR, HIV/AIDS.



At the end of the training, a theatrical play about stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV and AIDS took place in front of an audience of about 160 people at the İstanbul Nisantasi University, including UNFPA Country Representative, SRH Program Analyst and Partnerships Officers.

Gender Workshop

Y-PEER Turkey was funded by Mama Cash for its activities to support women, girls, and transgender people and organize a Gender Workshop to inform 14 young people on SRHR rights, gender-based discrimination, and gender-based. The aim of the workshop was to discuss gender issues, sexuality and access to health services in terms of gender equality.



Youth Friendly Health Service Provision Project

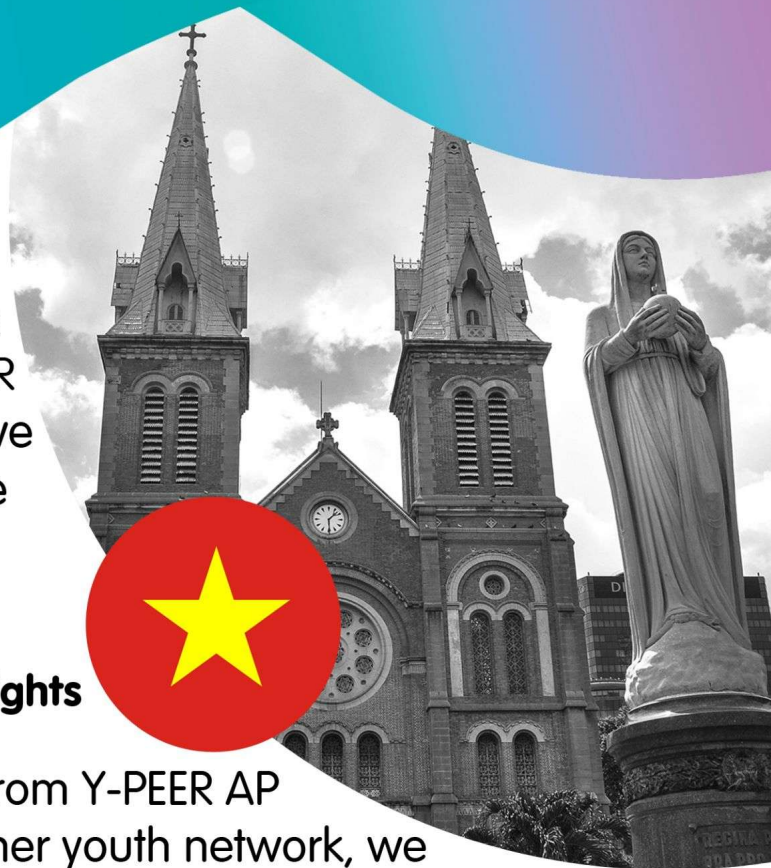
Last year, Y-PEER Turkey conducted the Youth Friendly Health Service Provision Project with the partnership of UNFPA. The project aimed to increase awareness on youth-friendly approaches and public assistance programs among health service providers working in UNFPA centers. After the project, Y-PEER Turkey published The Youth Friendly Health Service Provision in Case of Humanitarian Aid - Training Guide for Service Providers in Arabic and Turkish languages. Y-PEER Turkey will be happy to share the new tool with the whole Y-PEER network.



VIETNAM

As the activities from Y-PEER VIETNAM were not included in the previous Y-PEER News Bulletin July - December 2017, we are sharing them with the current one for January - June 2018 below:

The 9th Asia Pacific conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights



With support from Y-PEER AP Center and other youth network, we have successfully organized the 9th Asia Pacific conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights youth conference. Ms Dinh Phuong Nga, Y-PEER Vietnam Focal Point in charge was also the coordinator of the conference. There were 1047 delegates who were attend the conference including 195 youth who came from 35 countries around Asia

Pacific countries. Y-PEER AP central and Y-PEER Vietnam is acting as the main role of the successful conference. 72 Y-PEER Vietnam volunteers were supported the conference.

