

YOUTH NETWORK FOR POSITIVE CHANGE (YOUNETPO) FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Executive Summary

This Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 proudly showcases the impactful contributions and sustained commitment of Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO) as a dynamic

Civil Society Organization in Liberia. Throughout the year, YOUNETPO has excelled in its mission, leaving an indelible mark on various programs and initiatives. YOUNETPO's achievements in FY23 underscore its dedication to health system strengthening and service delivery.

The organization successfully engage in sensitive citizens' awareness of existing complaints and commendation mechanisms, fostering a more engaged and informed community. Furthermore, YOUNETPO has championed increased citizen participation in budget processes, promoting transparency and accountability in governance.

A significant focus has also been directed towards advocating for enhanced sexual reproductive health rights for adolescents, contributing to the overall improvement of healthcare services. In the pursuit of these noble goals, YOUNETPO has encountered its fair share of challenges. These obstacles, whether logistical, resource-related, or community-driven, have served as learning opportunities, prompting the organization to refine its strategies for even greater effectiveness in the future.

YOUNETPO recognizes the pivotal role of partnerships in driving positive change. Throughout the year, strategic alliances have been forged with various stakeholders, amplifying the impact of our programs. These partnerships have strengthened YOUNETPO's position as a collaborative force for positive societal transformation. Aligned with our thematic areas of focus — Education, Health, Governance, and Environment — YOUNETPO has made a lasting impact in Montserrado,

Nimba, Bong, and Grand Bassa Counties. The organization's multifaceted approach has contributed to holistic community development, emphasizing the interconnectedness of these crucial sectors. This FY23 Annual Report summarizes a year of dedication, resilience, and positive change. As we reflect on our achievements, confront challenges, and build meaningful partnerships, the essence of our impact shines through, affirming our commitment to a brighter future for Liberia.





Dr. Nathaniel T. Blama Sr,
Board Chairman

Happy New Year!

We extend gratitude to our esteemed partners and stakeholders for your continued support, and to our dedicated management team and staff for the many efforts you have made to ensure that we continue to make an indelible impact on the communities that we serve which contribute towards achieving our mission and vision.

We are pleased to share with you an update on the annual progress of our unique organization; Youth Network for Positive Change – YOUNETPO. In 2023, our annual funding portfolio increased by 14.32% as compared to 8.12% for 2021. The support that you continue to give us has empowered us to facilitate actions and collaborate to drive positive changes across Liberia irrespective of culture, status, religion, and sexual orientation.

YOUNETPO is committed to contributing to the achievement of the global 95 95 95 targets for HIV/AIDs and continues to make significant progress in this regard. In 2023, our HIV service intervention through the PERFAR/USAID funded EpiC project reach 1,821 individuals including Female Sex Workers (FSW), Clients of FSW and contacts of index were reached with social behavior change and communication (SBCC)

messages, HIV prevention, and treatment packages, resulting to 150% against the annual target.

As YOUNETPO continues to grow, we are very cognizant of organizational sustainability and resource mobilization. YOUNETPO took a major step in 2024 to acquire its own office building and as well developed a resource mobilization strategy with mentorship from the FHI360/EpiC project. The need to provide support to staff to enhance their capacity to continue to meet high standards cannot be over emphasized. YOUNETPO supported 3 staff to participate in a one-month professional development training program to enhance their capacity in Strategic Procurement Management, Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Like any other civil society organization, YOUNETPO continues to face many challenges that impede the progress made. YOUNETPO is currently challenged with completing the renovation works at its office building to be able to fully utilize the building as planned. YOUNETPO is still striving to meet its core funding obligations and to expand its programs.

We appreciate the commitment and unwavering support of our key partners who have refused to give up on their support to us, we remain grateful to; Family Health International (FHI360), Development Alternative Initiative (DAI), The Carter Center, Plan International, African Coalition on Tuberculosis (ACT), Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO), International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFFP) etc. We look forward to your support in 2024.

Congratulations!



Leo E. Tiah, Executive Director

Dear Partners and Stakeholders;

YOUNETPO continued to thrive in 2023. We delivered outstanding results across every project and program and we made important strides to strengthen our team capacity to deliver quality services and programs to our beneficiaries.

2023 was a year of some amazing accomplishments. We were able to reach over 43,000 persons across three counties; Montserrado, Bong and Nimba counties for the first time ever. This is a staggering number for which we all embrace with great excitement. We could not have done this without the trust and commitment of our donors and partners through grants and in-kind contributions.

