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TYPF TEAM NOTE

Greetings from The YP Foundation!

The YP Foundation came together as a voluntary group for youth led social change action and dialogue back in 2002. We have come a long way since then! This year, we mark our 20th anniversary and this issue of our annual report reflects the milestones we have reached in this momentous year. In the past 20 years, our work has expanded multi-directionally from gender justice to sexuality rights to health equity, inclusive education, feminist leadership and many more issues that young people chose to raise and lead over the years. Each year, hundreds of us as young people come together to reach out to peers, policy makers, and people in the ecosystem to share our lived experiences and demand decision making powers.

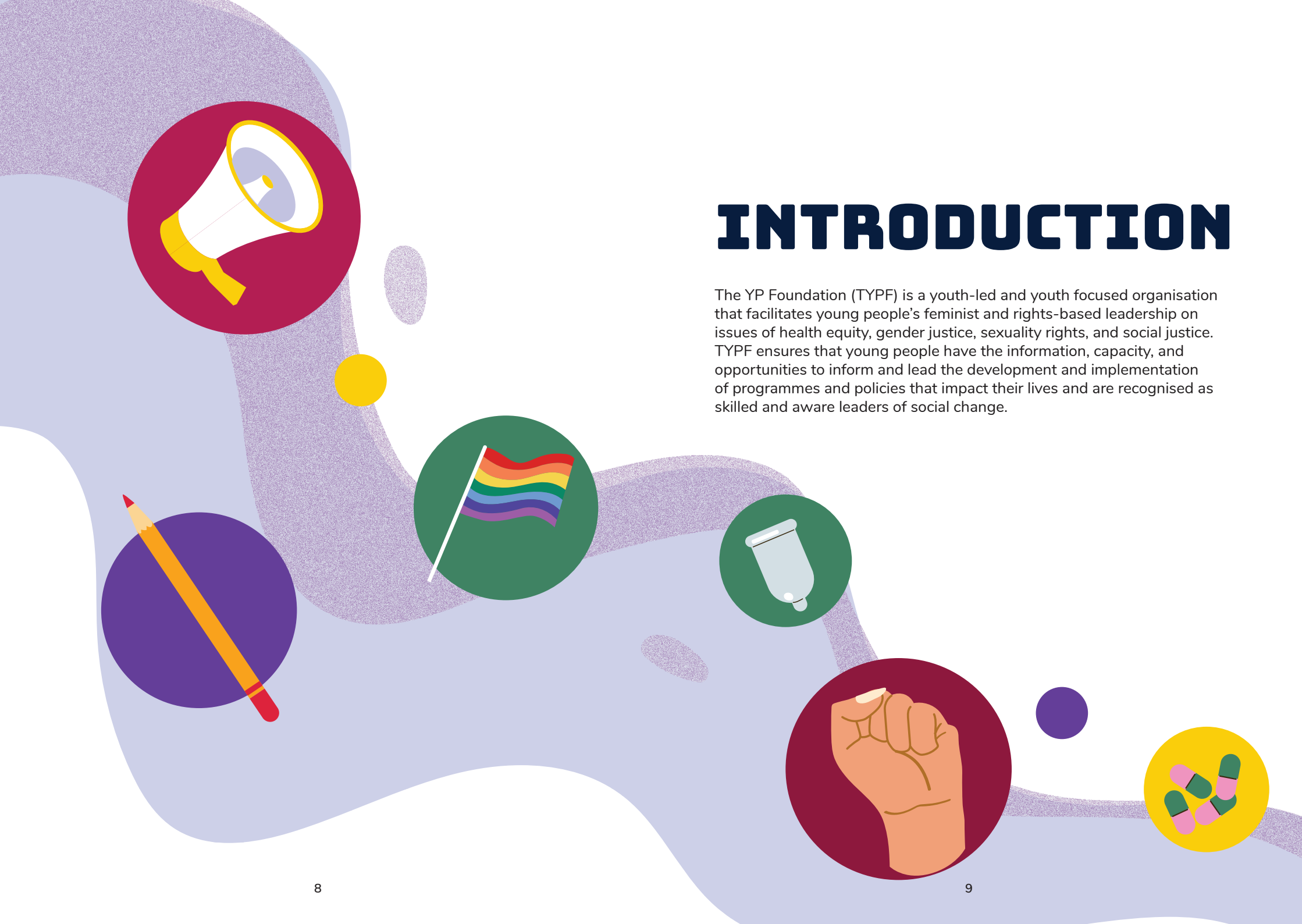
The journey has had some bumps, but with each challenge we grew stronger and more resilient to work towards a vision of ensuring that young people are recognised as equal stakeholders and conscious leaders of social change. We have faced resistance sometimes when the world finds it difficult to see us beyond the demographics. We acknowledge the long journey it is to foreground young people's rights and agency, especially in its relation to their autonomy and freedom to choose and make their own decisions. But through the sheer determination and commitment of every young person engaged with us and our work, we have been able to continue our fight for social justice.