Training workshops for youth volunteers

Y-PEER Vietnam has conducted 8 training workshops for youth volunteers about leaderships, communication and writing skills. In addition, on 30th September, the volunteers of Y-PEER Vietnam organized "Moon festival for disabilities children." This event aims to promote the rights of children with disabilities. Nearly 500 children and their parents attended this event.





Advocacy skills training

In May, 30 young people from all over Vietnam gathered in Ho Chi Minh City to learn about inclusive youth policy development, advocacy, and data collection. A four-day workshop, co-organized by UN Vietnam, the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Vietnam gave the participants the opportunity to meaningfully contribute to the National Statistical Indicators on Youth Development and the review of the current Vietnamese youth law. Y-PEER Vietnam Focal Point in charge served as a trainer and youth mentor on advocacy skills.



Y-PEER Vietnam contribute to Asean Community Forum

The Asean Community Forum aims to forge engagement and alliances on solutions to key issues, contributing to the further development of Asean. This meeting was held in Singapore from 13th to 15th March, 2018. Y-PEER Vietnam and Lao attended the meeting as representative of the SRHR regional networks. Discussions focused on connecting and engaging in SRHR activities and ensuring a safe environment and quality education for the youth.



World Population Day 2018: Family Planning is a Human Right

There are many challenges for the youth in terms of free access to information and services concerning Sexual and Reproductive Health, and especially family planning. For the 2018, World Population Day, Y-PEER Vietnam, with the support of UNFPA, invited young people with different backgrounds to share their experience and the common issues concerning sexual education.



Y-PEER International Network



Meet the international coordinators of Y-PEER Network

International coordinators (ICs) are the official representatives of Y-PEER at the international level. ICs are coordinating the International Network and the execution of the annual action plan.



Anmar Khalid

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Anmar Khalid is a social activist and youth advocate from Iraq. He is currently an International Coordinator in Charge of Y-PEER. On the national level, Anmar is the Co-founder of Y-PEER Iraq, a national network that focuses on empowering young people to take informed decisions regarding their health and life.

He also worked as a Youth Coordinator in an outreach program in humanitarian settings at UNFPA Iraq. Anmar is advanced trainer in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Gender Based Violence (GBV), Youth Participation and other youth-related issues through a Peer Education approach and interactive methodology. He is also a Social Training Consultant at "The Station", where technology and art entrepreneurs meet in the first co-working space established in Baghdad, Iraq.

Facilitator and Partner at Future Europe organization and Erasmus+ International Youth Exchanges in Europe. Anmar believes in the vital role played by youth in shaping our communities and in the motto "nothing for us, as young people, without us".



Sargis Ghazaryan

International Coordinator of Advocacy and Partnership, sargisghazaryan@y-peer.org

Sargis Ghazaryan is the international coordinator in charge of advocacy and partnership in Y-PEER network from Armenia. Previously he has been the Focal Point in charge of Y-PEER Armenia for 2 years and also currently is an international fellow in Y-PEER regional center: PETRI Sofia. He is a bachelor student in Sofia Saint Kliment university in the major of political science and is involved in student council activities. He is also working with EU for several projects in Armenia within capacity building and civic engagement sphere.

Sargis has 5 years of experience in volunteering within the national community and has experience in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Peacebuilding, Human rights, LGBTQI+ rights, Project management, leadership and Advocacy.

He is closely working with UN agencies, especially with UNFPA and UNECE. Recently is involved in UNECE working group for ICPD+25 activities. He is co-chair in PACT network and is keeping the partnership with different youth networks on behalf of Y-PEER.



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She joined Y-PEER Syria in 2009 and became a focal point, where she was a key contributor to reactivating the Syrian Network. During which, she worked on mobilizing volunteers and leading social initiatives in addition to delivering many training on GBV, SRHR and interactive theater to raise awareness about youth issues and advocate for better inclusive communities.

