



MDGs, NEEDS and HIV/AIDS

GLOBAL YOUTH COALITION ON HIV/AIDS IN NIGERIA: WORKSHOP REPORT



Date:
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Venue:
Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria,
1, Victoria Street, Beside Oceanic Bank,
Isolo/Oshodi Council Way, Aswani, Lagos.

GYCA Nigeria

Introduction

The workshop started at about 10:30 am with eighteen (18) participants in attendance and nine online participants. The participant got to introduce themselves by making known their names, organizations they are representing and gave themselves a workshop name for which they would like to be called during the workshop. They also had to explain why that name was chosen and dramatized their explanations.

The workshop was basically organized to learn more on three key issues, which are:

- **Advocacy:** the definition, tools for advocacy, how to advocate and what to advocate for in the community.
- **Gender Advocacy:** the definition, the gender rights to advocate for, gender rights and gender rights deprivation, reproductive and sexual health right and basic fundamental human rights
- **MDGs, NEEDS and HIV/AIDS:** History, value and domestication at National Level for growth, development and sustenance of the Socio-economic Status.

Facilitated by the National Focal Point (Akinbo A. A. Cornerstone) and other co-facilitators, it was an approach to ensure the empowerment of GYCA Members and Lagos Youths within the age gap of fourteen (14) and twenty-four (24).

Workshop Host

The workshop was hosted by Network for Adolescents and Youth of Africa (NAYA) and Saving Lives Nigeria (SALIN), who accommodated all the participants and catered for the launch and dinner at the workshop. The host had their representatives present at the workshop. With adequate supervision and necessary assistance by our host the workshop, was a huge success.

Activities Rundown

The workshop was divided into three sections. Each section was approached from the survey angle (expectation) on what the participants knew to what the current status of the topics were at the moment in Nigeria.

The beginning saw the participant analyze the term Advocacy and its relevant to the state of the nation. The facilitator also introduced the ability to correlate advocacy at the least opportunity. This projected the ability to advocate at community level, in the house, in the school, in the church or the mosque. There was a call to ensure that youths were given a means to pick their point of interest and action.

The next issue was the Gender Advocacy training. Considering the modules available, groups of four was organized to discuss and fashion out reports. Reports on the essences of information were raised. The myopic attitude, cultural biases and religious definitions was held responsible for the state of violence against women. The fundamental human right tools such as reports to the necessary legal arm of the law for redress in an attempt of rape were discussed. It was rounded up on the issue of the right of the men in the society.

The major climax was the third session which participant felt should be addressed with more breakdowns. While Millennium Developmental Goals (MDGs) was related briefly to the NEEDS-2 document and directly to our objective in GYCA, participants were informed on the Abuja Declaration and the need to track, monitor and evaluate funds in the HIV/AIDS exercise in the Country.

Conclusion

It was agreed that a National Work plan be developed to address and ensure the success of the National HIV Test Day proposed for October. Letter writing committees are to be set up with the Research and Communication Committee to make the signature rally a success.

Next Workshop would be in Oyo State, followed by Edo State. Participants were urged to ensure that they are present at the program in June 2009. Date would be announced and the support of Local Government Area Representatives should be sought.

However, a communiqué team was asked to develop and see to it that the Workshop report was made ready before the end of the day. Due to security reason, the convergence to finish the report was moved to the NFP Residence.

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