



NETWORK INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE KEY POPULATION- FRIENDLY PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICE IN NIGERIA PROJECT REPORT

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ACRONYMS



ABYM	Adolescent Boys and Men
AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANAYD	African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development
APYIN	Association of Positive Youths in Nigeria
ASACA	Anambra State Agency for the Control of AIDS
ASHWAN	Association of Women Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria
ASPHCDA	Anambra State Primary Health Care Development Agency
AYP	Adolescent and Young People
AYPLHIV	Adolescent and Young People Living with HIV
BenSACA	Benue State Agency for the Control of AIDS
CBO	Community Based Organization
CiSHAN	Civil Society Network on HIV/AIDS
EVA	Education As A Vaccine
GIWAC	Global Initiative for Women and Children
HIV	Human Immuno Deficiency Virus
ICASA	International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
ISDAO	Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest
JONAPWD	Joint National Association of Persons with Disability
KADSACA	Kaduna State Agency for the Control of AIDS
KIEHEE	Kadashi Initiatives on Equity, Health, Empowerment and Education
LACA	Local Agency for the Control of AIDS
LEMCHIC	Local Emergency Maternal and Child Health Intervention Center
LGAs	Local Government Area
MOH	Ministry of Health
MDA	Minsitry, Department, and Agnecy
NAIIS	Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey
NDHS	National Demographic Health Survey
NHRC	National Human Right Commission

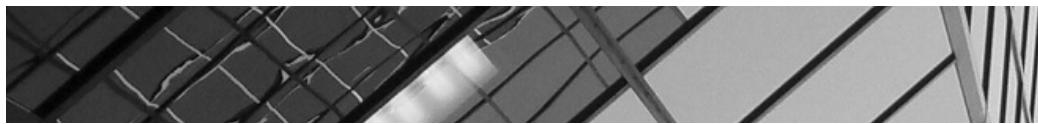


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ACRONYMS



NO8	No Hate Network Nigeria
NYNETHA	National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS
OSS	One Stop Shop
PHC	Primary Health Care
PHCDA	Primary Health Care Development Agency
PIO	Principal Investigation Officer
PRO	Public Relations Officer
RIVSACA	Rivers State Agency for the Control of AIDS
RIVSASCP	Rivers State AIDS/STI Control Programme
RSPHCMB	Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board
SACA	State Agency for the Control of AIDS
SASCP	State AIDS/STI Control Programme
SEMCHIC	State Emergency Maternal and Child Health Intervention Centre
SPARC	Simple participatory assessment of real change
SPHCB	State Primary Health Care Board
SPO	State Program Officer
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
TG	Transgender
UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
YFSW	Young Female Sex Worker
YKP	Young Key Population
YLGBTQI+	Young Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer and Intersex
YMSM	Young Men Who Have Sex With Men
YPWD	Young Persons With Disability
YPWID	Young Persons Who Inject Drugs



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PREFACE

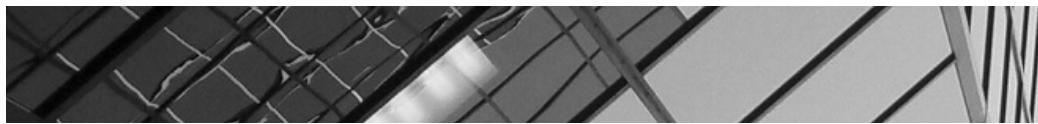
This report shares insight on the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria project supported by Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ISDAO).

Adolescents and young people are a diverse group, and while sometimes their health needs are often not prioritized and provided in a friendly, non-discriminatory and integrated approach within the health facilities, this is more exacerbating for adolescents and young key populations, which could be due to the limited capacity of health service providers to understand, relate to, and provide quality health services to these groups. Also, in instances where this targets groups of adolescents and young people make effort and opted to access services, a lot of factors such as parental consent, attitude of health care providers, stigma and discrimination, etc. play a major role towards hindering their access to comprehensive integrated health services. The Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria project has played a vital role towards strengthening the capacity of health service providers and promoting access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities across the project's states (Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, and Rivers).

Moving forward, continued partnerships and concerted efforts should be deployed to sustain the progress achieved and continually foster a safer, more inclusive health service for all adolescents and young people. It is therefore a handy document for AYP focused organizations, government, bilateral, and multilateral agencies, in Nigeria and a baseline document, amongst others, for improving integrated health services and measuring our progress.

I, therefore, appeal that the recommendations made by the diverse AYPs should be given paramount attention, and the necessary support channel to enable us sustain the gains made and maximize impact on public health response in Nigeria.

Mr. Aaron Sunday
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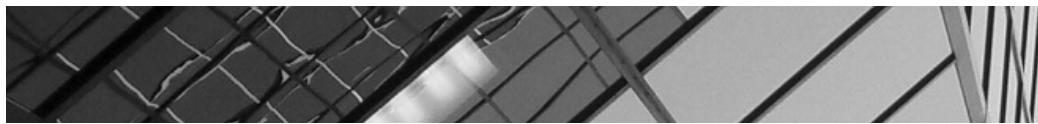
We extend our gratitude to the relevant government stakeholders (SACA, PHCDA, MOH, SASCP, NHRC, PHCMB, SEMCHIC), health service providers, partners, communities, AYPs, and KPs who participated in this project, sharing their experiences and insights, and actively contributing to our efforts to promote safe and non-discriminatory health services for key populations and adolescents and youths in all their diversities.

ANAYD appreciates the following organizations for their contribution to the success of this project.

- Association of Positive Youths in Nigeria
- Civil Society Network on HIV/AIDS
- Education As A Vaccine
- Global Initiative for Women and Children
- Joint National Association of Persons with Disability
- No Hate Network Nigeria
- National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS

We also acknowledge the tireless efforts and dedication of our project team members and staff, whose expertise and passion have been essential to the successful implementation of this project.

Together, we remain committed to continuing our work towards achieving our shared vision of an AIDS-free Nigeria, where every individual, regardless of their background or identity, has access to comprehensive and non-discriminatory healthcare services.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria remains a significant public health challenge, with the country bearing a substantial burden of new infections and AIDS-related mortality, particularly among adolescents and young people (AYP). In 2017, Nigeria accounted for two-thirds of new HIV infections in West and Central Africa, with an estimated 1.9 million people living with HIV. Notably, key populations such as sex workers, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs constitute a disproportionately high percentage of new infections.

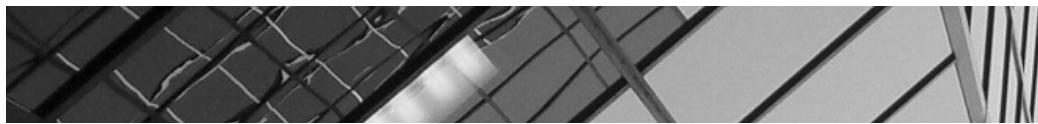
In response, ANAYD, with funding from ISDAO, implemented the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria project across 4 states, namely: Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, and Rivers, over the duration of 4 months (November 2023 - February 2024).

Throughout the project's implementation, a total of 55 stakeholders from the government, implementing partners, and diverse AYP groups (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD) were engaged across the 4 states, fostering collaboration for implementation. Additionally, 120 participants, including AYPs, identified access barriers to healthcare and proposed solutions. Furthermore, 121 stakeholders, including state government representatives and healthcare providers, received training on delivering non-discriminatory services for AYPs. Advocacy visits were made to key government stakeholders, and 23 AYPs participated in the 2023 ICASA conference. Finally, a social media campaign reached 19 million individuals, promoting commitment to quality integrated health services without stigma or discrimination.

In summary, this project has played a vital role in promoting access to a non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities. Moving forward, continued partnerships and concerted efforts will be deployed to sustain the progress achieved and foster a safer, more inclusive environment for all.

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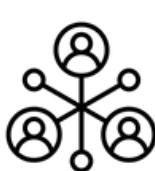
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PROJECT IMPACT



- 55 stakeholders, comprising representatives from the government, implementing partners and AYPs in their diverse groups (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD) across the 4 project states (Anambra, Benue, Kaduna and Rivers), were reached with the project objectives, and collaboration for implementation was successfully formed.



- 120 participants, which include adolescents and young people in their diversities, identified bottlenecks hindering their access to health care services and proffered possible solutions to the identified issues.



- 121 participants, including state government stakeholders, network members, and health care providers, were trained on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly, and non-discriminatory services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).



