

COMMUNITY SYSTEM STRENGTHENING UNDER THE VIHAAN PROJECT NATIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (NACP-V)

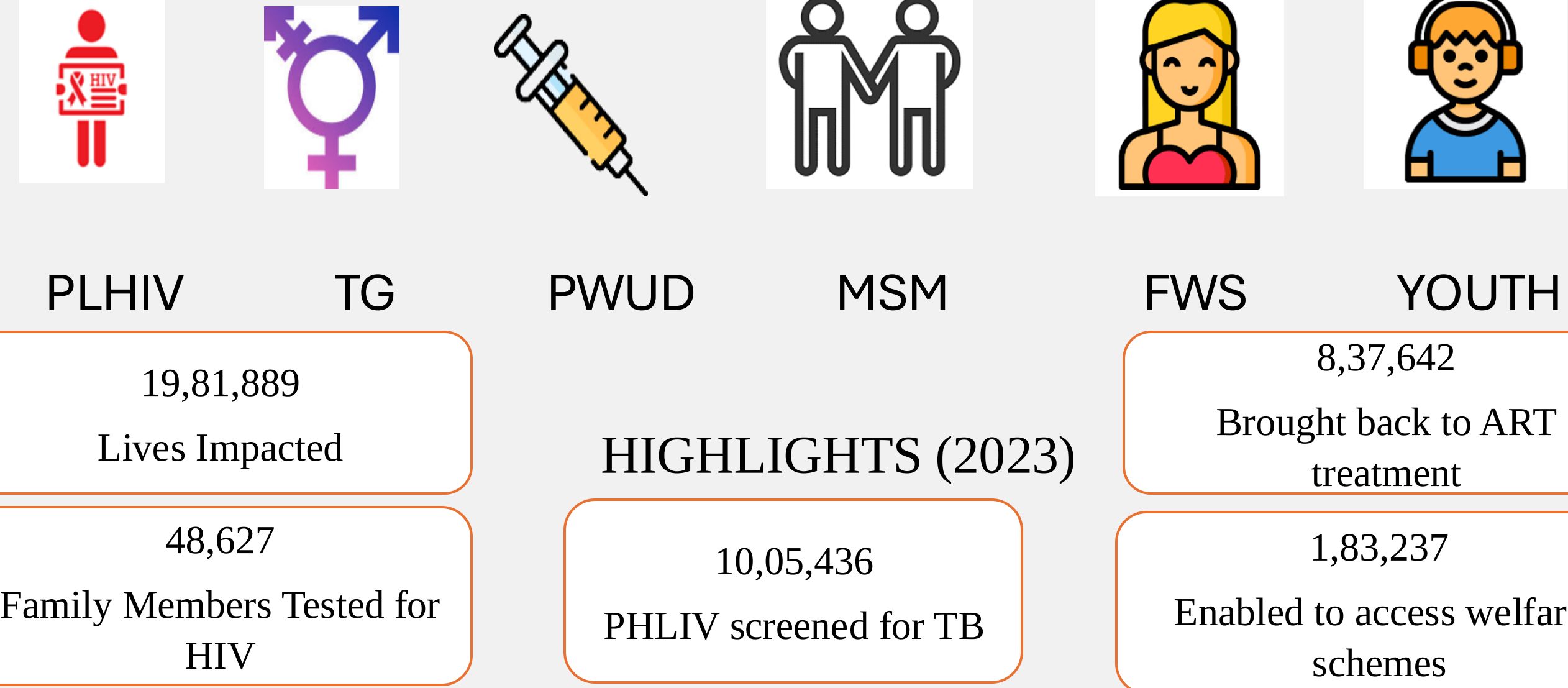
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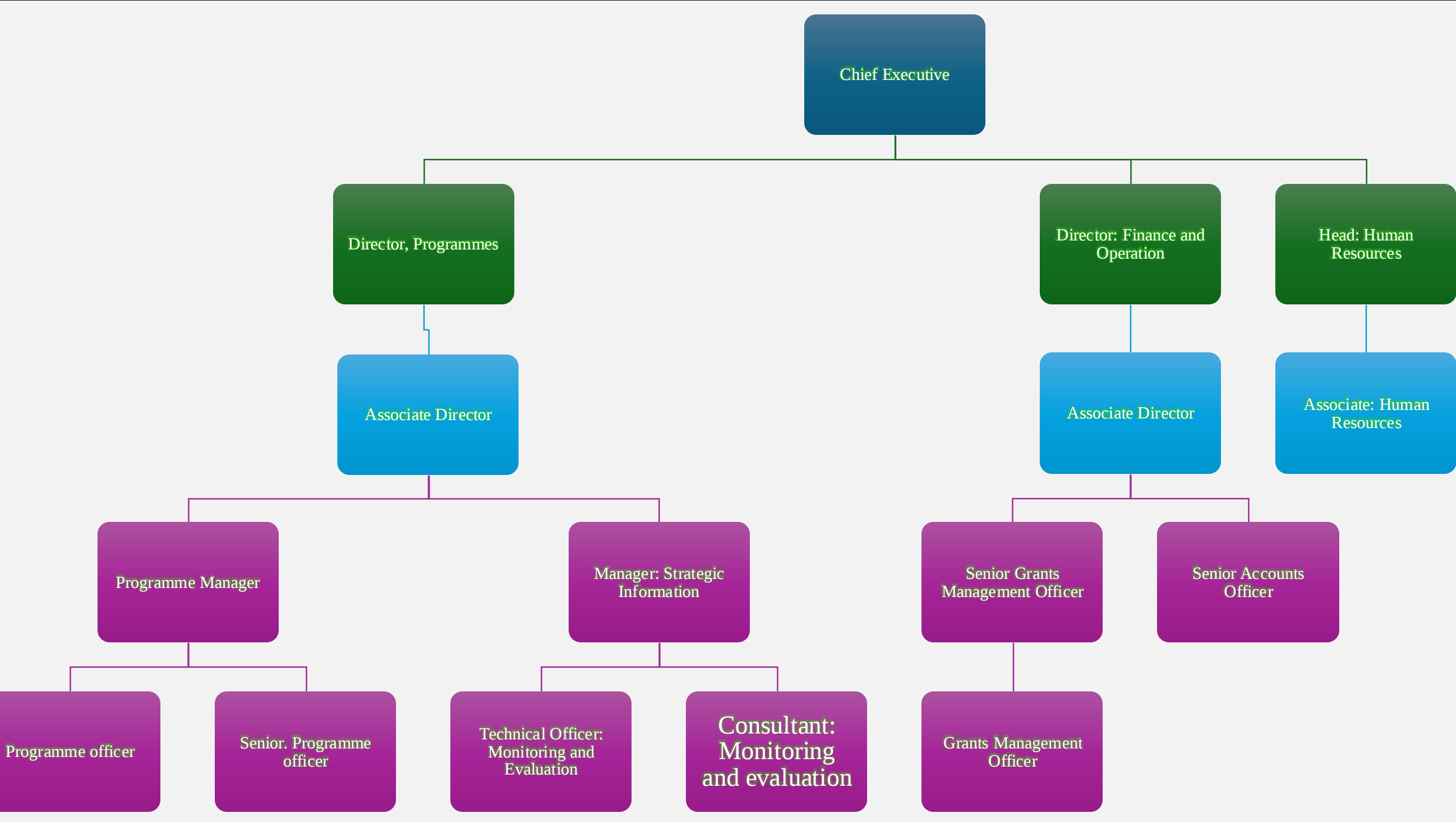
ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Alliance India, established in 1999 as a non-governmental organization dedicated to advancing the HIV/AIDS response in India. In collaboration with the Government of India, civil society, and HIV communities, Alliance India advocates for and implements effective, community-based programs on a large scale.