In 2023, YOUNETPO was able to secure a regional office in Bong County to improve the coordination of our programs and projects implementation in Bong, Nimba and Lofa counties which mark a major stride to decentralize YOUNETPO activities and expand our services to the far and hard to reach areas. The regional office in Bong will formally be dedicated in February 2024 as part of activities marking YOUNETPO's 10th anniversary celebration.

At YOUNETPO we believe in and practice Professionalism, Accountability, Efficiency and Quality Service Delivery within every aspect of

the work that we do. Towards this value, we remain steadfast in ensuring that each and every member of our team has the necessary skills to deliver each task at hand. For the very first time, YOUNETPO was able to secure an in-kind grant that is directly geared towards staff capacity development as well as institutional strengthening through the updating of key policies to enhance our approach and improve service delivery.

2023 was a great year for YOUNETPO. In the wake of these wonderful achievements, we are also faced with challenges like any other organization. One key challenge we face is having limited resources, logistics and sophisticated equipment to enhance service delivery outside Montserrado County. We remain optimistic about 2024 and the years to come. As YOUNETPO look forward to achieving one decade of quality service delivery across six counties in Liberia, I remain ever grateful, energetic and committed to our common mission, vision and core values. I am also indebted to our Board of Directors who have fail to stop believing in the work that we do as a youthful team. We have a world-class Board. Throughout this process their independent judgment and expert perspectives have been a huge benefit to YOUNETPO and the programs we implement and to our precious beneficiaries.

Let me use this special moment to acknowledge the passionate and dedicated youthful team members including; the senior management team, staff, interns and volunteers; you remain the source of these wonderful impacts we have achieved. Your committed work, time and sacrifice has made a very huge impact across national and international development. Together let's do even better in 2024.

Happy New Year!

Empowering Change through Strategic Partnerships: YOUNETPO's Impactful Role in the EpiC-Project

In a significant stride towards combatting the HIV epidemic, Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO) proudly secured a grant from Family Health International (FHI360) under the Meeting Target and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project, generously funded by PEPFAR. This grant has been a catalyst for YOUNETPO's intensified efforts to scale up activities within key populations (KPs) community, with a primary focus on empowering and supporting the prevention, care, treatment in contribution to the national and global 95 95 95 target to end AIDs by 2023.

The grant has empowered YOUNETPO to implement targeted activities, particularly in the Commonwealth West Health District of Montserrado County, Liberia, aimed at delivering essential HIV prevention, care, and treatment services to female sex workers (FSW) and their contacts. Through these initiatives, YOUNETPO has made substantial contributions to several key EpiC objectives. These include attainment and maintenance of HIV epidemic control among at-risk adult men, women, and priority populations, as well as improving program management, health information systems (HIS), human resources for health (HRH), and financial systems to ensure the continued attainment and maintenance of epidemic control.

YOUNETPO's approach during this period was underpinned by a human rights-based framework. This holistic strategy addressed not only the medical aspects but also the social determinants that impact access to HIV/AIDS treatment, care, and support. The organization took proactive measures to combat stigma and discrimination affecting FSW, addressing negative cultural practices and socio-economic factors that contribute to low uptake of safer sexual behaviors, including homophobia, poor health-seeking behavior,

and engagement in multiple concurrent partnerships.

In recognition of the interconnected nature of health and well-being, YOUNETPO's interventions seamlessly integrated sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, along with a steadfast commitment to sexual reproductive health rights. This comprehensive approach underscores YOUNETPO's dedication to creating a supportive environment that goes beyond traditional healthcare, fostering a community where individuals are empowered, protected, and free from discrimination.

As YOUNETPO continues to leverage this grant for positive change, the organization remains steadfast in its commitment to a healthier and more equitable future for the communities it serves.



Championing Reproductive Health Rights: YOUNETPO's Advocacy Impact in Partnership with IYAFP

Youth Network for Positive Change proudly received a grant from the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFP), titled "Advocacy Campaign to Promote Safe and Equitable Abortion Practices." This transformative grant spanned six months, from April to June 2023, and focused on conducting vital activities to enhance citizens' knowledge of safe and unsafe abortion practices in Liberia.

YOUNETPO, with a deep commitment to the cause, strategically engaged with adolescent girls and young women residing in the Doe, King Gray, and Hope Communities. The organization prioritized the promotion of modern contraceptive methods as a means of minimizing unintended pregnancies among adolescents, a critical step in preventing unsafe abortion practices.

A key highlight of the project was the advocacy efforts directed at the 54th National Legislature of Liberia. The project passionately petitioned the Legislature for the passage of the Revised Public Health Law, embedding the crucial Safe Abortion Act. Activities under this initiative included the commemoration of the International Day of Safe Abortion, impactful parades, petitioning ceremony with the National Legislature, inception meetings, and dedicated engagements with the Health Committee of the legislature.