- Advocacy visits were conducted to relevant government stakeholders such as SMOH, SASCAP, SACA, SPHCMB, and NHRC across the project states to discuss key issues identified and propose solutions.



- 23 adolescents and young people in their diversities virtually participated in the 2023 ICASA conference for 2 days.



- 19 million people, including adolescents and young people and government stakeholders were reached through the social media campaign which aimed to strengthen their commitment to quality integrated health service for all without stigma and discrimination of any person regardless of sex, gender or orientation.

SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

UNAIDS estimates that around two-thirds of new HIV infections in West and Central Africa in 2017 occur in Nigeria, a country with an estimated population of about 200 million. The country's HIV prevalence rate stands at 1.5%, with 1.9 million people living with HIV. Six states in Nigeria account for 41% of people living with HIV, including Kaduna, Akwa Ibom, Benue, Lagos, Oyo, and Rivers. Nigeria has a mixed epidemic, meaning that while HIV prevalence among the general population is high, certain groups still carry a far greater HIV burden compared to the rest of the population. In Nigeria, sex workers, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs make up only 3.4% of the population, yet account for around 32% of new HIV infections.¹

Adolescents and young people (AYP) constitute 48% of the Nigerian population. The HIV prevalence amongst AYP in Nigeria has risen from 0.2% for adolescent's age 15-19 years to 1.3% for female 20-24 years.¹ As of 2021, 310,000 adolescents between the age of 10 - 19 were living with HIV.² Furthermore, 1 in 3 boys and 1 in 4 girls have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS, 38% of adolescent girls and 29% of boys age 15-19 have comprehensive knowledge of HIV.¹ While there was a 30% decrease in AIDS-related mortality in adults, there was a 50% increase in AYPs. There are approximately 35 000 new HIV infection amongst adolescents and young people and 150,000 AIDS-related deaths in Nigeria.³

The project supported by ISDAO is a harmonised consortia system that focused on the 2nd priority of Nigeria Communities Advocacy Plan. Our approach brings innovation with respect to Human Centred Design (HCD) built on human right principles to positively influence knowledge and behavioural change, strengthen capacity of relevant government stakeholders and health service providers towards promoting safe and non-discriminatory key population specific and integrated service for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD).

¹ Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) - Government of Nigeria, National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) - Government of Nigeria, University of Maryland (UMB). (2018) "Nigeria HIV-AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey (NAIIS) 2018", Available at: <https://www.nigerianstat.gov.ng/nada/index.php/catalog/65/study-description> (Accessed: 20 March 2024)

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³ UNAIDS (2018) "UNAIDS Data 2018", Available at: <https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2018/unaid-data-2018> (Accessed: 20 March 2024)

SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

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1.1 Objectives

The purpose/Objective is;

- To promote access to a non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD) in Nigeria by November 2023.
- To strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly and non-discriminatory services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD) by November 2023.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement by November 2023.



1.2 Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes include:

- Increase demand and uptake of holistic health services at public health care facilities by adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD) due to reduced discrimination by health service providers.
- Strengthened capacity of health service providers on integrated health service delivery for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).
- Strengthened alliances for sustained advocacy engagement by youth network/organization members with relevant government stakeholders and health service providers across all levels, state and national.

SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES

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The project was implemented across **four states**, which contribute to the high prevalence of people living with HIV in Nigeria. They include **Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, and Rivers**. In addition, a virtual event was conducted with adolescents and young people in their diversities for the ICASA conference. Also, a social media campaign was conducted over the course of 4 months (**November 2023 - February 2024**), which aimed to strengthen the government's commitment to quality integrated health services for all without stigma and discrimination of any person regardless of sex, gender, or orientation.



2.1.1 One-Day Project Introductory Meeting in Anambra State

- **Overview**

The meeting took place on the 13th of November, 2023 at the Villa Grande Hotel, Awka, Anambra. The meeting aimed to introduce the project, including its objectives, activities, and monitoring and evaluation plan, to the relevant stakeholders and seek their contribution to enable seamless implementation. The SPO for ANAYD, Ms. Obiajulu Juliet, shared that the initiative network is to improve key population-friendly public healthcare services in Nigeria as a harmonized consortia system with support from ISDAO which focuses on the second priority of the Nigeria Communities Advocacy Plan.

Afterwards, Ms. Agnes Dogara, Project Lead, ANAYD presented the project objectives and activities. During her presentation, she said that the project seeks to; promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD); strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers to provide accurate, comprehensive, friendly, and non-discriminatory services for adolescents and young people in their diversities; and strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD)
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Participants

The stakeholders present include the Anambra State Primary Health Care Development Agency, State Emergency Maternal & Child Care Unit, SASCP, Ministry of Health, APYIN, NoHate - an LGBTQ+ CBO, Human Rights Commission, Unizik FM, Heros Health - working with PWID, and the Anambra State Agency for the Control of AIDS.

Challenges

- Late attendance of participants delayed the start time of the meeting.
- The cost of transportation allowance does not meet the current economic situation.

Outcomes

- 10 stakeholders were duly informed on the need to promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD) in Anambra State.
- ANAYD strengthened its alliance with stakeholders from SACA, PHCDA, SASCP, NHRC, APYIN, and ANAYD network partners to ensure seamless project implementation in Anambra State.

Recommendations

- Review meetings should be held with stakeholders during implementations to share best practices and develop new strategies.

Lessons Learned

- Partnerships with ANAYD network members made the consultation seamless.

Table 1: Breakdown of Participants at the One Day Project Introductory Meeting in Anambra State

Sex	No of Beneficiaries	Groups Reached				Age of Beneficiaries	
		AGYW	AYPLHIV	YPWID	YLGBTQI	15 - 19	20 - 24
Male	3			1	1	1	2
Female	10	4	1		2	2	8
Total	13	4	1	1	3	3	10



2.1.2 One Day Consultation Meeting to Identify Bottlenecks Hindering the Access of Integrated Health Services for AYPs in their Diversities

- **Overview**

The consultation meeting took place on the 30th of November, 2023 at the Villa Grande Hotel, Awka, Anambra. The aim of the meeting was to identify bottlenecks hindering access to quality integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities and translate them into advocacy key messages. The consultation included a group session where participants identified issues affecting AYP/KPs from accessing healthcare services and proposed solutions.

Table 2: Group Exercise on Bottlenecks Hindering the Access of Integrated Health Services for AYPs in their Diversities and Proposed Solutions in Anambra

Issues Identified	Proposed Solutions
Low self-esteem of AYPs especially the key populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AYP/KP health care programming should be inculcated into the curriculum of health care workers during school training. There should be training and re-training of health care workers on AYP/KP health care programming and a certificate should be issued for the training.
Attitude of healthcare workers	
User fees which are most times out of pocket, and cannot be afforded by AYPs	
Stigma and Discrimination to AYPs who are key population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness about the peculiarity of AYPs/ KPs should be intensified in society to reduce the stigmatization of AYPs in their diversity.• Finally, YKPs should be meaningfully engaged and empowered to promote economic independence and enhance their ability to access needed healthcare services promptly. In addition, YKPs should be given skills and capacity building towards securing employment.
Healthcare workers have little or no knowledge about YKP healthcare programming	
Inadequate Economic empowerment of AYPs/KPs	
Human rights violation	
Lack of YKP friendly healthcare facilities	

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD)
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Outcomes

- 10 stakeholders were duly informed on the need to promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD) in Anambra State.
- ANAYD strengthened its alliance with stakeholders from SACA, PHCDA, SASCP, NHRC, APYIN, and ANAYD network partners to ensure seamless project implementation in Anambra State.

Participants

NO8 - an LGBTQ+ based CBO, SASCP, Hero's Health - PWID organization, News Pathfinder Media, APYIN, and AYP in their diversities.

Challenges

Late attendance of participants delayed the start time of the meeting.

Recommendations

Review meetings with AYPs should be done at least once every two quarters to determine the impact of the project thus far and new strategies to deploy.

Lessons Learned

Partnership with ANAYD network members made the consultation seamless, as participants were invited from organizations recognized in the state.

