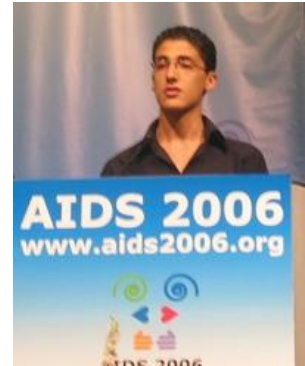


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Ramy, 23, is a medical student who has been working and volunteering in the field of HIV/AIDS for over four years. He started working with International Federation for Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) where he completed a leadership training program. He then worked with Global Youth Partners, where he and his colleagues succeeded in establishing youth-adult partnerships with governmental sectors, private sectors and UN agencies, and securing funds for GYP activities. Ramy attended the UNGASS +5 Review and Youth Summit at the UN in New York, where he presented at a UN Church Center dialogue with high level Church Leaders on controversial AIDS issues and religion, and was also interviewed on UN radio in June 2006.



After successfully completing the GYCA Political Advocacy e-course, Ramy initiated and working on a national advocacy campaign focused on preventing female genital mutilation in Egypt due to its harmful sexual and reproductive health consequences and the risk of HIV infection. The campaign is now supported by the Egyptian National Democratic Party and the Pan Arab Project for Family Health (PAPFAM). The campaign is intended to start with a research phase on a national level and the campaign as a whole will target youth in secondary schools and universities, and involve religious leaders from mosques.

Ramy was a speaker in the XVI International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Toronto at a leadership session where he spoke about connecting youth globally and gave recommendations to youth, civil society and the government. He was a co-facilitator in a pre-conference session named "Intricacies of the Virus.". With GYCA's assistance, Ramy was selected as an Action Partner at the OXFAM International Youth Partnership Kaleidoscope Event in Australia, October 2007, where he attended a series of workshops and sessions about different topics including project management and monitoring techniques, Women and Human Rights and using media for social change.

Ramy participated as a GYCA member in organizing the Isma'eleya Youth Camp in Egypt, December 2006, where GYCA along with many other parties including the Ministry of Health and Population, UN agencies and other different organizations and networks trained 300 young people on HIV/AIDS, where GYCA conducted sessions about gender and advocacy. He worked closely with Siraj and participated as a trainer in a series of Siraj workshops (a project run by Save the Children and sponsored by USAID) aimed at enhancing and promoting leadership between young people. Additionally, he is establishing an internet-based campaign with UNAIDS and other partners in Egypt on issues related to Reproductive and Sexual health especially HIV/AIDS which was launched last December during the World AIDS Day celebrations.

Ramy is working with NWRC, an NGO working on women's rights in Egypt – to establish an Arabic website to increase awareness about sexual health and stimulate free open discussions regarding sexuality and gender in Egyptian communities. He also participated in online consultations moderated by the Population Council on the situation of women in Egypt. Ramy also contributed toward GYCA and Oxfam's project to showcase 12 case studies of innovative, community-level, youth-led HIV/AIDS interventions all over the world.