In 2016, Souzana took part of UNFPA Young Innovator Fellowship Program both in New York and Tunisia, and she is currently working as a Youth and GBV Program Associate at United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA Libya based in Tunisia where she contributes to planning and implementing different projects related to youth participation and combating gender-based violence in addition to supporting Y-PEER Libya network.



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Alaa is also part of the UNFPA Syria Youth Program.

Besides from his youth advocacy activities, Alaa is a singer with multiple covers of famous songs, as well as a motivational speaker.

Alaa believes that his mission is helping society and mankind.



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Y-PEER in Numbers

In the first half of the year 54121 people were reached by 2567 face to face activities including field activities, consultations, outreach activities, theater and distribution of awareness raising materials. More than half of those people reached were women and girls, to be specific 31378. Where the target groups are: young people, LGBTIQ+ ,people, refugees, PLWHIV, Women and Girls Adolescents, Parents, Drug users, people with disabilities

This data includes Y-PEER national networks in **Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Moldova, Lebanon**
ALGERIA, Libya, Georgia, Macedonia , Turkmenistan, Egypt, Kiribati, Armenia
Albania, Palestine, Morocco, Turkey, Syria, Vietnam, Nepal and Belarus



140454 people are following national networks' social media accounts and 50k people are following Y-PEER network's international social media accounts

The Y-PEER international coordinators (ICs) would like to thank the focal points in charge (FPCs) in these countries for their commitments to the Y-PEER half year report of 2018

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PETRI - Sofia

EU and ASEAN young leaders address shared global challenges

A group of young professionals from the EU and ASEAN met up at the EU-ASEAN Young Leaders Forum in Brussels on 26-27 February 2018 to discuss common challenges. PETRI-Sofia was represented by its youth coordinator Yuliya Andzhekarska who took part in the discussions and working groups at the forum.

The participants discussed concrete ways to enhance the cooperation between the two regions, tackling political and security issues promoting economy, trade and business exchanges, as well as enhancing people-to-people contacts. They also had the opportunity to meet the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mrs. Federica Mogherini.

For the last four decades, the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have built up a strong partnership to ensure regional stability, prosperity and security, as well as to create new opportunities for cooperation on regional and global challenges.

More information about the concrete recommendations of the young leaders at the forum can be found [here](#)



PETRI – Sofia and the Y-PEER Network at the Study Session “Youth Against Online Discrimination ”

Yuliya Andzhekarska representing the International Institute for Youth Development PETRI – Sofia and Sargis Ghazaryan, International Coordinator of the Y-PEER Network, participated in the Study Session “Youth Against Online Discrimination” which took place on 19-23 March 2018 in the European Youth Center - Strasbourg, France . The study session was organized by the YSAFE network in partnership with IGLYO and the Digital Leadership Institute .

It was held in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and its purpose was to bring 20 young SRHR activists together, in order to build their skills in identifying and addressing online discrimination based on gender and sexual orientation. The session increased participants’ knowledge on intersectionality and how it can serve as a tool to understand discrimination. The young activists learned from each other’s experiences and gained knowledge on how to adequately and effectively tackle various forms of online discrimination .



PETRI – Sofia Annual School 2018 and Y-PEER Global Advisory Board Meeting 2018 in Bulgaria

The PETRI – Sofia Annual School 2018 and the Y-PEER Global Advisory Board Meeting 2018 took place in Pravets, Bulgaria, on 18-24 April 2018. Based on the needs of the Y-PEER and other youth-led networks in Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iraq, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine, following the objectives of the “Youth Leadership for the Development and Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals” project supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.



as well as the results of the Needs' Assessment survey, organized in November – December 2017, the PETRI – Sofia Annual School consisted of two separate modules that had the objective of empowering youth leaders for the development and implementation of the SDGs. The two modules running in parallel, were "Project Development and Management" and "Fundraising and Resource Mobilization".