Table 3: Breakdown of Participants at the One-day Consultation Meeting in Anambra

Sex	No of Beneficiaries	Groups Reached						Age of Beneficiaries		
		AGYW	AYPLHIV	YPWID	YMSM	YFSW	YLGBTQI	0 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24
Male	10		4	3	3		2	1	1	9
Female	19	6	2			1	2		2	9
Total	29	6	6	3	3	1	4	1	3	18

2.1.3 Two Day Non-Residential Training/Orientation of HealthCare Workers on Youth Friendly and KP Service Delivery in Anambra State

- **Overview**

The training took place on the 22nd and 23rd of January, 2024 at the Nma Hall, Awka, Anambra State. The Executive Director of ANAYD, Mr. Aaron Sunday stated that the aim of the training was to make healthcare services KP friendly. He further gave an overview of the ISDAO project which includes, but not limited to promoting inclusivity and human rights in healthcare settings with an interest in adolescents and young people in their diversities.

The training had the facilitators enlighten the participants on several topics, as follows:

- Creating inclusive healthcare environments by fostering an understanding of gender and sexual diversity.
- Promoting inclusivity in healthcare settings with focus on HIV and human rights.
- Understanding health rights, and responsibilities for patient communities. The focus was on the Patients Bill of Rights and the HIV Anti-Stigma and Discrimination Act of 2014.
- Health literacy in healthcare.
- Basic facts about HIV/AIDS.
- HIV/AIDS prevention, including the combination prevention approach and characteristics.
- Biomedical interventions include pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Empowering healthcare providers focusing on skill-building
- Adolescent and Youth-Friendly Health Services, with a focus on the facility.
- Community engagement and involvement in healthcare
- Inclusivity of people with disability

Objectives

- Creating Inclusive healthcare environment
- Promoting inclusivity in healthcare settings
- Human rights

Participants

The government stakeholders and partners include the State Agency for the Control of AIDS, SASCP, NHRC, PHCDA, JONAPWD, OSS, KP Secretariat, APYIN, NO Hate, and Heroes Health. Also, participants came from health facilities across 3 LGAs (Awka North, Awka South, and Dunukofia) and understood the need to make their healthcare facilities AYP/KP friendly.

Recommendations

- Training of health care workers in clusters using senatorial districts in the state to gain saturation effect of the program.
- Other healthcare workers in private healthcare settings, and non-formal settings (patent medicine vendors, traditional birth attendants, traditional healers, etc.) should be trained as well, since AYPs/KPs still patronize them for healthcare services.
- The government should employ AYPs and PWD, who are health care workers, to serve their community through a peer-to-peer approach.
- ANAYD should form a working group that will support independent mentoring and monitoring of healthcare facilities and healthcare service providers in the state concerning youth-friendly healthcare service delivery.
- Holding of 'Phone-in' radio program using community radio in the state to create more awareness around stigmatization, especially among AYPLHIV

Challenges

- The lateness of participants delayed the starting time.
- Some stakeholders and partners sent representatives, which will require the ANAYD program manager to do a proper follow-up to ensure key messages discussed were duly related to those they are representing.
- The monday sit-at-home affected the location of participants to be invited. Thus, the invitees were from the central senatorial district only.
- Participants were centered on only healthcare workers in government/public healthcare centers.

Outcomes

- 15 healthcare providers were trained on creating an inclusive healthcare environment.
- 15 healthcare workers, and representatives from ASPHCDA, NHRC, SASCP, SACA, OSS, JONAPWD, KP Secretariat, APYIN, NOHate, and Heroes Health were oriented on how to promote inclusivity in healthcare settings.

Lessons Learned

- Good rapport between the ANAYD team and stakeholders made implementation seamless
- Invitees were health care workers, and most hold strategic positions at the LGA level (such as LEMCHIC managers, LACA, and LGA M&E, among others), which serves as training for trainers as they can cascade the training to other health care providers within the LGA.

Table 4: Breakdown of Participants at the HealthCare Workers Training in Anambra

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	10	21	31
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	2	4	6
AYPLHIV	1		1
YLPWD		1	1
YPWID	1		1
YLGBTQI		1	1
Age of Beneficiaries			
20 – 24 years	2		2
25+	8	21	29

SUCCESS STORIES



- “I learnt the importance of how to handle adolescent health and how to relate with adolescents in a friendly way. There is a need for sensitization to both adolescents and health workers to improve the relationship between them and for an adolescent to access quality care regardless of health status”.
- “I learnt how best to address issues boarding on youths and adolescents’ access to efficient healthcare and what is required to create an enabling environment and atmosphere”.
- “I learnt that counselling plays a very important role in the life of people. Adolescent age is a period that a child needs to be provided with the right information at the right time. Every patient needs to be treated with respect and dignity. Ensuring adequate supply and availability of drugs for clients, especially PLHIV”.
- “I learnt how to counsel people living with HIV/AIDS’. This training was kind of an eye opener in various issues relating to reproductive rights and health care services. One key thing I learned was the importance of self-expression in healthcare services. The patient or whomever it may be has the right to express him/ herself. I learnt some important ways of dealing with teenagers and youths to avoid scaring them away from accessing health care services”.
- “I learnt to work in a friendly environment and give people their rights, listening to the client and helping in solving their needs, especially our young people, our future tomorrow”.
- “I learnt about more positive approaches in caring for adolescents and young persons population including those that live with HIV which will in turn help in achieving our goal which is the prevention of the spread of HIV infection. The facilitators did excellently well. I encourage them to keep it up”.

2.1.4 Advocacy Visit to the National Human Right Commission, Anambra

• Overview

The meeting took place on the 24th of January, 2024 at the National Human Rights Office, Awka Anambra State. The ANAYD team was welcomed by Miss Agbakwuru Chaimaka who is the focal person on health under the NHRC. The meeting aimed to introduce ANAYD and the ISDAO project and present the identified issues raised by the AYPs/KPs during the one-day consultation held with AYPs in their diversities. The Chairman of the NHRC, Barrister Maduforo reiterated their commitment to ensuring their human rights are protected irrespective of their gender identity and age, vis-a-vis its open door policy. The commission has a hotline (07049641670 or 08033766058) that can be made available to AYPs/KPs for easy reporting and services. He further called on ANAYD to sensitize the KPs and AYPs on the NHRC's availability and readiness to serve them.

Objectives

Advocacy to NHRC on issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation

Participants

The participants include the ANAYD team and NHRC leaders.

Recommendation

More advocacy to other identified stakeholders in the state is paramount.

Lessons Learned

Working with ANAYD partner organizations made implementation seamless.

Outcomes

ANAYD and her team paid advocacy to the NHRC to discuss issues hindering KP's access to health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Table 5: Breakdown of Participants at the NHRC Advocacy Visit in Anambra

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	3	5	8
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	2	4	6
AYPLHIV		1	1
Age of Beneficiaries			
20 – 24 years	2	2	4
25+	1	3	4

2.1.5 Advocacy Visit to the State AIDS and STI Control Program Office, Ministry of Health, Anambra

• Overview

On February 8, 2024, the ANAYD team convened an advocacy meeting at the State AIDS and STI Control Program office in Awka, Anambra State. They were welcomed by Dr. Tonia Mbagwu, the Executive Director of SASCP. The meeting aimed to address issues identified during a recent consultation with AYPs in their diversities in accessing KP/AYP friendly healthcare services. Key issues raised included healthcare worker attitudes, unaffordable user fees, stigma and discrimination towards key populations, human rights violations, and a lack of YKP-friendly healthcare facilities. Suggestions were made for employing AYPs/KPs as healthcare workers and subsidizing user fees through health insurance. Dr. Tonia acknowledged the concerns and pledged to consider them in the government's recruitment of healthcare workers. She also proposed that ANAYD monitor user fee charges and report these cases with evidence for action to be taken by SASCP.

Objectives

Advocacy to SASCP on issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation

Participants

The participants include the ANAYD team and SASCP leaders.

Recommendation

- More advocacies to other identified stakeholders in the state is important.
- Transport allowance for advocacy visits need to be reviewed to reflect the current economic situation.

Lessons Learned

Working with ANAYD partner organizations made implementation seamless.

Outcomes

ANAYD and her team paid advocacy to SASCP to discuss on issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Table 6: Breakdown of Participants at the SASCP Advocacy Visit in Anambra

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	2	4	6
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	1	3	6
AYPLHIV	1		1
YLGBTQI		1	1
Age of Beneficiaries			
20 – 24 years	1	1	2
25+	1	3	4

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2.1.6 Advocacy Visit to the Ministry of Health, Anambra

• Overview

The ANAYD team held an advocacy meeting at the Ministry of Health in Awka, Anambra State on February 16, 2024. Dr. Anaeme Afam, Director of Public Health, welcomed them. The ANAYD State Program Manager, Miss Obiajulu Juliet, highlighted the ISDAO project's focus on promoting inclusivity and human rights in healthcare settings, particularly for adolescents and young people. She urged Dr. Afam to address the issues raised during the AYP consultations, including healthcare worker attitudes, unaffordable user fees, stigma, discrimination, and a lack of YKP-friendly facilities. Dr. Afam expressed gratitude for ANAYD's approach and promised to escalate the concerns to the Health Minister and hold meetings with matrons of PHCs in the state on how to make healthcare services AYP-friendly. He pledged support and encouraged ANAYD to maintain collaboration with SASCP and SACA, as they are the first line of contact in the implementation of HIV/AIDS programming.