Emphasizing the equal worth of every human life, the organization promotes well-being, equality, and upholds the dignity of **key population groups** including **People live with HIV/AIDS, Transgender, People Who Use drugs, Men who have sex with Men, Women Sex Works and Youth and Young Adolescents.**



ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



METHODOLOGY

- For documentation which involves data analysing and compiling pre and post-test data from community champions training reports across various states.
- Drafted the document in report of key activities under CSS.
- Documented a Module which was for internal publication of key activities under community system strengthening led by IHAA and funded by Global Fund.
- As part of PACT Project started planning with team for capacity development workshop for youth-led CBOs working with key populations and PLHIV. This includes creating a registration form to collect information, making an agenda, and generating a QR code for the registration, and frequent interaction from the young CBOs form for online workshop

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STRENGTHS

- Comprehensive support services.
- Strong network of Care & Support Centers.
- Experienced and dedicated staff.

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WEAKNESSES

- Dependency on external funding.
- Potential for service gaps in remote areas.
- Stigma and discrimination barriers

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Expansion to underserved regions.
- Integration with other health services.
- Increased awareness and advocacy

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THREATS

- Funding cuts or shifts
- Policy changes affecting HIV programs.
- Social stigma and discrimination impacting outreach



Vision

A world in which no one dies of AIDS.