Throughout the project's duration, YOUNETPO successfully reached a total of 180 individuals, with a breakdown of 160 females and 20 males. Notably, 75 individuals fell within the age range of 10-19, 105 were below the age of 35, and 5 were above the age of 35. These figures signify an impressive 120% achievement in surpassing the project's total targeted beneficiaries, initially set at 150 individuals.

YOUNETPO's collaborative efforts with IYAFP exemplify the organization's dedication to

advancing sexual reproductive health rights issues and creating a supportive environment for informed choices. The grant period witnessed not only numerical success but also marked strides in influencing legislative decisions that hold the potential to positively impact the lives of countless individuals in Liberia.

To further amplify its quest, YOUNETPO became a member of a movement of like-minded Local, National and international organizations to forge a joint advocacy campaign including the Ministry of Health for the passage of the Revised Public Health Law. The movement conducted several engagement meetings with key stakeholders and held a meeting with senators at the house of senate to debate the possible passage of the Revised Public Health Law.



Fostering Collective Action: YOUNETPO's Impact through EANNASO Grant

In the period under review, YOUNETPO secured a grant from the Global Fund through the Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO) under The Community, Rights, and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG SI). EANNASO, a regional umbrella body, plays a pivotal role in uniting the voices of civil society (CS) and community groups (CG) to shape policies and enhance programming for HIV, TB, Malaria, and other health concerns within communities.

The primary objective of the grant was to fortify the engagement of civil society and communities most affected by these diseases in the Global Fund and related processes, emphasizing long-term capacity strengthening and support for CRG regional platforms. The focus was on engaging key populations (KPs), adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), and those affected by HIV, TB, and Malaria through tailored technical assistance. This involved strategic consultations and processes to inform NFM4 and other Global Fund initiatives about the priorities of these communities.

The consultation activities served as a gateway to amplify the voices and participation of KPs in Global Fund funding decisions, simultaneously raising awareness among the target group about Global Fund processes and opportunities. This intervention facilitated Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in coordinating, sharing information, and advocating for the integration of key priorities of key populations within programs at local, national, and global levels.

Key activities included the facilitation of a Global Fund and community engagement workshop, enhancing CSOs' understanding of Global Fund Funding Application and Related Processes. An impactful awareness meeting brought together CSOs with huge experience working with key populations, People Living

with HIV (PLHIV), and those involved in Malaria and HIV program implementation.

The grant empowered YOUNETPO to conduct dialogues focusing on the review of the NFM3 funding application, coordinating CSO constituencies to identify inputs into NFM4 funding application, and ensuring that key priorities gathered from constituencies were included in the final draft NFM4 funding proposal. Breakout groups were organized to identify key investment areas for NFM4 in Liberia, fostering collaboration and strategic planning.

In total, the initiative reached 85 participants, including 59 males and 26 females, representing 19 Civil Society Organizations working in the areas of HIV, Malaria, TB, and related health thematic areas.

YOUNETPO's impactful role in this initiative did not only strengthen the engagement of communities but also contributed significantly to shaping the direction of health-related initiatives in Liberia as it relate to the Global Fund.



Driving TB Advocacy: YOUNETPO's Impact through ACT Technical Assistance Grant.

In a concerted effort to address gaps within the TB community and strengthen civil society's role in the regional response to Tuberculosis (TB), Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO) secured a Technical Assistance grant from the African Coalition on Tuberculosis (ACT). ACT's mission revolves around uniting civil society representatives, including individuals, communities, and organizations, to enhance their influence in the regional TB response and increased political and financial commitment to effectively control the TB epidemic.

The focus of this Technical Assistance grant was to strengthen the engagement of civil society and communities primarily affected by TB in the Global Fund and related processes. YOUNETPO tailored this assistance to engage with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), cured TB patients, TB care providers, and health authorities in Bong and Nimba Counties. The goal was to identify gaps in TB programming within the previous Global Fund New Funding Model 3 (NFM3) and collaboratively outline key priorities for the current Global Fund Funding Model 4 (NFM4/GC7).

Through a series of dialogues, YOUNETPO facilitated engagements with stakeholders to propose new priorities that formed an integral part of the country's proposal in the NFM4 Global Fund May grant application window. The dialogues served as a pivotal gateway to elevate the voices and participation of the TB constituency in Global Fund funding decisions, simultaneously raising awareness among the target group about Global Fund processes and opportunities.