Objectives

Advocacy to Director, Public Health, State Ministry of Health on issues hindering AYP/YKP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Participants

The ANAYD team and Director, Public Health, State Ministry of Health.

Recommendation

- More advocacy to other identified stakeholders in the state is important.
- Transport allowance for advocacy visits need to be reviewed to reflect the current economic situation.

Lessons Learned

Working with ANAYD partner organizations made implementation seamless.

Outcomes

ANAYD paid advocacy to Dr. Anaeme Afam, Director, Public Health, State Ministry of Health, to discuss issues hindering AYP/YKP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Table 7: Breakdown of Participants at the Ministry of Health Advocacy Visit in Anambra

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	1	2	3
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW		2	2
Age of Beneficiaries			
20 – 24 years		1	1
25+	1	1	2

2.2.1 One-Day Project Introductory Meeting

- **Overview**

The meeting took place on the 10th of November, 2023 in Makurdi, Benue State. The aim was to gather stakeholders to strategize on delivering youth-friendly services to key populations in public facilities in the state. Mr. Onuh Ali Danladi, representing the Executive Director of ANAYD, outlined the project supported by Initiative Sankofa D' Afrique De L'ouest. The project aimed to reduce HIV spread among AYPs, particularly KPs, by creating friendly public healthcare facilities. He sought support from stakeholders to ensure project success, highlighting ANAYD's use of existing systems and trained personnel.

Dr. Gabriel Anefu, the State AIDS/STI Coordinator Program, commended ANAYD for the project, emphasizing its focus on providing non-judgmental and comprehensive services to key populations. He urged collaboration with stakeholders to achieve project objectives. Concerns were raised about project coverage and facility adherence to non-discriminatory services. Mr. Onuh clarified that coverage was limited by available funding and assured proactive measures to extend services beyond trained facilities.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).
- To strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly and non-discriminatory services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD).
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Participants

They include APIN, SPHCB, BenSACA, KP Network, and AYP/KP in their diversities.

Outcomes

- Primary Healthcare promised to collaborate with partners in training their staff to offer non-discriminatory services to young people, including YKP.
- APYIN assured of her commitment in providing technical support in the training of healthcare workers to provide accurate, comprehensive, and friendly services to adolescents and young people in their diversity.
- The collaboration between the State Ministry of Health, Primary Healthcare Board, BenSACA, and other network members was strengthened during the stakeholder's meeting regarding the delivery of services to key populations, with every stakeholder reiterating their commitment.

Recommendations

More efforts should be undertaken to mitigate instances where certain stakeholders cause undue delays for others.

Lessons Learned

Media participation in such meetings is key, as this will ensure the government at all levels are accountable and responsible for its duties in service provision to AYP/KPs.

Table 8: Breakdown of Participants at the Project Introductory Meeting in Benue State

Sex	No of Beneficiaries	Groups Reached					Beneficiaries Age		
		AYPLHIV	YPWID	YMSM	YFSW	YLGBTQI	15 - 19	20 - 24	25+
Male	8	1	1	1		1	1	3	4
Female	7				1		2	2	3
Total	15	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	7

2.2.2 One Day Consultation Meeting to Identify Bottlenecks Hindering the Access of Integrated Health Services for AYPs in their Diversities in Benue State

- Overview

The consultation meeting held in Markudi, Benue State on November 10, 2023. The ANAYD State Program Officer (SPO), Pius Peter Ogolekwu presented the project's objectives and strategies, focusing on promoting access to non-discriminatory healthcare services for adolescents and young people. During the technical session, participants were divided into groups to identify and prioritize issues hindering healthcare access for different key populations, such as MSM, FSW, TG, PWID, and APYIN. Each group presented their findings and proposed solutions, emphasizing the need for advocacy, awareness campaigns, training of healthcare workers and security agents, collaboration with partners for service provision, and access to legal services.

Table 9: Issues Identified by Different Key Populations in Benue State

Key Population	Issues Identified
MSM	The need for rights and awareness education in healthcare settings, the provision of preventive HPV vaccines, access to mental health services, sensitization of law enforcement agents, organizing town hall meetings with community leaders, access to legal representation, collaboration for better awareness, monitoring condom distribution, and sensitization of healthcare workers.
TG	Gender affirmation, lack of awareness among healthcare workers, exclusion from healthcare sectors, absence of trained providers, social exclusion, inadequate legal services, and lack of mental health support.
PWID	Security and human rights, psycho-social support, GBV support, needle and syringe inadequacy, drug harm reduction, and HIV testing services.
FSW	Difficulty accessing healthcare services, lack of prevention packages, unfavorable government policies, stigma and discrimination, GBV, access to legal services, poverty, and absence of mental health support.
APYIN	Transport to facilities for refills, insufficient condoms and lubricant, limited space at facilities, inadequate manpower, lack of youth involvement, discrimination of parents/caregivers, and GBV in facilities.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Outcomes

- Issues concerning access to non-discriminatory and integrated services for AYP in their diversity were identified by different groups.
- Network members agreed to synergize in addressing barriers hindering the access of AYPs to healthcare services in the state.

Participants

Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).

Recommendations

Law enforcement agencies should be included in subsequent programs as they also pose as a threat to service delivery.

Table 10: Breakdown of Participants at the Consultation Meeting with AYP/KP in Benue State

Sex	No of Beneficiaries	Groups Reached						Age of Beneficiaries		
		AGYW	AYPLHIV	YPWID	YMSM	YFSW	YLGBTQI		15 - 19	20 - 24
Male	22		1	3	5		5	4	9	4
Female	10	3	1			4	4	3	5	1
Total	32	3	2	3	5	4	9	7	14	5



2.2.3 Training of HealthCare Workers on Youth-Friendly and KP Service Delivery in Benue State

- **Overview**

The training took place on the 21st - 22nd December, 2023 at the Luxury Suite, Makurdi, Benue State. ANYAD State Program Officer, Pius Peter Ogolekwu, welcomed participants, emphasizing the importance of the training and the need for changes in the healthcare system. Mr. Pius presented the project overview and objectives, focusing on promoting access to non-discriminatory health services and strengthening alliances with stakeholders.

The training had the facilitators enlighten the participants on several topics, as follows:

- Creating an inclusive healthcare environment, emphasizing cultural competence and LGBTQ+ inclusivity.
- The intersection of HIV and human rights, stressing the importance of protecting human rights for effective HIV prevention and treatment.
- Health literature, equipping participants with information to effectively communicate with their peers.
- Strategies for improving health communication, emphasizing clear messaging and targeted communication.

Participants engaged in group discussions, identifying barriers limiting the provision of services to AYP/KP or hindering AYP/KPs from receiving the service and discussing possible solutions. Stakeholders expressed commitment to addressing identified issues, ensuring a collaborative effort to improve healthcare services.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.
- To strengthen the capacity of health care workers to provide accurate, comprehensive, friendly, and non-discriminatory services to AYPs in their diversities.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

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Table 11: Issues Identified by Different Groups in Benue State

Group	Issues Identified	Solutions Proposed
Healthcare Workers	Limited manpower, zero or little knowledge of KPs and AYP-related issues, long distance between service points, limited time to counsel, financial cost, limited availability of medical equipment, hoarding of information from healthcare workers to ascertain health history	A multi-faceted approach involving policy changes, increased resources, cultural competence, training and retraining, and community engagement to ensure equitable access to healthcare services by AYP in their diversity
Network Members	Stigma and Discrimination, poor funding of network organization, grassroots barriers in sensitization of network members, insufficient healthcare infrastructure, and training of health professional	A comprehensive approach, involving community engagement, cultural sensitivity, training and retraining of healthcare providers, and the utilization of technology to bridge the gaps in service delivery.
Key Population	Stigma and discrimination, exclusion of KP identifying individuals in public health sectors, self-stigma and isolation, economic challenges, and confidentiality concerns.	A comprehensive approach, including constant training and retraining of health professionals in cultural competence, addressing legal and policy issues, promoting awareness, and creating a supportive environment that is non-discriminatory within the public health institutions.
Government	Healthcare system challenges, transfer of trained personnel and retirement: Lack of political will: Not every government stakeholder believes in investing resources in AYP program especially the key population.	Addressing these barriers requires multi-faceted approach, involving policy reforms, resource allocation, awareness and campaigns and active engagement of AYPs especially KPs in the design and implementation of services.

