

Encouraging Meaningful Youth Engagement in Local Government Areas for Reproductive Health Advocacy

Why use this approach?

The Life Planning for Adolescents and Youth (LPAY) Ambassadors approach encourages youth engagement, participation and inclusivity into the governance and community structures at the State and local government areas levels to ensure that youth's reproductive health needs are prioritized and implemented within the broader reproductive health program.



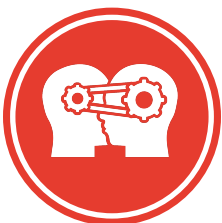
STEP 1: Identify and select potential LPAY Ambassadors

through the Adolescent Health and Development Officer (AHDO) position at the State Ministry of Health/Primary Health Care Development Agency/Board. As TCI's primary contact for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) issues, the AHDO sends out a call for applications through youth organizations and networks and successful candidates are selected based on a set criteria.



STEP 2: Orient LPAY Ambassadors

through an orientation meeting to clarify their roles and responsibilities and introduce them to existing state structures. LPAY Ambassadors are expected to participate in community outreaches, facilitate intergenerational dialogues within the community and generally represent the interests and needs of youth at local, state and national levels. Introduce the Ambassadors to TCI University to increase their knowledge about family planning and AYSRH and the corresponding proven interventions.



STEP 3: Provide continuous coaching

to empower LPAY Ambassadors to promote youth reproductive health. TCI facilitates an LPAY Ambassadors WhatsApp group, which allows TCI and the AHDO to remain in constant contact with the youth ambassadors and fosters peer-to-peer exchange. The WhatsApp group also provides a platform to conduct regularly scheduled virtual coaching sessions, share event announcements and grant opportunities, and interact with family planning experts in mentorship relationships to equip them with skills and resources for their lives and careers.