



Let's talk! Interfaith and Intergenerational Partnerships for Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

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Mission: Mobilizes faith actors for interfaith dialogue and collaboration to advance :

- Family health and wellbeing;
- Women's rights and gender justice; and
- Peaceful, just and inclusive communities



GIZ Masithethe- Let's Talk!

Project location: eSwatini, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe - Southern Africa Region

Project background: This project was addressing identified gaps in which young people and faith leaders requested joint work to ensure that young people access SRHR information, and the congregations are made safe for Young people.

Approach:

Implementation was through 10 faith-based institutions which were competitively selected based on specific criteria. The project activities included transformational reflections, compassionate and solidary interpretations and focus on “how-to” engage adolescents and young people and it allowed faith organizations to take concrete actions through intergenerational and interfaith partnerships.



GIZ Masithethe ‘Let’s Talk!’- What worked

- Capacity strengthening activities on adolescents sexual and reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR)
- Positive Sexuality sessions with youth, faith leaders and congregants.
- Men and Youth Conferences to discuss SRHR and faith.
- Courageous conversations with young adolescents and distributed sanitary towels to girls and deodorants to boys in the schools.
- Mainstream and Social media sessions using radio jingles and radio discussions on SRHR.
- Interfaith Intergenerational Dialogues within faith communities.
- Increased access to Adolescent Friendly SRHR services – health care providers
- Interfaith Sport Sessions and youth rallies



Lessons learnt and recommendations

Transformational reflections, compassionate and solidary interpretations, focus on “how-to” engage adolescents and young people. Enable faith organisations to take concrete actions.

Youth-led, coordinated response to support adolescent and young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights needs

Adolescents’ and young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights are promoted through intergenerational partnerships

Implement advocacy and social and behaviour change actions with indirect reach to at least 500 faith leaders (including clergy, youth and women leaders) and 10,000 community members with interfaith SRHR messages.

Faith leaders implement SRHR interventions within their communities and congregations. There is a need to strengthen the interventions with adequate technical support, financial resources and exchange of best practices.

Youth, when afforded the opportunity, can be innovative and creative in their approach to addressing issues of SRHR within the faith communities. Faith leaders have to be willing to be led by young people and take time to listen to the young people’s asks.

Walking the path of faith with faith leaders and young people is an opportunity to bring about change from within congregations

Starting from the lived experiences of faith leaders and interpreting of sacred texts is critical in building buy-in and fostering partnerships with faith actors.

Amplifying, locally, nationally and regionally, the faith voice and response with regards to Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights which is rooted in sacred texts and theology.



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