Mission

To support community action to prevent HIV infection, meet the challenges of AIDS, and build healthier communities

Major components of Vihaan 2021-24

Key activities of care and support centers

- Providing services to priority clients. (To be initiated, newly initiated clients and LFU)
- Community based screening
- ART refilling at CSC
- Linkages to social schemes and entitlements of priority clients.
- TB screening of priority list.
- Family member screening/testing for HIV.
- Services to TB-HIV comorbidity clients, clients on 2nd line & 3rd line ART.
- Community system strengthening
- Special focus on registered adolescents, KPs and children in CSC.

PROJECT -1

VIHAAN CARE AND SUPPORT

(2021- 2024 National care and support program)

Since 2013 Alliance India, with support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis (The Global Fund), is implementing a Vihaan Care and Support Program along with partners.

Currently 320 Care & Support Centers (CSCs) are linked with 575 functional Anti-Retroviral therapy centers (ARTC) serving all districts in 33 states/UTs across India providing differentiated care and support services to more than 1.7 million People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

OBJECTIVE

- To reach key populations on virtual platforms and establishing linkage to care and treatment
- To improve retention in HIV care by addressing medical, social, behavioural and structural barriers
- To reduce linkage loss from testing to treatment using peer navigators in 100 high linkage loss facilities
- To strengthen private sector engagement in HIV care and provide mentoring support to poor performing ART centres
- To incorporate community monitoring and accountability framework to strengthen community led response within NACP

PROJECT-2

THE PACT PROJECT, A PILOT FOR THE YOUTH POPULATION OF PLHIV AND LGBTQIA+.

We are a more than 80 youth-led and youth-serving organizations and networks working together to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights and reach the end of AIDS by 2030. The PACT is also supported and guided by a UNAIDS.

Our Vision and Mission

We envisage a world where young people are recognized as integral to ending the AIDS epidemic and are engaged as experts in decision-making processes and leaders in programmatic implementation.

What we do

The PACT unites youth organizations working at the national, regional and global levels to fight for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all people

Priority Areas

The PACT is organized around four main workstreams or priority areas:-

- To advocate and promote youth-led accountability and participation in the integration of HIV and SRHR services and policies, including comprehensive sexuality education.
- To mobilize young people and engage decision-makers to increase access to evidence-informed HIV prevention and treatment.
- To strengthen young people's capacity to change the legal and policy frameworks that prevent young people from accessing HIV and SRHR services
- To advocate for young people's participation in global, regional and national (including district and city level) decision-making processes around resource mobilization and allocation, to ensure adequate funding for young people in the context of HIV and SRHR.

GAP	SUGGESTION
- variations in the responses during pre and post-test assessments. - frequent addition of new community members and the transient nature of their participation. - lack of commitment among some members to actively engage in these activities.	- Increase the knowledge of community champions by Increasing the understanding of community on HIV treatment and services. - Introduce technical terms and jargon to ensure familiarity and ease in addressing questionnaires. - New community member should be added in new group for initial learning.
People in the community were hesitant to become state community representative.	Implement ongoing leadership and project management training to strengthen youth leadership skills.
Resource Accessibility: Challenges in accessing necessary support and lack of resources.	Global Fund Awareness Provide comprehensive training and materials to understand and leverage Global Fund resources effectively.
Need to work on Communication Skills and no feedback taken from the CC.	More network formation and More community led monitoring by Incorporating feedback form the participant will help in analyze area for improvement .

CHALLENGES FACED DURING INTERNSHIP

- Initially faced difficulty in understanding the data for analysis it takes time for such project.
- Lack of field visit , so limited knowledge about community engagement .
- Time constraints.

USEFULNESS	LEARNING	THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING	PRACTICAL EXPOSURE
Skill Development: Excel, Presentation skills, Communication, Teamwork.	understanding addressing community-level challenges and encouraging and taking in full participation especially tackling stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV (PLHIV).	Learning about programme and its community engagement .	Knowledge of global fund and how they provide funding to communities.
Provided exposure to work culture, and to work with different community and the opportunity to network with professionals of different project.	Self capacity building by involving and engaging community consultation, community leadership, and stakeholders and donors.	How training of community champion conducted, and challenges faced .and address those challenges.	How to alliance with different partners or donor for skill development of community people.
Personal growth, enhancing confidence, adaptability, and resilience in professional environments.	- Management of Global Fund. - Principle of CSS under the HIV response.	how community system strengthening and continues monitoring is important.	Continuous connect with CBOs is important offline or online workshop.