

Ensuring Coordination and Efficiency for Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health

Why use this approach?

The State Technical Working Group on Adolescent and Young People's Health and Development (STWGAYHD) is a critical platform for ensuring coordination and efficient use of limited resources for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health programming. It can assist in monitoring activity implementation and sharing results with government leadership.



STEP 1: Assess whether there is an Adolescent Health and Development Officer (AHDO)

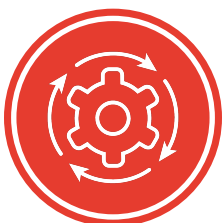
prior to establishing an STWGAYHD. This is because the Adolescent Desk Unit of the SMOH/SPHCDA/B is the secretariat of the TWG based on the National Policy on the Health & Development of Adolescents & Young People. TCI supports the state in this effort by advocating for the importance of the desk officer position, as well as pointing out the significance of this role in light of evidence detailing the needs of adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing in the state.



STEP 2: Assess and build capacity of AHDO

to lead and coordinate all adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health activities in the state. Orient the AHDO in:

- coordinating all adolescent health and wellbeing activities in the state
- establishing a STWGAYHD with multisectoral representation
- Ensuring funding of AYSRH in all line ministries and agencies
- Identifying activities that will develop the health and wellbeing of adolescents and youth



STEP 3: Establish and operationalize STWGAYHD

by identifying relevant persons in the various line ministries and departments that are responsible for adolescent and youth programming. Once in place, the STWGAYHD holds a meeting to ensure effective coordination among adolescent health and development programs throughout the state by reviewing what all stakeholders are doing and identify bottlenecks that they can address more effectively.