This intervention did not only strengthen the coordination and information-sharing among Civil Society Organizations but also empowered them to advocate for the integration of key priorities at local, national,

and global levels. In alignment with the grant objectives, YOUNETPO organized a CSOs & TB community engagement workshop, fostering a deeper understanding of Global Fund Funding and related processes. The workshop, conducted in a hybrid format with in-person participants in Nimba County and participants joining from Bong County via online zoom platform. YOUNETPO facilitated a national consultant to support the updating of Liberia TB National Strategic Plan (NSP) as part of YOUNETPO's strategic role in ensuring quality health care services and delivery in Liberia.

In total, the project reached 37 participants, with 29 males and 8 females, representing CSOs with expertise in key populations and TB implementation. YOUNETPO's strategic approach and collaborative efforts have significantly contributed to advancing TB advocacy, ultimately driving positive change within the TB community and the broader health landscape.



Empowering Communities: YOUNETPO's Impactful USAID CSA Grant Implementation

Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO) is currently implementing a one-year grant, with the duration from June 12 2023 to June 13, 2024, under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Liberia Civil Society Activity (CSA) Project. This integral project, part of a larger five-year program funded by USAID and executed by Development Alternative DAI Global LLC (DAI) as prime, is subject to renewal based on YOUNETPO's performance for each grant year. The overall aim of the CSA is to fortify Liberian civil society organizations (CSOs), enabling them to effectively engage constituents, contribute to decision-making processes, and oversee government actions.

At its core, this activity seeks to strengthen Liberians' ability to advocate for policy reforms, policy implementation, and service delivery through the establishment of multi-stakeholder coalitions that foster feedback loops among government bodies, CSOs, and citizens. Key objectives of the grant include strengthening linkages between CSOs with shared priorities, enhancing civil society's role as a conduit for information between constituents and officials, supporting CSOs' financial and organizational sustainability, and ensuring the availability of ongoing capacity development services in the local market.

The grant activities are structured on a milestone basis, and during the period under review, YOUNETPO successfully completed milestones one, two, and three. These milestones encompassed decisive steps such as staff recruitment, holding inception meetings held in Bong and Montserrado Counties, the recruitment and training of enumerators for Health Facility Development Committees surveys (HFDC), training of HFDC members in the project catchment areas within Bong and Montserrado Counties on their roles and responsibilities, conducting radio talk

shows in Montserrado and Bong County to disseminate information on project activities, active participation in health partners coordination meetings organized by Montserrado and Bong County Health Teams, and the development of comprehensive reports for each completed milestone.

These activities have significantly enhanced HFDC knowledge regarding their roles and responsibilities, fostering a more responsive, resilient, and inclusive decision-making environment at health facilities within the project scope. To ensure seamless coordination and to achieve the project's goals, YOUNETPO has established strong alliances with the County Health Teams, District Health Officers, and Officers-in-Charge of health facilities.

Remarkably, the project has reached a total of 21,107 individuals, including 12,900 males, 8,105 females, and 102 persons with disabilities. These figures account for in-person activities and radio appearances, emphasizing the wide-reaching impact of YOUNETPO's engagement strategies. As the project continues to unfold, YOUNETPO remains dedicated to empowering communities, fostering collaboration, and contributing to a more informed and participatory civil society in Liberia.



Empowering Citizens: YOUNETPO's Impact through The Carter Center's Rule of Law Program

In a stride towards advancing justice and strengthening the rule of law in Liberia, Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO) secured a six-month grant from The Carter Center. This grant, from April to September 2023, supported the implementation of the Liberia-Access to Justice: Rule of Law Program, titled "Advancing Liberian Security Sector Accountability and Public Trust (ALSSAPT)." The project specifically was conducted in Montserrado and Nimba Counties, encompassing six communities: Sanniquelle, Bushrod Island, Barnersville, Central Monrovia, Ganta Border, and Saclaplea.

The project's core objective was to enhance citizens' capacity and knowledge, particularly women and youth, to support the implementation of a new complaints and commendations mechanism. Additionally, it aimed to foster increased coordination and information sharing among actors involved in addressing citizens' grievances. Project help to strengthen the rule of law in Liberia by facilitating access to justice for marginalized citizens. The project deployed methodologies to solicit, evaluate, and act on feedback from citizens and communities, thereby measuring the effectiveness of services and community perceptions towards law enforcers. Moreover, it aimed to establish new channels for complaints, commendations, and recommendations, ultimately improving the security sector and building public trust.

