



2024 HIGHLIGHTS!

14 Countries. 300+ Youth Advocates. 9,000+ Reached.

The **UNITED! Movement** advanced youth-led advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and HIV across 14 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa by empowering over 300 young advocates through skills-building sessions, engaging 130 in high-level dialogues, and generating visibility through strategic media efforts reaching 9,000 users across social platforms.



"I am dedicated to amplifying conversations on youth health and promoting innovative skilling for young people... I hope to create a network of changemakers to address unique challenges faced by youth, especially those living with HIV in Uganda"

Trevor Emojel, UNITED! Movement Leader

Strengthen the capacity of youth-led SRHR and HIV networks

In 2024, the UNITED! Movement made significant strides in strengthening the capacity and skills of youth-led networks advocating for SRHR and HIV. Through targeted trainings, mentorship, and workshops—including a standout skills-building session at the International Workshop on Adolescence, SRHR, & HIV in Nairobi—100% of participants reported increased confidence in leading youth-centred programming.

This movement fostered vibrant peer learning through thematic webinars exploring the intersection of SRHR with climate justice, mental health, and psychosocial support. These dynamic spaces facilitated knowledge exchange and collaboration. Partnering with Y+ Global and UNITED!, the movement mapped member networks, identified key capacity gaps, and directed resources toward strategic, needs-based support.

- ✓ *Trained & mentored over 300 young advocates*
- ✓ *Boosted the confidence of youth leaders at the Adolescent SRHR/HIV Workshop*
- ✓ *Delivered thematic webinars on the intersection of SRHR with climate justice, mental health, and psychosocial support*
- ✓ *Mapped networks, identified gaps, and launched targeted capacity-building*

Amplify youth-led SRHR and HIV advocacy for country-level change

At country and regional levels, youth-led advocacy was amplified, supporting over 130 young advocates in engaging with 15 key high-level influencing spaces, such as the SADC-NAC Directors' Meeting, the Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AAHA) Workshop, the AU Girls Education Summit, and the Youth Connekt Summit. To strengthen evidence generation and thought leadership, the UNITED! Movement engaged over 650 young leaders in youth reference groups, utilising their technical input to inform research and advocacy efforts. Through these avenues, young advocates successfully influenced policy dialogues, ensuring the inclusion of youth perspectives in decision-making and evidence generation.



- ✓ *Engaged 130+ youth in 15 high-level policy spaces like the SADC-NAC Directors' Meeting, AAHA Workshop, and AU Girls' Education Summit*
- ✓ *Involved 650+ young leaders in Youth Reference Groups — shaping research and policy from the ground up*
- ✓ *Ensured youth perspectives were heard loud and clear in critical national and regional dialogues*

OUTPUT 3



As a member of the Steering Committee for the UNITED! Movement, I am fortunate to be part of something special that is in its early stages of growth. This experience has given me a voice, and I genuinely feel heard."

Ravel Gatoto, UNITED! Movement Leader (Burundi)

Linking, sharing, and learning activities with a focus on country-level youth-led network success, challenges, and lessons.

The movement has also expanded its visibility and influence through strategic media and social media engagement. With a **blog series**, X-Spaces, media articles with **various media outlets**, and video content, UNITED! has reached over 9,000 users across Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp, sharing successes interventions, driving awareness and fostering a digital community of youth advocates. The UNITED! Movement continues to learn, exchange, and track engagement of young advocates in national and regional SRHR and HIV spaces across the region.

- ✓ Reached 9,000+ users through Instagram, Facebook & WhatsApp
- ✓ Hosted engaging X-Spaces, published media articles & featured a youth-led blog series
- ✓ Created digital spaces for learning, storytelling & collective action



"I am committed to advocating for inclusive policies prioritising youth leadership in health programs, particularly HIV care and mental health services. With the UNITED! Movement and the Zvandiri team, I want to create sustainable change focused on the health and well-being of adolescents and young adults living with HIV."

**Rumbidzai Matilda Chidora,
UNITED! Movement Leader (Zimbabwe)**

- ✓ Rolled out the first-ever youth-led PCA with Y+ Global, integrating PSEA & HACT trainings and assessments
- ✓ Strengthened ties with AfriYAN's new leadership
- ✓ Held regular Steering Committee calls & country check-ins
- ✓ Deepened collaboration for stronger, sustainable youth-led movements



OUTPUT 4

Collaboration and partnership

Institutional capacity was further established through two key actions: launching the first-ever youth-led Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) in partnership with Y+ Global and integrating institutional strengthening measures. These measures included assessments and courses such as Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and the Harmonised Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) assessment, designed to uphold the highest standards of ethical and accountable programming.

The UNITED! Movement deepened its partnership with AfriYAN's new youth leadership, fostering enhanced coordination and a shared vision for long-term sustainability. UNITED! Movement partners maintained regular steering committee calls and biannual country engagements, further strengthening their collaboration and collective action, which in turn amplified their joint youth-led advocacy efforts.