Skills in these areas are key to young people who are actively working in the non-governmental sector and are active citizens in their countries

involved in organizing campaigns, events, projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals .

The organization of the annual meeting of the national coordinators of the Y-PEER network was also a part of the PETRI – Sofia project. The so-called Global Advisory Board Meeting of Y-PEER took place on 19-20 April 2018 and brought together 18 national coordinators (Focal Points in Charge or FPCs) and 5 international coordinators (ICs) of Y-PEER, as well as an alumni of the network and former IC, and two country representatives. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss issues relevant to the development of the international network. During the meeting, the national Y-PEER networks exchanged experiences, the ByLaws of the international network were updated and an Annual Work Plan was developed . Differing from previous years' meetings, the meeting in April 2018 .focused on resource mobilization, directing more efforts on SRHR in Humanitarian settings and peacebuilding Additionally, the GAB meeting addressed advocacy, reporting, internal and external communications and monitoring and evaluation .



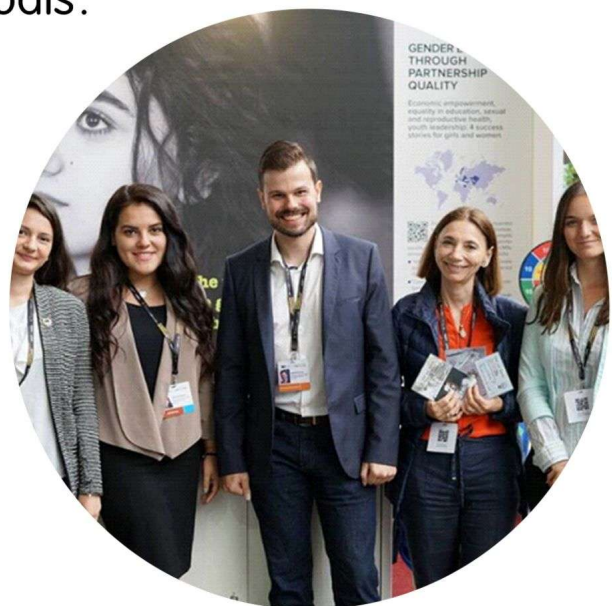
PETRI-Sofia took part in the European Development Days 2018

Since 2015, PETRI-Sofia has a successful partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, and through this partnership, the International Institute for Youth Development was able to take part in the European Development Days (EDD), Europe's leading forum on development since 2006. It took place on 5-6 June 2018 and PETRI-Sofia was present with a stand at its Global Village, together with the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute and the Gender Education, Research and Technologies Foundation

Organised by the European Commission, the European Development Days bring the development community together each year to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges .

For its twelfth edition, EDD 2018 aimed at bringing together the European Union's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Gender equality and women empowerment are at the core of European values and enshrined within the EU's legal and political framework. This is why the event focused on the vital role of women and the need for their full and equal participation and leadership in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The EDD Global Village is a particularly exciting platform featuring stands that showcase successful projects and ground-breaking reports from around the world. The Village was the focal point of the EDD 2018 venue and served as a crossroads for interaction, innovation and networking among participants .



The Erasmus+ project developed by the International Foundation for Y-PEER Development based at PETRI-Sofia was approved

The project "Volunteering Power: Speak, Act, Change" developed in the framework of the European Voluntary Service, a part of the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission was approved by the Bulgarian National Agency and will be implemented by the International Foundation for Y-PEER Development based at PETRI-Sofia in the period May 2018 – July 2019

The project is dedicated to young people and their competences in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality, youth leadership, conflict and radicalization prevention

The main objective of the project is to raise awareness among adolescents and young people about issues related to sexual and reproductive health and rights (including HIV / AIDS, gender, family planning, sexually transmitted infections, etc.), and to empower young people, to encourage them to talk about their needs and to protect their rights, including the right to correct information and adequate services in this area. On the other hand, the topics of youth leadership and the prevention of youth radicalization and conflict are also a key aspect of the project, of great importance for the future development of young people and their social activity