The comprehensive range of project activities included a project inception meeting, recruitment of project staff, development of a project work plan, creation of questionnaires for a security feedback mechanism survey, submission of key informant interview (KII) protocols to the International Review Board for approval, holding of 2 coordination meetings between citizens and law enforcement

agencies to increase citizens understanding on the complaint and commendation mechanism and to encourage a stronger partnership between citizens and law enforcement agencies; participation in the ALSSAPT staff orientation training, KII interviews conducted in Nimba and Montserrado Counties, holding 4 radio talk shows within the project locations, involvement in project coordination meetings organized by The Carter Center, and the execution of six outreach activities within the designated counties, namely Montserrado and Nimba.

The project reaches six communities through a massive radio and public awareness campaign and enhance citizen's knowledge and understanding on the existing complaints and commendation mechanism at the Liberia National Police, Liberia Immigration Service (LIS) and the Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency (LDEA). Communities that benefited from this activity include; Barnesville, Bushrod Island, Central Monrovia, Saclapea, Ganta Border, and Sanniquille. The project successfully reached a total of 20,042 individuals, comprising 15,000 males and 5,042 females.

This figure encompasses both in-person activities and radio appearances, showcasing the project's broad reach and influence in empowering citizens and promoting citizens access to justice, accountability, and enhance public trust within the rule of law space.



Promoting Peace & Security: YOUNETPO Impact through the Annual Youth Education and Leadership Conference.

The Annual Youth Education and Leadership Conference (AYEAL Conference) is an internal flagship program of Youth Network for Positive Change – YOUNETPO since 2016. The event is a platform that increases youth voices and promotes issues surrounding, peace-building, gender equality, quality education, good health, environment, peace and security. 2023 July 27th -29th marks the 6th edition of the conference held under the theme: “Grooming Young Leaders into Advancing Peace and Security in Africa” with focused on the meaningful participation of youth in decision making processes and recognizing actions taken by young people to bring about change, peace and employment opportunities. The 6th edition of the conference was in alignment with the current wave of pending elections in west Africa and the active involvement of young people to create and promote peace and ensure that elections are issue based and that elections are violence free.

The conference inspired and motivated young individuals to become active agents of positive change, contributing to a more stable, peaceful, and prosperous community. Through this theme, the facilitators and speakers unlocked youth potential to become transformative leaders and set the stage for a generation of leaders committed to building a better future for Africa. The event was held at the K-Plaza Hotel in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County, from July 27th to July 29th, 2023. The three-days event brought together youth leaders, health practitioners, educators, and change-makers from across Liberia and West African to identify challenges youth face in the areas of Education, Health, Gender Equality, Environment, Peace and Security and foster learning, networking and collaboration.

The event was officially opened by the Chief Convener, Amb. Leo E. Tiah, Executive Director, Youth Network for Positive Change who

provided a background overview of the conference and the importance of youth participation in elections, taking on leadership roles at local, national and international levels while promoting peace and security in communities. Amb. Tiah during his opening statement mentioned that the 6th AYEAL conference was focused on “Grooming Young Leaders into Advancing Peace and Security in Africa” and that it is expected to help young people understand the importance of promoting peace and security on the continent, strengthened their network, building a resilient business and environment and increased their understanding on Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDs care and prevention. The conference Guest Speaker, Hon. Abdoulie Njai a member of the Gambia Parliament, Representative of the Banjul Central constituent spoke on the topic; Adherence to the rule of law: A foundation to a sustainable democracy in Africa. A total of 50 persons inclusive of 33 males, 12 females with 5 facilitators attended and participated in the 6th edition of the AYEAL conference.

The conference was setup in a speaker series, panel discussion and General Assembly module. This allowed the speakers and facilitators the opportunity to speak on several topics including: Combatting Corruption and Promoting transparency; Addressing corruption as a threat to peace and security and advocating for transparent and accountable governance; Election, Democracy & Peace: Who are the main Stakeholders? What are their roles? Why? How can everyone collaborate? Why is it important for Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) to be taught in school? Whereas the panel discussions covered topics including: Panel Discussion: Youth and Elections, do girls between the age of 12-17 have the right to take modern contraceptives? Liberia 2023 elections; How can young people make it violence free, Women Peace and Security: Advancing the role of Women in Peace and Security efforts and Addressing Gender specific challenges.

During the General Assembly of the 6th AYEAL Conference, Committee heads spoke of the challenges youth face and recommended mitigation strategies to the General Assembly chaired by Hon. Njai who served as speaker of General Assembly. Those identified challenges and mitigations strategies were argued, discussed and voted upon before being passed as a resolution of the 6th Annual Youth Education and Leadership Conference. Participants of the Conference were highly impacted by the speakers' topics, discussions, and presentations. This led to youth committing to serve as agent of change in their communities and ensure a peaceful, violence free, and advocate for a more transparent general elections in Liberia.