Participants

The participants were grouped into four (4), namely; healthcare workers, government representatives (BenSACA, SPHCB, NHRC, SASPC), network members (CiSHAN, NYNETHA, and APYIN), and the KP secretariat.

Lessons Learned

- Effective training for healthcare workers on youth-friendly services to AYPs in their diversity involves emphasizing communication skills, cultural sensitivity, and confidentiality to create a supportive environment for young people coming for different forms of service.
- Addressing the unique health needs of this demography, including sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and substance abuse, is crucial.
- Continuous education and updates on evolving youth health trends and technologies also play a significant role in ensuring quality care.
- Regular feedback and evaluation mechanisms help identify areas for improvement and enhance the overall effectiveness of the training program

Recommendations

- Subsequent training should be made residential to enable participants to have enough time for learning.
- The number of days for the training should be increased for robust learning experience.

Table 12: Breakdown of Participants at the HealthCare Workers Training in Benue State

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	16	14	30
Total	16	14	30

2.2.4 Advocacy Visit to Benue State AIDS Control Agency

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the Benue State AIDS Control Agency on the 24th of January, 2024. The PRO of BenSACA welcomed the ANAYD team. The ANAYD's State Program Officer for Benue highlighted previous programs and the current project being implemented in the state. The project aims to promote access to non-discriminatory health services for adolescents and young people and strengthen alliances with stakeholders. The challenges faced by young people in accessing healthcare services were discussed, including stigma, lack of knowledge among healthcare workers, economic empowerment, human rights violations, and inadequate psychosocial support services.

ANAYD presented key action points for addressing these challenges, including raising awareness, advocating for comprehensive training programs, promoting economic empowerment initiatives, pushing for policy changes, and prioritizing funding for psychosocial support programs. BenSACA's Mental Health Desk Officer appreciated ANAYD's work and encouraged collaboration. The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer emphasized the importance of data sharing. The Acting Executive Secretary acknowledged global challenges and pledged support, inviting ANAYD to contribute to strategic planning.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, healthcare professionals, and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

The BenSACA team included the PRO and Adolescent Reproductive Health Desk Officer, Acting Executive Secretary, Accountant, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Head of Admin, and Mental Health Desk Officer. The ANAYD team included the KP Secretariat, APYIN, NYNETHA, CiSHAN, and EVA.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness among 8 management staff of Benue State AIDS Control Agency on improved policies, enhanced collaboration, and ultimately better support system for AYPs in their diversity in accessibility and inclusivity of services in the state.
- BenSACA promised to increase resource allocation for AYP programs in the state by directly involving ANAYD and other young people organizations to participate in her forthcoming annual operational/strategic plan development.

Lessons Learned

For long term sustainability of programs and policies, ensuring that service delivery for AYPs are enduring and adaptable to evolving needs.

Table 13: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with BenSACA

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	7	5	12
Total	7	5	12

2.2.5 Advocacy Visit to the National Human Rights Commission, Benue State

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the National Human Rights Commission on the 24th of January 2024. Mr. Joseph Wanshe, Chief Investigation Officer of the Benue State NHRC, welcomed ANAYD on behalf of the commission, expressing solidarity with their mission to uphold human rights. He emphasized the commission's commitment to justice, equity, and dignity for all, aligning with ANAYD's objectives.

ANAYD's State Program Officer outlined the purpose of the visit and acknowledged the commission's role in protecting the rights of adolescents and young people (AYPs) in diverse communities. He also briefed the NHRC on the progress of the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population Friendly Public Healthcare Services project in Benue. He highlighted concerns raised by AYPs regarding rights violations and urged the commission to advocate for policy changes to safeguard the rights of AYPs, especially key populations (KPs).

In response, the NHRC committed to collaborating with ANAYD and its network members to address rights violations. Specific commitments included:

- Sharing a database of youth network members with the commission for regular engagement.
- Training a dedicated desk officer to handle human rights violations among AYPs.
- Establishing a 24-hour state response phone number for reporting cases.
- Proposing quarterly meetings between the commission and ANAYD's network representatives to discuss reported cases and strategies.

The ANAYD SPO appreciated the NHRC's readiness to collaborate and pledged to provide contact details of network members. He urged the commission to maintain open communication for future collaboration and support.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, healthcare professionals, and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

They include Key Population Network, Association of Positive Youth Living with HIV in Nigeria, National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS Population and Development, NYNETHA, Civil Society Network on HIV/AIDS (CiSHAN).

Lessons Learned

Collaboration opportunities between ANAYD and NHRC in potential areas of joint initiatives in recognizing any human rights barriers and challenges faced and developing strategies to overcome these obstacles.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness among Staff and management of the National Human Rights Commission in Benue State on improved rights policies, enhanced collaboration, and ultimately better support system for AYPs in their diversity in accessibility and inclusivity of healthcare services in the state
- Increased collaboration, shared commitments to human rights initiatives, improved communication channels, and a clear plan and cooperation between the Human rights office and all parties involved in the human rights response were established

Table 14: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with Benue NHRC

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	6	2	8
Total	6	2	8

2.2.6 Advocacy Visit to the Ministry of Health and Human Services, Benue State

• Overview

The ANAYD team visited the Ministry of Health and Human Services on the 24th of January 2024. Mr. Aondowase Apinega, Adolescents and Sexual Reproductive Health Desk Officer of the Ministry, expressed gratitude to ANAYD for prioritizing the health of young people in Benue state. He assured the ministry's support to complement ANAYD's programs.

The ANAYD SPO briefed the Ministry on the progress of the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population Friendly Public Healthcare Services project in Benue. He highlighted issues identified during consultations with AYPs regarding access to healthcare services, including stigma, inadequate knowledge among healthcare workers, economic empowerment, human rights violations, and lack of psychosocial support services.

The Adolescent and Sexual Reproductive Health officer requested that ANAYD forward a list of activities and a budget to address the identified challenges. This would enable the ministry to incorporate them into its annual work plan.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, healthcare professionals, and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

They include Key Population Network, Association of Positive Youth Living with HIV in Nigeria, National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS Population and Development, NYNETHA, Civil Society Network on HIV/AIDS (CiSHAN).

Lessons Learned

- Collaboration opportunities between ANAYD and the Ministry are key in addressing potential areas of joint initiatives in recognizing non-discriminatory healthcare services to AYPs in their diversities in the state.

Table 15: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with Benue NHRC

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	5	2	7
Total	5	2	7

2.3.1 One-Day Project Introductory Meeting

• Overview

The meeting took place on the 15th of November, 2023 in Kaduna State. Mrs. Sakinat provided an overview of the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria. She highlighted the project's goals, including promoting access to non-discriminatory healthcare services for AYPs and strengthening healthcare workers' capacity. She emphasized the project's focus on key populations and human-centered design principles.

Representatives from various organizations expressed support for the project and their commitment to addressing stigma, discrimination, and improving healthcare access for key populations. In conclusion, the meeting underscored the critical importance of the project in addressing HIV/AIDS prevalence among adolescents and young people in Nigeria. The collaborative efforts of stakeholders and the implementation of innovative approaches will be pivotal in achieving the project's objectives and improving healthcare access for key populations.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD) by November 2023.

Lessons Learned

- To capture the AYPs in IDPs in the initiative.
- There are key population that lacks knowledge about how to access health service providers.

Outcomes

- Improved collaboration between government, partners and ANAYD.

Participants

They include KP secretariat, APYIN, Media, GIWAC, NHRC, ASHWAN, KADSACA, and AYP/KP in all their diversities.

Recommendation

- Continuous advocacy to key stakeholders towards achieving and improving access, availability, appropriateness, and affordability of holistic health services for PWID, FSW, and LGBTQI+ persons.
- Capacity building in addressing language that can cause stigma.