Volunteers who will be involved in the project will be introduced to these topics and will acquire knowledge through the training materials developed by the International Foundation for Y-PEER Development and its partners. The volunteers will organize and participate in various activities: local, national and international training sessions, information campaigns and workshops for students aged 14-18, including those of Roma origin, in different schools and other organizations in the country

Two long-term volunteers as well as two short-term volunteers from Macedonia and Austria will participate in the project and will be part of the Foundation's team for a period of 9 and 2 months, respectively

As volunteers, with the help of our team members, they will have the opportunity to organize a series of activities for adolescents (training sessions, information campaigns), in order to motivate them to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and rights, to develop their leadership skills, to gain knowledge and skills related to conflict prevention and peace building. In order to organize an active and effective learning process, creative, informal and interactive techniques and approaches will be used actively. Social networks will also be utilized, as this is one of the main resources youngsters use to find and share information on the Internet, as well as the online platform for advocacy SpeakActChange (<http://www.speakactchange.org>), which provides space for sharing information on different youth topics at a global level .

Fellowship Program

The international Fellowship Program of PETRI-Sofia continued in 2018. Ana Mosiashvili from Georgia and Anmar Khalid from Iraq finalized their fellowships and Sargis Ghazaryan continues being in the position of a PETRI fellow. A new fellow was selected in June 2018 – Dario .Korolija from Macedonia, and will come to Sofia in August Bulgarian students also have the opportunity to be fellows at PETRI and Diana Gergova, Psychology student in France, joined the team during the month of February 2018 .

Asia Pacific region

Y-PEER joined hands against “War on Drugs”

Y-PEER joined the civil society call on the United Nations to condemn the Bangladesh Drug War by endorsing the open letter sent to the two major UN drug control bodies - the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). Y-PEER, along with more than 180 NGOs lead by the Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD) and the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) urged UNODC and INCB to take immediate action to prevent further deaths and human rights violations related to drug control issues .

The Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar on MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) for Higher Education

On June 11th and 12th , the MOOCs Asia Pacific Seminar took place in China in the presence of over 200 delegates from more than 30 countries, including policymakers, university presidents, researchers, postgrad students and entrepreneurs. The main objectives of the seminar were related to the exchange of experience and the assessment of readiness for a regional network on MOOCs in Asia-Pacific by experts from national platforms. Discussions addressed the possible implementation of state-of-art technologies in public and private education and its benefits for the quality of learning in the context of higher education. Y-PEER Asia Pacific coordinated with UNESCO and UNFPA to support Y-PEERs from Nepal and Mongolia who attended the workshop as speakers .

Y-PEER Regional MEET UP

On May 30th 2018, a regional meet-up of Y-PEER representatives from Bhutan, Laos, Kiribati, Y-PEER Mongolia and Y-PEER Asia Pacific was held in the Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center. It served as a discussion of current challenges such as the development of the Y-PEER Mongolia and Y-PEER Kiribati NGOs. Participants gained new skills in strategical communication through blog and web hosting, as well as in graphic design .

Regional Training of Trainers on Legal Advocacy Toolkit

On May from 27th to 29th, 26 participants from 16 countries joined the Regional Training-of-Trainers in Bangkok. The training, which was organized by Youth LEAD with the support of Y-PEER, IATT and UNFPA, was based on the Legal Advocacy Toolkit Manual which was recently launched in 2 countries and is expected to roll out in several other countries Asia Pacific. 8 Y-PEERians from Nepal, Bhutan, Kiribati and Laos took part in the training .

Meeting with Regional UNFPA Advisor, Dr. Jo Sauvarin

After the Training of Regional TOT, a meeting with Dr. Jo Sauvarin - a UNFPA APRO Adviser on Adolescents and Youth also took place. It included participants from Y-PEER Nepal, Laos, Mongolia, Kiribati, Bhutan and the Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center and served as an update of recent activities held in the network .



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