

## b. National Standards for Adolescent Friendly Health Services

The Philippines adopts four national standards for the provision of Adolescent-Friendly Health Services. The four quality standards for provision of Adolescent-Friendly Health Services (AFHS) were developed to ensure that adolescents will be able to enjoy a variety of facilities, goods, services and conditions necessary to realize the highest attainable standard of health. These standards are in line with the WHO's criteria for Adolescent-Friendly Health Services, and with the policy documents that exist in the country. These standards will also apply to health services that address the needs of youth.

<b>Standard 1</b>	Adolescents in the catchment area of the facility are aware about the health services it provides and find the health facility easy to reach and obtain services from it.
<b>Standard 2</b>	The services provided by health facilities to adolescents are in line with the accepted package of health services and are provided on site or through referral linkages by well-trained staff effectively.
<b>Standard 3</b>	The health services are provided in ways that respect the rights of adolescents and their privacy and confidentiality. Adolescents find surroundings and procedures of the health facility appealing and acceptable.
<b>Standard 4</b>	An enabling environment exists in the community for adolescents to seek and utilize the health services that they need and for the health care providers to provide the needed services.