Table 16: Breakdown of Participants at the Project Introductory Meeting in Kaduna

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	5	2	7

2.3.2 Consultation Meeting on Key Population-Friendly Healthcare Services

- **Overview**

The consultation meeting took place in Kaduna on November 7, 2023. Ms. Elizabeth Musa, ANAYD SPO initiated the meeting, stating its objective to enhance key population-friendly public healthcare services in Nigeria with support from ISDAO. The approach integrates Human Center Design principles to influence knowledge and behavioral change positively. Ms. Agnes Dogara, Project Lead emphasized the importance of diverse key population experiences in shaping advocacy messages and building healthcare worker capacities.

Mr. Amos from KADSACA stressed the significance of garnering buy-in from stakeholders, particularly the Commissioner for Human Service & Social Development, to address key population concerns. He highlighted the need for both demand and supply-side stakeholders to understand rights, privileges, and relevant laws during advocacy. The participants were divided into 4 groups to identify issues affecting the access of KP to healthcare services in the state and propose solutions.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Participants

KADSACA, Ministry of Health, Network Partner, AYPIN and KP, KIEHEE

Recommendations

Review meetings with AYPs should be done at least once in two quarters to know the impact of the project thus far, and new strategies to deploy.

Table 17: Issues Identified and Solutions Proposed in Kaduna State

Group	Issues Identified	Solutions Proposed
One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination and stigmatization by healthcare providers • Mental health challenges (depression and suicide) • Gender-based violence • Lack of confidentiality • Lack of enough healthcare workers • Lack of support for young KPs who face GBV • Lack of deliverables • Denial of FP services to AGYW • Lack of youth-friendly centers in some facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare providers should be friendly in terms of rendering services, no matter their sexual orientation and gender identity • Presence of a psychologist for mental health services • Efforts should be put in place in terms of rendering GBV irrespective of their sexual orientation and gender identity • The government should employ enough healthcare workers • FP services should be made available • Youth-friendly centers should be prioritized by the government/ donors
Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stigma and discrimination from healthcare providers due to their sexual orientation. • Limited access to inclusive healthcare services • Lack of confidentiality • Unresponsiveness to gender based violence victims • Lack of safe space for KP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization and awareness of public health sector • Safe space should be provided in public healthcare facilities for key populations. • Inclusion and visibility of KP in policy review and the voices of the KPs should be heard. • Reporting mechanism for GBV
Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stigma and discrimination • Lack of knowledge and awareness • Limited access to inclusive and comprehensive services • Gender based violence • Socio-cultural factors • Confidentiality issues • Lack of safe space for KP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of healthcare providers against stigma and discrimination • Create awareness using IEC materials • Inclusion of young KPs in decision and policy making • Creating an enabling environment for KPs to report GBV cases and also taking action on cases reported • Educate community and religious leaders • Consistent training for healthcare providers

Table 17: Issues Identified and Solutions Proposed in Kaduna State

Group	Issues Identified	Solutions Proposed
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of confidentiality • Stigmatization and discrimination • Lack of knowledge of healthcare giver • GBV – health care givers sometimes embarrass KPs, most especially the FSW • HIV & STI prevention – when KPs go for treatment (STI & HIV) health care givers sometimes refuse to attend to them, because of their peculiarities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health caregivers should be trained monthly on the confidentialities of KPs • A safe space should be set aside for KPs in all facilities, if not they should be referred to a one-stop-shop (OSS), for young KPs to easily access care.

Outcomes

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for Adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs, and YPLWD).
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth network/organization members for continued advocacy engagement.

Challenges

- Participants' lateness caused the meeting to begin later than planned.

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Table 18: Breakdown of Participants at the Consultation Meeting on Key Population-Friendly Healthcare Services in Kaduna State

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	17	16	33
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW		10	10
AYPLHIV	3	3	6
YLPWD	3		3
YFSW	NA	4	4
YMSM	4	NA	4
YPWID	1	1	2
YLGBTQI	2		2
Age of Beneficiaries			
15 – 19 years		1	1
20 – 24 years	1	2	3
25+	13	16	29

2.3.3 Training of Healthcare Workers on Youth-Friendly and KP Service Delivery

- **Overview**

The training took place on the 18th - 19th December, 2023 at Barnawa, Kaduna State. The training commenced with Ms. Elizabeth Musa, Kaduna SPO welcoming participants to discuss the Network Initiative to Improve Key Population Access to Public Healthcare Service in Nigeria project which aims to enhance healthcare access for adolescents and young people (AYP) in the state.

The training had the facilitators enlighten the participants on several topics, as follows:

- Gender and sexual diversity, emphasizing the importance of respecting differences to foster inclusivity in healthcare.
- HIV epidemic and human rights, stressing the need for a rights-based approach in HIV/AIDS response.
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights, highlighting the importance of prioritizing sexual health for all individuals.
- HIV Anti-Stigma and Discrimination Act of 2014, aimed at safeguarding the rights and dignity of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The meeting concluded with Ms. Elizabeth Musa expressing gratitude to the participants and emphasizing the importance of applying the knowledge gained in their respective organizations.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.
- To strengthen the capacity of health care workers on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly, and non-discriminatory services to AYPs in their diversities.
- To strengthen alliances with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals, and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

The participants include healthcare workers, government representatives, network members, and the KP secretariat.

Outcomes

- 18 health care workers were selected across 4 geographical areas and trained on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly, and non-discriminatory services for adolescents and young people in their diversities (AGYW, AYPLHIV, YLGBTQI+, YKPs and YPLWD).
- ANAYD strengthened its alliance with government, youth network/organization members, stakeholders from SASCP, APYIN, and ANAYD network partners to ensure seamless project implementation in Kaduna State.
- 22 AYPs in their diversities were consulted to identify issues hindering AYPs from accessing health care services in health facilities.

Recommendations

- More of this training should be carried out quarterly to ensure health providers workers acquire more knowledge in Kaduna state.
- This training should also be captured in the remote area of Kaduna to achieve our goals.

Table 19: Breakdown of Participants at the Healthcare Workers Training in Kaduna

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	15	14	29
Total	15	14	29

2.3.4 Advocacy Visit to Kaduna State AIDS Control Agency

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the Kaduna State AIDS Control Agency on the 24th of January, 2024. Dr. Saed Zakariah Mohammad, Director of Stakeholders Coordination at KADSACA, welcomed the ANAYD team led by Elizabeth Musa, Kaduna SPO. Elizabeth expressed gratitude for the support received from KADSACA in implementing the project aimed at improving key population-friendly public healthcare services in Nigeria, supported by ISDAO.

She highlighted the challenges faced by key populations (KPs) in accessing healthcare and the importance of spreading awareness among stakeholders. Dr. Saed emphasized the need to maximize resources and ensure the dissemination of knowledge gained from training sessions. He pledged KADSACA's commitment to integrating the initiative into their strategic plan and requested support for their needle and syringe programming. Dr. Amos thanked KADSACA for their reception and expressed the intention to incorporate their suggestions into the project plan to enhance its impact.

Objectives

- Advocacy to KADSACA on issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Recommendations

- Dr. Saed implored the ANAYD team to pay advocacy to the gatekeepers of society so as to get their buy-in.

Outcomes

- ANAYD and its network partners paid advocacy to KADSACA to congratulate the new ES and discuss issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified with the AYP during consultation.

Participants

The ANAYD and KADSACA team.

Table 20: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with KADSACA

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	7	3	10
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	3	2	5
AYPLHIV	1		1
YFSW	NA	1	1
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	7	3	10

2.3.5 Advocacy Visit to Kaduna State National Human Rights Commission

• Overview

The ANAYD team visited the Kaduna State National Human Rights Commission on the 22nd of February, 2024. Ms. Madaki Khadija, the PIO welcomed the ANAYD team. Ms. Elizabeth Musa, the State Program Officer, outlined ANAYD's activities and projects, emphasizing their collaboration with NHRC as a key partner. She provided an overview of the current project aimed at promoting inclusivity and human rights in healthcare settings, particularly for adolescents and young people. She highlighted challenges faced by adolescents and young people, including discrimination, mental health issues, gender-based violence, and a lack of confidentiality.

The project, which began in December 2023, involved introductory, consultation, and healthcare provider training meetings. Dr. Amos stressed the importance of protecting and ensuring the safety of key populations (KPs), emphasizing the need for unhindered access to healthcare services without discrimination. Mr. Nanle John suggested prioritizing orientation regarding sexuality, while Mrs. Khadija Madaki proposed advocacy visits to familiarize NHRC staff with KP activities. In closing, Mr. Nanle John expressed NHRC's full support, and Ms. Elizabeth thanked everyone for their participation and reception.

