



Small advocacy Grant Opportunity on Sexual reproductive Health and Rights advocacy among young people in Africa

Introduction

www.afnhi.org youth cohort is a membership platform for young people hosted under AfNHi membership. The platform hosts young people between the ages of 18-30 years, from East, central, west and South Africa. Countries currently represented: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Through a competitive application process, with over 650 applications, the first AfNHi youth cohort was formed, composed of young African leaders below the age of 24 years across Africa. AfNHi youth cohort champions and advocates for Governments' investments in health and HIV research and development with a focus on reducing new HIV infections among young people.

Following the creation of the AfNHi Youth Cohort, induction and training were conducted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training offered skills development including leadership, communication skills, information and advocacy skills, and HIV prevention research advocacy knowledge.

AfNHi Youth Cohort enabled a platform for dialogue on SRHR and COVID-19 among young people in Africa. Through partnerships with other Youth-led movements such as Ready4UHC, Youth4UHC, Global Network of Young People Living with HIV and HER Voice, running three successful Youth webinars on SRHR and COVID-19.

AfNHi in collaboration with AVAC through the Coalition to Support and Accelerate Prevention Research (CASPR) project is seeking applications from the Youth Cohort members to Influence Policy In their Countries to Mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). The small grants amounting to USD \$1000 – \$1,500 for activities meant to influence policy. AfNHi Youth Cohort in this initiative will lead Youth engagement in social mobilization campaigns and actively mobilize young people to support civil society action in targeted countries in line with AfNHi priority campaign issues.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be above 18 years
 - Have a bank account
 - Be an active member of AfNHi Youth Cohort
 - Be working on or willing to engage in sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at national policy discussions with a youth-focused agenda.
 - Demonstrate experience to mobilize peer groups in your country.
 - This request for applications is only open to Youth Cohort members, no more than one grant will be issued per country.
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Grants requirements

- The small grant must be used to advance SRHR at the country level.
 - Engagement with the Ministry of health, and policymakers' Technical Working group on SRHR within the MOH is a must.
 - Must be implemented within the grant implementation period.
 - A monthly report with pictures must be submitted upon commencement of the grant period.
 - Must consider partnerships with an established SRHR organization locally or regionally.
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How to Apply

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