During the three days' period of the AYEAL conference, participants were placed into different committees to do research in their various fields of specialization to come up with issues faced in their communities and a resolution that can be reviewed and presented to policy makers for action.

Below are the names of the various committees with its resolution:

Gender Equality Resolution

1. Encourage the equal right of women to participate in election and decision-making processes
2. Challenging cultural harmful norms (FGM should be done by consent from female. It should not be done during school session)
3. Create equal access to education and economic opportunities for all. and inclusive participation of persons with disability in all decision-making processes
4. Ensure that girl friendly spaces in schools and also create a safe and free space for female by having sanitary items available at every public space. And promote the sexual reproductive

health rights of adolescent girls and young women and have gender sensitive workshop by including both genders.

Education Resolution

1. Encourage teachers and school owners to adhere to key policies through initiating a robust program that enhance the monitoring of public and private schools and teachers across the country.
2. Ensure that school counselors are placed at all schools to provide psychosocial support to students and teachers which creates a good learning environment for everyone.
3. Call on the Government of Liberia to increase the national budget for education by 2%, and there should be a standardize fees set for all schools.
4. Ministry of Education should invest in infrastructures development to improve the quality of education and increase enrollment rate.

Health Resolution

1. Domesticated the effectiveness of existence standard to minimize corrupt practices, initiate check-in and checkout of all entrances at hospitals/clinics.
2. Ensure to implement key policies that promote patient rights and establish stronger mechanism to reduce all forms of stigma and discrimination.
3. Increase the national budget for health by 3% and ensure the procurement of modern equipment, technology and

initiate training sessions for lab technicians as well as increase the of funding to procured medicine products and supply to reduce stockout at public health facility and enhance public health supply chain systems.

4. Initiate and enforce electronic base data management system to track patient's information and to improve data quality at all public and private health facilities.

Peace and Security Resolution;

1. Mind awareness, need to carry on tremendous awareness on love in changing the mindset of many Liberians in various community and schools.
2. Strengthen existing systems to ensure the adherence to the rule of law where leaders are held accountable to the rule of law.
3. Introduce a two-party system within the political land space of Liberia trough an act of legislation.
4. Provide protection and ensure that civil society organizations and leaders including activist and opinion leaders are protected under the laws of Liberia and that they have access to information.

Environment and Climate Change Resolution

1. Ensure the implementation of key environmental policies that supports the conservation of wetlands and mangrove across Monrovia.
2. Increase the number of youth and youth led organizations participating in CoP and other key climate change discussions.

3. Buffer zones should be created in all regions of Liberia where scarce resources can be managed and conserved.



Internal and External Outreach, Collaboration and Partnership: YOUNETPO establishes partnership with CSOs and key stakeholders in Ghana, Gambia and Sierra Leone

YOUNETPO took several huge steps in 2023 to establish strategic partnership within the West African Region. This effort helps YOUNETPO to share, learn and connect with like-minded civil society within the region and as well to expand its operations, programs and services. To begin with, YOUNETPO Executive Director participated in the 2023 Women Deliver Conference held in Kigali, Rwanda from July 14 – 21, 2023. The Women Deliver Conference is one of the largest multi-sectoral convenings to advance gender equality, convening 6,000 advocates onsite, and over 200,000 advocates online from diverse fields, WD2023 was co-created by grassroots advocates, youth, civil society, governments, multilateral organizations, and the private sector, including from and representing communities facing systemic discrimination around the world. During the Women Deliver Conference, YOUNETPO Executive Director had the opportunity to moderate a side event organized by the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFP) with the title: “Voices of Choice”. The event provided young people aged 18-30 the opportunity to create a safe space to share their perspectives, opinions, and experiences on SRHRJ, particularly on the sensitive topic of abortion. YOUNETPO Executive Director made five days working visit to Accra, Ghana in a quest to engage with and interact with leaders of civil society organizations and other key stakeholders. While in Accra, our Executive Director visited the offices of the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), Parliamentary Monitoring Network of Africa (PN Africa) where he had separate meetings with key staff to hear their successful stories, learn about each organization programs, culture, systems and establish relationship for future partnerships and collaborations.