Objectives

- Advocacy to NHRC on issues hindering KP health care services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation

Recommendations

- Transport allowances for advocacy visits need to be reviewed to reflect the current economic situation.

Participants

- The ANAYD and NHRC teams.

Table 21: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with Kaduna NHRC

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	8	4	12
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	6	4	10
AYPLHIV	1		1
YLGBTQI	1		1
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	8	4	12

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2.3.6 Advocacy Visit to the State AIDS and STI Control Program Office, Ministry of Health, Kaduna

• Overview

The ANAYD team visited the State AIDS and STI Control Program Office, Ministry of Health, Kaduna on the 21st of February, 2024. Ms. Elizabeth Musa, SPO provided an overview of ANAYD's activities and projects, including the current project and its partners. She expressed gratitude for the agency's support and solicited further collaboration.

The director of SASCAP thanked ANAYD for the visit and assured full support with emphasis placed on the need for advocacy against discrimination targeting young key populations (YKPs) and marginalized communities. Also, Hajiya Zainab Shehu, the Coordinator of SASCAP, highlighted the importance of legal support for KPs and marginalized groups, along with community awareness to foster acceptance. She advised ANAYD to engage with community and religious leaders for strengthened partnerships.

Objectives

- Advocacy to SASCP on issues hindering KP healthcare services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Recommendations

- Community advocacy to identify with religious and traditional leaders in the state is important.
- More advocacy to other stakeholders.

Outcomes

- ANAYD and her network team paid advocacy to SASCP to discuss issues hindering KP healthcare services in the state as identified during the AYP consultation.

Participants

The ANAYD and SASCP teams.

Table 22: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with Kaduna SASCP

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	4	2	6
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	3	2	5
AYPLHIV	1		1
YFSW	1		1
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	4	2	6

2.3.7 ICASA Conference Virtual Event in Kaduna State

- **Overview**

The event took place between the 4th -9th of December, 2023 at the AIDS Foundation, Kaduna. Ms. Elizabeth Musa, the ANAYD SPO for Kaduna commenced the event by setting ground rules. Day one featured several panel sessions that focused on the significance of storytelling in advocacy, challenges faced by key populations in healthcare services, and biomedical interventions for HIV prevention among key populations. Below are the key points:

- Storytelling is vital for advocacy.
- Challenges affecting KP access to healthcare services include lack of awareness, stigma, discrimination, human rights violations, and sexual harassment.
- Biomedical interventions and advocacy plans are essential for healthcare service improvement.
- Monitoring and evaluation of key population interventions are crucial.

Day two sessions included discussions on the role of policies in HIV self-testing implementation, innovative tools for advocacy campaign planning, education investments for HIV prevention, and the impact of COVID-19 on people living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. Below are the key points:

- Social media and influencers play crucial roles in promoting HIV self-testing.
- The SPARC and COMPASS monitoring and evaluation models facilitate effective advocacy planning and evaluation.
- Education and empowerment are essential for AGYW to make informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health rights.
- The COVID-19 pandemic had diverse impacts on the quality of life, income, and HIV treatment adherence among people living with HIV.

The participants shared their key takeaways from the panel sessions that were held during the ICASA conference over the course of two days. They include:

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- Engaging young people in decision-making processes is crucial.
- Everyone deserves equal access to healthcare services without discrimination.
- Young key populations and AGYW are vulnerable to gender-based violence and require support.
- Advocacy is vital for addressing health challenges.
- Storytelling is a powerful tool in advocacy campaigns.
- Education and information sharing empower AGYW to make informed decisions about SRHR.
- Investment in advocacy and education yields positive outcomes in healthcare initiatives.
- Education should extend beyond schools to platforms like social media to reach AGYW effectively.

Challenges

- A major issue was the ICASA conference organizers not airing most of the sessions live, as this made us unable to join some interesting sessions that aligned with our advocacy interests.
- We were unable to get English translations for some of the sessions.

Recommendations

- Conference organizers should look into ensuring that all sessions are aired live for those joining virtually.
- Technical checks should be done on the conference website before the commencement of the conference.

Participants

AYPs and KPs in their diversities.

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Outcomes

- Best practices are shared and strengthen partner relations with international communities.

Lessons Learned

- Best practices are shared and strengthen partner relations with international communities.

Table 23: Breakdown of Participants at the ICASA Conference Virtual Event in Kaduna

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	12	11	23
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW	2	4	6
AYPLHIV	2	1	3
YLPWD	1		1
YMSM	3	NA	3
ANAYD/SM Influencers	4	2	6
YLGBTQI	1	3	4
Age of Beneficiaries			
20 – 24 years	7	9	16
25+	5	2	7

2.4.1 One-Day Project Introductory Meeting in Rivers State

- **Overview**

The meeting took place on the 17th of November, 2023 at the Mass Central Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Udofia Edem, the state program officer of ANAYD, welcomed stakeholders and solicited their contributions and support for the project. Dr. Naziga Francis, representing the Rivers State Agency for the Control of AIDS, emphasized the importance of a comprehensive approach to addressing the health needs of adolescents and young people (AYPs) and advocated for community-level human rights interventions.

Mrs. Caroline Ekwe, representing the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board expressed gratitude for involving the board in the project and pledged their support. Mrs. Rejoice Sunday from the Association of Positive Youths in Nigeria, Rivers State branch, stressed the significance of stigma-free services for AYPs and assured full support for the project. Mrs. Chima Alimole from the National Human Rights Commission highlighted the commission's role in mitigating human rights violations and pledged collaboration despite some limitations.

Mr. Aondoakaa Lubem, representing the Executive Director of ANAYD, provided an overview of the organization, project objectives, timeline, and expected outcomes. During the questions and answers session, stakeholders inquired about the number of health workers to be trained, geographical coverage, and services provided for referrals and coordination. Mr. Lubem responded to each question in detail, mentioning that 22 health workers per state would be trained, with a focus on specific LGAs based on youth-friendly activities and community hotspots. He also outlined ANAYD's coordination of advocacy plans and strategies.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.

Participants

KP Secretariat, RIVSACA, RIVSASCP, RSPHCMB, NHRC, international implementing partners, ANAYD network members, and AYP/KP in their diversities.

Outcomes

- Government stakeholders, including RIVSACA, RIVSASCP, RSPHCMB, NHRC, International Implementing partners and ANAYD network members, were officially briefed on the project's expected outcome

Recommendations

- According to SACA, community level paralegal training should be conducted to equip the community with access to information, informed decision-making mechanism, negotiation/mediation skills, and paralegal services to help curb health related issues in the community.

Lessons Learned

- A more comprehensive approach in collaborating with government stakeholders when dealing with health-related issues of AYPs in their diversities.
- Time management and strategic innovative ideas for project objectives is key to government stakeholders.

Table 24: Breakdown of Participants at the Project Introductory Meeting in Kaduna

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	8	5	13
Total	8	5	13

2.4.2 Consultation Meeting on Key Population-Friendly Healthcare Services in Rivers State

• Overview

The consultation meeting took place on the 29th of November, 2023 at the Mass Central Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Udozia Edem, the state program officer of ANYAD, welcomed stakeholders and emphasized the importance of their contributions and support. Udozia presented an overview of the project objectives, which included promoting access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people (AYPs) in their diversities, strengthening the capacity of healthcare workers, and enhancing alliances with relevant stakeholders for advocacy engagements. The strategies to achieve these objectives were outlined, including promoting access to services, capacity building for healthcare workers, and strengthening alliances.

The group session, facilitated by Miss Chiamaka Ugwu, focused on identifying needs and issues hindering access to integrated health services. The issues identified as a high burden in the community was insufficient condom and lubricant for HIV/AIDS prevention and lack of well trained health workers in providing SRH services to LGBTQIA community. This issues formed part of ANAYD advocacy message to stakeholders in the state.

Objectives

- To promote access to non-discriminatory and integrated health services for adolescents and young people in their diversities.

Outcomes

- AYPs in their diversities had one day consultation meeting to discuss challenges in assessing health care services in the state.

Recommendations

- The participants recommended a representative of the LGBTQIA community in the advocacy plan of the organization for effective follow-up and feedback to the community.

Participants

AYP and KPs in their diversities.

