

Creating Stronger Synergies Between Youth and Civil Society to Increase Access to Reproductive Health Information and Services

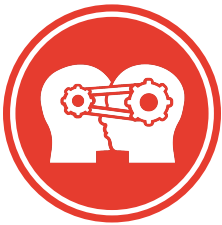
Why use this approach?

TCI supports government to create stronger synergies with civil society organizations (CSOs), which facilitate adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) implementation and access at the state, local and community levels. These CSOs lead in addressing issues of cultural, religious and political barriers while creating demand and linking adolescents and youth to information and services.



STEP 1: Identify and select CSOs to implement AYSRH

activities through expression of interest and request for application. The Adolescent Health and Development Officer (AHDO) and TCI review the submissions based on set criteria and the best applications are selected after an on-site validation, which covers technical expertise, organizational systems and structure.



STEP 2: Provide ongoing coaching and mentorship

support to selected CSOs. TCI, with the state and local government offers orientation and training to the selected CSOs on AYSRH, as well as mentoring/coaching and on-the-job training.



STEP 3: Implement the program

at the CSOs at the state, local and community levels. Engage with policymakers, technocrats, program implementers and community leaders to address issues of cultural and political barriers, social norms around AYSRH while creating demand and linking adolescents and youth to information and services. Specifically, they conduct outreaches, in-reaches, mobilization, referral services and intergenerational dialogues.



STEP 4: Provide continuous supervision and monitoring

through the AHDO, who is primarily responsible for the coordination, implementation and monitoring of the state's Adolescent and Youth Health Development (AYHD) workplan. As members of the State Technical Working Group on Adolescent and Young People's Health and Development (STWGAYHD), the CSOs actively participate in meetings, including those related to workplan review and development.