Leo E Tiah; Executive Director and William Kei ; Projects and Programs Manager traveled to the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Republic of the Gambia as part of a 7 days working visit to both countries. The team firstly stopped briefly in Freetown to meet and engage with youthful parliamentarians as part of the preparations for the conduct of the 7th editions of the Annual Youth Education and Leadership Conference - AYEAL Conference which is expected to take place in the Banjul, the Republic of The Gambia in July 2024. Discussions were also held with the youthful MPs regarding YOUNETPO new flagship program: Young Parliamentarians Network of Africa; a network that seek to bring together young MPs from the African continent to promote peace, raise youth voices at local, national and international levels, utilize a peer to peer approach including providing mentorship, coaching and training of youth to enhance their capacities to take up leadership roles and advocate for increase representation of youth at all levels.

YOUNETPO leverage on its existing partnership with the Andandorr Movement head by Hon. Abdoulie Njai; the youngest member of parliament in the Republic of the Gambia to ensure that the trip was successful. Among other things the team was able to meet, engage and as well establish good working relationship with; Hon. Rokey Lowe; the Lord Mayor of Banjul City, representatives of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Warfare, the Gambian Youth Council, Green Hub the Gambia, Think Young Women, Gambia Redcross, Banjul Youth Council, Gambia Cyber Security Alliance, Activista the Gambia, Peace Hub Gambia, and the Female Journalist Association of the Gambia. This engagement was done to ensure that key stakeholders in the Gambia are brought on board during the very early stages of the planning process in regards to AYEAL Conference 2024. The team also used the trip to learn firsthand the workings of civil society organizations, youth led groups and key government institutions in support of young people and how these efforts can be

harmonized to seal a strategic partnership in support for the conduct of AYEAL Conference 2024 in the Gambia and for future partnership.

With this unique opportunity, the team was able to as well share YOUNETPO gains, strives and experience as a youth led civil society organization over the last 9 years.

In the wake of its many efforts to amplify youth voices and agenda, YOUNETPO became a founding member of the Liberian Youth Voices for Accelerating the ICPD. Under the auspices of the Youth Voices for Change project, the L-YV-4-ICPD is established to serve as a platform of formal and informal adolescent and youth-led networks and organizations seeking to transform policies, strategies, approaches, and programmatic responses to work with and for young people through youth-led action, advocacy, and accountability on SRHR, SGBV, and bodily autonomy. The L-YV-4-ICPD will advance the relevant national, regional, and international processes and outcomes led by, involving, and/or targeting young people. The youth coalition is guided and supported by the United Nations Population Fund with funding support from the German Embassy near Monrovia.

YOUNETPO became a member of the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning; a youth led and youth focus coalition that was born out of an identified need at the International Conference on Family Planning in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2013 by a group of youth from around the world. Since then, IYAFP has grown to become a global organization that exists for youth, entirely led by youth which leverage youth energy, creativity and expertise to improve advocacy, and set a fully youth led agenda.

At YOUNETPO, we strive to ensure that our programs and projects reach diverse group of people not only in Montserrado but in other hard to reach counties. One major step YOUNETPO took to enhance efforts in this

direction was to obtain a office building in Gbarnga Bong County which will serve as a Regional Office covering YOUNETPO projects and programs in Bong, Nimba and Lofa Counties. This strategic step will enhance program monitoring, create job opportunity for youth, connect YOUNETPO to the actual needs of communities and improve partnership with the local communities and stakeholders.



Program Expansion and Institutional Capacity Development initiatives:

YOUNETPO understand that continues review and assessment of program brings about positive outcome. Throughout 2023, YOUNETPO ensure implement strategic activities to enhance its approach and management of key intervention. Ome key components of our approach include the conduct of quarterly performance review of its programs against each performance indicators, conducted strategic site visits within targeted locations and conducted quarterly data assessment.

YOUNETPO believe that effective program management and achieving key results are only possible when the rightful and skilled staff are available to ensure that all goals are achieve. YOUNETPO supported three of it staff to attain a professional certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation, Strategic Procurement Management and Project management. With support for USAID Liberia Civil Society Project, an Institutional and Advocacy Capacity Assessment (IACAT) was conducted which led to the development of a Capacity Development Action Plan with a long- and short-term plan. Other capacity development activities conducted by NAYMOTE through the CSA project include: Participated in Shared Vision Training for health coalition partners, participated in Advocacy Training and Strategy Development for Health Coalition Partner, participated in a four-day Social Research Training, Participate in Communication and Media Strategy Development Training for health partners to be organized. YOUNETPO also won an In-Kind Grant through the CSA which is supporting YOUNETPO to develop Monitoring and Evaluation Plans and Gender Policy including providing hands on training of key staff on standardize tools and the policy itself.