Table 25: Breakdown of Participants at the Consultation Meeting on Key Population-Friendly Healthcare Services in Rivers State

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	18	14	32
Groups Reached			
ABYM/AGYW		3	3
AYPLHIV	2	2	4
YFSW	NA	7	7
YMSM	6	NA	6
YPWID	3		3
YLGBTQI	4		4
Age of Beneficiaries			
15 – 19 years	6	4	10
20 – 24 years	9	8	17
25+	3	2	5

2.4.3 Training of HealthCare Workers on Youth-Friendly and KP Service Delivery

- **Overview**

The training took place on the 25th - 26th January 2024 at the Emerald Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. The training began with Mr. Udofia Edem, the State Program Officer, presenting an overview of the project objectives and expected outcomes. Afterwards, Dr. Edewor Uformia, representing the SMOH, delivered opening remarks, expressing gratitude for the organization's support and emphasizing the importance of the training. Goodwill messages were received from various stakeholders, including the State Agency for the Control of AIDS and the National Human Rights Commission.

The training had the facilitators enlighten the participants on several topics, as follows:

- Creating an inclusive healthcare environment
- Understanding health rights and responsibilities
- Challenging HIV stigma and discrimination
- HIV self-testing, delivery approaches, and distribution models
- Health literacy in healthcare and effective communication skills

Role-plays were conducted to demonstrate communication techniques when providing services to diverse groups. Participants shared their experiences and lessons learned, including understanding the needs of key populations and improving communication skills. A demonstration on using HIV self-testing kits was provided.

Objectives

- To strengthen the capacity of health care workers on providing accurate, comprehensive, friendly and non-discriminatory services to AYPs in their diversities.

Participants

The participants include RIVSACA, SMOH, NHRC, and health care workers.

Outcomes

- 20 healthcare workers were selected in health facilities and trained on providing friendly health related services to AYPs in their diversities.

Recommendations

- Participants recommended that the training be considered in other parts of the state, as there were only 20 of them in attendance.

Challenges

- Several participants expressed discomfort with the level of transport reimbursement, citing concerns related to the training's location in the state capital.

Table 26: Breakdown of Participants at the Healthcare Workers Training on Key Population-Friendly Healthcare Services in Rivers State

	Male	Female	Total
No of beneficiaries	6	25	31
Total	6	25	31

2.4.4 Advocacy Visit to Rivers State AIDS Control Agency

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the Rivers State AIDS Control Agency on the 30th of January, 2024. The aim of the advocacy visit was to strengthen alliances with key stakeholders in combating HIV/AIDS and ensuring non-discriminatory healthcare services for AYPs in their diversities in Rivers State. Positive feedback was received from RIVSACA, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS issues. Key outcomes from the advocacy included increased awareness of HIV/AIDS among stakeholders, stronger alliances with RIVSACA, and actionable plans for monitoring healthcare providers in public facilities for future implementation. The advocacy visit successfully achieved its objective, and RIVSACA will continue fostering partnerships towards an AIDS-free Rivers State.

Objectives

- To strengthen alliance with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

The ANAYD and RIVSACA team

Table 27: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with RIVSACA

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	4	2	6
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	4	2	6

Recommendations

- Routine monitoring of health care workers in public facilities should be prioritized for effective uptake of services by AYPs in their diversities.

Outcomes

- AYPs in their diversities, had the opportunity to meet with the SACA Program Manager for Rivers State to discuss.

2.4.5 Advocacy Visit to Rivers State AIDS/STI Control Programme

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the Rivers State AIDS/STI Control Programme on the 23rd of February, 2024. The State Coordinator for RIVSASCP, Mrs. Ufoma Edewor, applauded the ANAYD for successfully conducting the health worker training and reiterated the agency's commitment to provide support and collaboration. She added that they have put in place measures to combat the prevalence of stigma and discrimination faced by AYPs in their diversities when accessing healthcare services. In addition, a desk officer has been provided to monitor, mitigate, and address any concerns raised. She implored ANAYD to develop a referral process, as this will guide feedback and help them identify gaps for improvement.

Objectives

- To strengthen alliance with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Participants

The ANAYD and RIVSASCP team

Table 28: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with RIVSASCP

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	3	3	6
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	3	3	6

Recommendations

- Routine monitoring of health care workers in public facilities should be prioritized for effective uptake of services by AYPs in their diversities.

Outcomes

- AYPs in their diversities had the opportunity to meet with the RIVSASCP Program Manager for Rivers State to strengthen alliances for continued advocacy.

2.4.6 Advocacy Visit to Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board

- **Overview**

The ANAYD team visited the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board on the 27th of February, 2024. During the advocacy visit, Dr. Caroline Igwe, representing the primary health care board inquired about the project's next steps and its duration which included the two days of healthcare workers training. During the advocacy visit, the discussion addressed the need for staff training documentation, ongoing progress updates, and proper project documentation for partners. Dr. Igwe expressed satisfaction with the project's continuity plan.

Objectives

- To strengthen alliance with relevant government stakeholders, health care professionals and youth networks/organizations for continued advocacy engagements.

Outcomes

- AYPs in their diversities, had the opportunity to meet with the RSPHCMB to strengthen the alliance for continued advocacy.

Participants

The ANAYD and RSPHCMB teams.

Table 29: Breakdown of Participants at the Advocacy Meeting with RSPHCMB

	Male	Female	Total
No of Beneficiaries	4	2	6
Age of Beneficiaries			
25+	4	2	6

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- **Overview**

ANAYD implemented a 4-month social media campaign from November 2023 - February 2024 across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. They leveraged social media platforms, 11 social media influencers, and the communication team to foster awareness, inclusivity, and accessibility to improve public healthcare for AYPs and KPs in all their diversities in Nigeria. The project hashtag used was (#InclusiveHealth4AYPs) for easy search and access for analysis and insights on the effectiveness of the campaign.

Table 30: Analytical Statistics and Reach

	LIKES	IMPRESSIONS	FOLLOWERS
NOVEMBER 2023			
FACEBOOK	12	349	1
INSTAGRAM	17	105	6
TWITTER	97	1792	6
DECEMBER 2023			
FACEBOOK	82	484	17
INSTAGRAM	266	1237	19
TWITTER	2,454,655	6,029,688	29
JANUARY 2024			
FACEBOOK	79	579	2
INSTAGRAM	121	1421	10
TWITTER	2,521,931	6,239,912	17
FEBRUARY 2024			
FACEBOOK	266	529	4
INSTAGRAM	280	4122	48
TWITTER	2,672,894	7,099,859	20
TOTAL	7,650,700	19,380,077	179

Recommendations

- Program officers should encourage participants to engage on our posts and follow us on all social media platforms, as this is important to boost the visibility of the project.
- Sponsored Ads (Posts) should be done on the major posts to boost engagement.
- Program officers should send properly lit pictures, and contents that tell a story.

Conclusion

Leveraging social media as a tool for advocacy and awareness can significantly contribute to the success of the project and the team as a whole. It is crucial to adapt to evolving trends, refine communication strategies, and foster community participation.

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3.1 List of Project Team and Staff

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2. Project Lead	Agnes Dogara
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4. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Lubem Aondoakaa
5. Assistant Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Ayobami Afape
6. Finance Officer	Danladi Alih Onuh
7. Communication Officer	Joshua Adeboye
8. Assistant communication officer	Anthonia Umenwobi
9. Anambra State Program Officer	Juliet Ifechukwu
10. Benue State Program officer	Pius Peter
11. Kaduna State Program Officer	Elizabeth Musa
12. Rivers State Program Officer	Udofia Edem

3.2 List of Media Publications

- <https://newspathfinder.com/2023/11/18/experts-call-for-protection-welfare-and-rights-of-adolescents/?amp=1>
- <https://newspathfinder.com/2023/12/02/anayd-holds-one-day-consultation-with-ayps-in-their-diversities-in-anambra/?amp=1>
- "https://newspathfinder.com/2024/01/22/anayd-two-day-training-for-healthcare-workers-on-inclusivity-begins-in-awka/
- <https://newspathfinder.com/2024/01/29/anayd-training-ends-in-awka-with-a-call-for-establishment-of-youth-friendly-health-centers-lgas/?amp=1>

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THANK YOU



In conclusion, the **Network Initiative to Improve Key Population-Friendly Public Healthcare Services in Nigeria** project has made significant strides in addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic among adolescents and young people. Through stakeholder engagement, barrier identification, training, advocacy, and a social media campaign, access to non-discriminatory healthcare services has been promoted across four states in Nigeria. Sustaining these efforts will require continued partnerships and collective action to ensure a safer, more inclusive environment for all.



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