

# UNAIDS STRATEGY REVIEW: Focus Group Synthesis template

**Country:** Kenya

**Organizer:** National AIDS Control Council (NACC)

**Date of discussion:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

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Please use the template to organize your feedback from the session. Please keep responses succinct and as clear as possible to ensure our synthesis is a reflection of the focus groups hosted.

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### *Section one: Information about the focus group (to be completed by host of Focus Group)*

**Organization leading discussion: UNAIDS Kenya Office**

**Date of discussion: 31st August 2020**

**Theme to be discussed: Kenya progress with Fast track targets**

**Participants (types of organizations participating):**

- **Adolescents and young people living with HIV**
- **Adolescents and young people affected by HIV**

**Country, regional or global focus: Country focus**

### *Introducing the theme*

*Please enter the main characteristics of the theme being explored in 5 sentences (please share the presentation if possible by email)*

- Challenges with implementation of current strategy – fast track targets
- What needs to be prioritized in the next 5 years?
- What are the barriers that COVID 19 has introduced in the response
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## Section one: People centered response to HIV – key emerging issues

<b>REACHING THE PERSON</b>	
<b>What has worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Groups</li> <li>• Creative spaces/art e.g. Shuga</li> <li>• Involving young people in policy development spaces</li> <li>• Political leaders being part of the discussion</li> <li>• Digital engagement</li> <li>• Integration of services through concerts</li> <li>• Capacity building session especially through peer to peer education</li> <li>• Training young people as champions</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps and Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth led organizations inability to access resources</li> <li>• Youth led organizations not being deeply involved in the response</li> <li>• Youth led organizations lacking knowledge in justice and human rights</li> </ul>
<b>What was not done well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service uptake and adherence needs more improvement</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth led organizations from rural and ASAL counties to be able to access grants for implementation</li> <li>• Capacity building and meaningful engagement at grassroots level</li> <li>• Access to information and SRHR through youth friendly centers. The centers should be well equipped.</li> <li>• To make medicines cheaper for the youth</li> <li>• To use social media to reach to young people</li> <li>• To equip the youths with their rights</li> <li>• To involve young people who do not specifically work in SRHR and have yearly training for those who have knowledge in SRHR to sharpen their skills</li> </ul>

<b>THE STRUCTURES THAT RESPOND TO HIV</b>	
<b>Gaps and challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National structures are not well devolved</li> <li>• Limited number of youth-led organizations in the response</li> <li>• National implementors not working with young KPs</li> <li>• UNAIDS only felt in Nairobi but not in other counties</li> </ul>
<b>What was not done well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth organizations feel that to reach out to NASCOP successfully, it will have to be through BLAST</li> <li>• There is a disconnect between NACC, NASCOP and the development partners</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to strengthen structures at county level</li> <li>• To have a proper coordination of AYPs in the response</li> <li>• To synergize efforts of various AYP programmes rather than working in silos</li> <li>• The youth to be trained on how to manage their own programmes</li> <li>• To have a one stop shop for AYP programmes and organizations for possible partnership with development partners and other national implementors</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have a structure that will enable every youth led organizations to access grants</li> <li>• To teach young people how to manage grants and make a positive impact</li> </ul>
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<b>CONTEXTUAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Gaps and challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the religious interventions are mostly Christian based but there are not many Muslim and Hindu based interventions</li> </ul>
<b>What was not done well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme implementors are present on the ground but are not felt</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support children and adolescents</li> <li>• To have the private sector develop and have intervention for young people at places of work</li> <li>• Religious sector to be key allies for young people in the response</li> <li>• To have interventions at tertiary/higher institutions of education</li> <li>• To have more young people in decision making tables</li> <li>• To check on how to evaluate on activities implemented</li> <li>• To incentivize the grassroot organizations in terms of implementation</li> </ul>