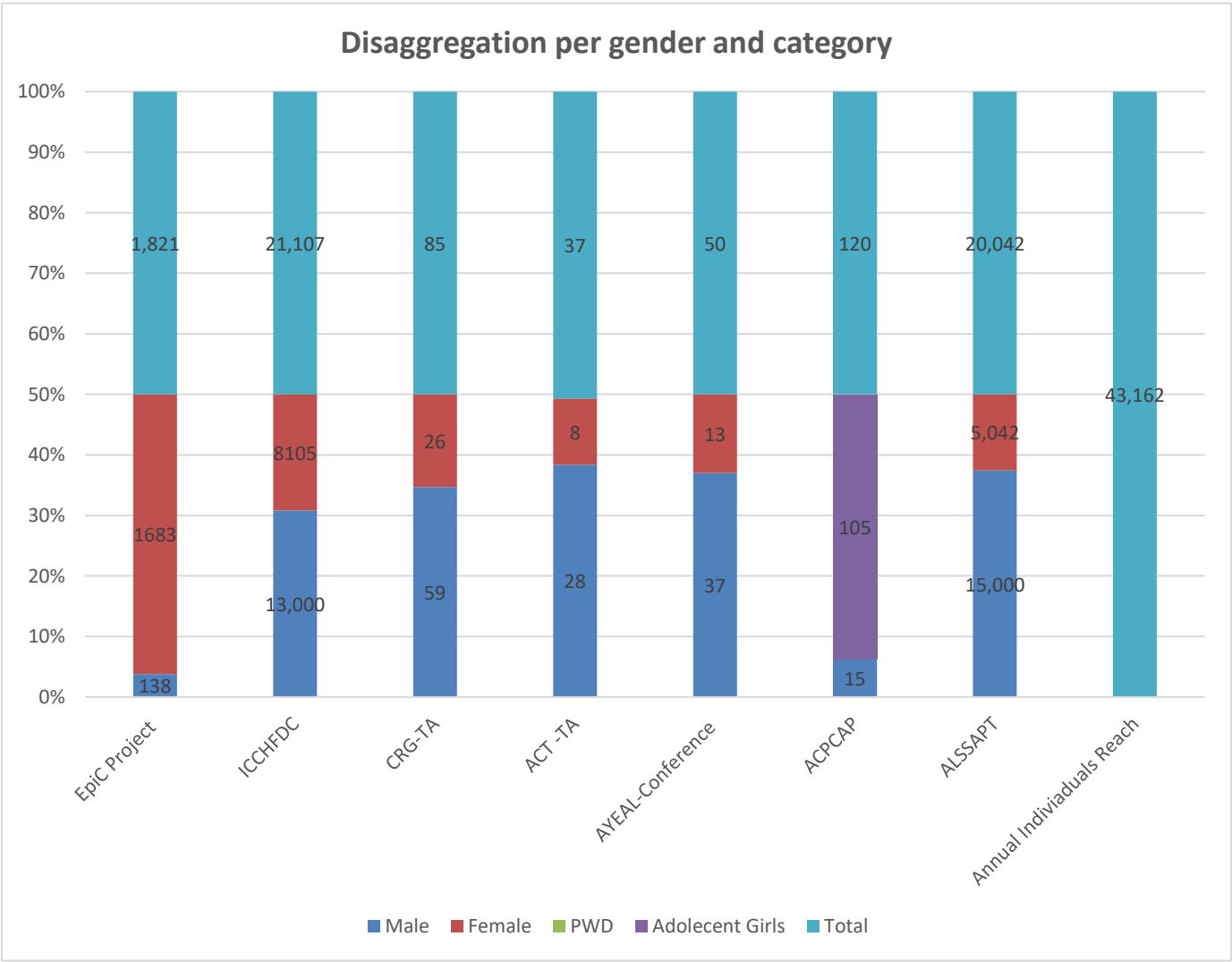
YOUNETPO also received a special package of Capacity Building support from FHI360 through the EpiC project. FHI360 supported YOUNETPO

with series of institutional capacity development activities including providing mentorship, coaching in support of the development of a communication plan, monitoring and evaluation plan and safeguarding policy.

YOUNETPO successfully conducted its 2023 End- of - Year Review and 2024 Planning Meeting. The event was organized in a hybrid style to enable the organization to present to her donors, partners and staff the progress of its program implementation noting results, achievements, issues and concerns, lessons learned and success stories for FY23 and to identify key interventions for FY24 Annual Work Plan as well as its alignment to YOUNETPO' Five Years Strategic Plan. Donors and partners represented at the meeting included; WHO, UNFPA, FHI360, RFSU, IYAFP, Montserrado County Health Team and National Aids Commission. The event was also grace by YOUNETPO board of directors and staff of YOUNETPO.



Comprehensive statistics on YOUNETPO Project Activities.



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