



Spotlighting ZAMBIA

Youth's Hope Network Zambia (YHN): Strengthening Community Partnerships for AGYW-Led SRHR Advocacy



Chibombo District

On 21 June 2025, Youth's Hope Network Zambia (YHN) convened a stakeholder meeting in Chibombo District to review the 2025–2026 project work plan and strengthen partnerships supporting adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). Participants included the Ward Councillor, Facility Sister-in-Charge, Village Headman, school guidance teacher, the HER Voice Fund Ambassador for Zambia, AGYW representatives, and parents.

The meeting reinforced local leadership support for YHN's work, strengthened collaboration to improve youth-friendly health services, and increased parental and traditional leader awareness of their role in advancing SRHR. The engagement fostered shared accountability and a collective commitment to improving AGYW health and well-being.



Rural Focus Zambia (RUFOZ): Using Community Radio to Amplify AGYW Leadership and Voice

On 28 June 2025, Rural Focus Zambia (RUFOZ), under the Her Voice Fund project, participated in a public debate aired on Kasama Radio 87.7 FM. The debate engaged AGYW on the motion: “This House believes that adolescent girls and women should be involved in leadership and decision-making processes related to their health and rights.”

The platform enabled AGYW to speak directly to parents and community members about the importance of youth inclusion in leadership and health decision-making. The engagement demonstrated the power of community media in advancing youth-led advocacy, gender equality, and inclusive health governance.

HER Voice Fund Ambassador – Zambia: Building AGYW Advocacy and Policy Engagement Skills



As part of Zambia’s 61st Independence commemorations, the HER Voice Fund Ambassador for Zambia, Natasha Seketa, facilitated a policy advocacy and communication training session for adolescents in Chibombo District, supported by Youth’s Hope Network Zambia.

The session focused on strengthening AGYW confidence, advocacy, and leadership skills, equipping participants to engage effectively with policymakers and community leaders. The training aimed to inspire young people to actively contribute to positive change within their communities.



Resilient Youth for Change (YOCA): Economic Empowerment and Menstrual Health through Skills Training

In July 2025, Resilient Youth for Change (YOCA) implemented a skills-building initiative at Mwachijuni Health Post in Chibombo District, equipping AGYW with tailoring skills. With support from the HER Voice Fund, sewing equipment was donated to enable the production of reusable sanitary towels, school uniforms, and other items.

The initiative promotes sustainability within the health post's friendly corner while providing AGYW with income-generating skills that support economic independence and long-term empowerment.

The Youth Platform (TYP) – Zambia Country Lead: Embedding Youth Leadership in National Health Governance

The HER Voice Fund Zambia Country Lead, The Youth Platform (TYP), actively participated in Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) meetings, strengthening youth representation in national health governance for HIV, TB, and malaria.

Through this engagement, TYP contributed to reviewing the youth constituency governance manual, advocating for transparent selection processes, gender-sensitive frameworks, and clearly defined roles to ensure meaningful youth participation. The process resulted in the election of a TYP representative as the new youth leader, marking a significant milestone for young women's leadership in national decision-making spaces.