As we complete our 20th year, we want to remind ourselves that our values of being feminist, intersectional, and rights-based are principles that continue to be our cornerstones as we co-lead and co-create spaces with you to believe, cherish, and celebrate adolescent and youth leadership. We have been - and promise to continue being - a safer and affirmative space for young people to grow, learn, and become active agents of social change.



INTRODUCTION

The YP Foundation (TYPF) is a youth-led and youth focused organisation that facilitates young people's feminist and rights-based leadership on issues of health equity, gender justice, sexuality rights, and social justice. TYPF ensures that young people have the information, capacity, and opportunities to inform and lead the development and implementation of programmes and policies that impact their lives and are recognised as skilled and aware leaders of social change.



THE 20 YEAR JOURNEY

2022

Actively invested in creating resilient youth advocates across various thematic areas and geographic locations to amplify young people's feminist and intersectional leadership.

2021

Scaled up program implementation and advocacy efforts in the fields of gender, sexuality, health, and education, working with adolescents and youth on a national and international scale.

2017

Developed a new strategic plan with a focus on sexual rights, violence prevention, movement building, and youth-led advocacy. Expanded the organisation's areas of focus to include Gender-Based Violence (GBV), masculinities, and queer-trans* rights. Also expanded direct interventions to Bihar.

2012

Expanded program operations to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh (UP), initiating advocacy efforts in 18 states to encourage youth engagement in both action and policy-making.

2007

Officially registered as a trust, introducing programs on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), digital storytelling, life skills, governance, and performing arts-based career opportunities for youth.

2002

Established as a voluntary group dedicated to fostering youth-led social change dialogues and actions.



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

2022 - 2023

We have reached

10,000

adolescents, youth
leaders,
and community
stakeholders through
in depth direct
interventions



We reached

35K+

young people

through campaigns and
public engagement

Our digital campaigns
reached out to over

850,000

people online

We trained

800

young leaders
through our various
initiatives



STRATEGIES

TYPF uses six key strategies for building young people's leadership, collectives, and ecosystems.



CAMPAIGNS

We craft impactful on-ground and online campaigns that shed light on the experiences and concerns of young people. Furthermore, these campaigns serve as vehicles to inform a diverse array of stakeholders about relevant issues and perspectives, fostering greater understanding of the lived realities of the young population.

RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE CREATION

We are committed to co-generating data and evidence data that empowers youth to advocate for their rights. We generate resources that empower young individuals to grasp complex issues, refine their perspectives, and develop the skills required to engage with these issues with an informed perspective and positioning.

CAPACITY BUILDING

At TYPF, our approach involves the implementation of structured leadership and capacity building programs. These initiatives serve as pathways to enhance access to information, services, and entitlements for adolescents and youth. Through peer-led processes, on-ground campaigns, and active engagement in policy discussions, we foster growth and empowerment among our peers. Moreover, we extend our efforts to train healthcare providers, teachers, community members, and various stakeholders. Our aim is to create more youth-friendly and affirming spaces and services.

DIALOGUE PLATFORMS

We recognise the power of dialogue platforms as spaces for young people to voice their needs and concerns. By uniting young individuals with diverse perspectives, skills, and experiences, we ensure their representation at both physical and online platforms. These platforms stand as channels for young people to present their concerns to various stakeholders.

NETWORK BUILDING

Our focus on network building aims to amplify the voices of young people, turning them into effective stakeholders. As part of this strategy, we engage actively within existing networks as a youth organisation. Additionally, we nurture independent youth networks, equipping them with the tools, skills, and autonomy necessary to engage effectively in social justice work.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

We advocate to ensure equitable and meaningful participation of diverse adolescent and youth voices at policy making platforms and key policy spaces. We strive to bring the voices of young people and adolescents from across India directly to policy-makers. We are also working to ensure that young people have adequate skills and knowledge they need to effectively utilise these spaces to make sustainable change through narrative shifting.

Our youth leaders play a pivotal role in representing the concerns and experiences of youth and adolescents. This representation extends to various national, regional, and international platforms.



OUR WORK



1. CAMPAIGNS

Amplifying Queer-Trans* Rights: Highlighting Pride in Pleasure

Globally there is a concerning increase in anti-gender, anti-trans* discourse that threatens queer-trans* adolescent and young people's rights. In response to this, we established the Loud and Queer (LAQ) programme. Under this initiative, we published the 'In Safe Hands: A Resource Guide Towards Inclusive Healthcare'. Queer-trans* rights also played a major role in our campaigns in the past year. Centering the experiences and needs of young adolescents, we designed our narrative building and engagement on digital platforms.

To celebrate pride month in June, we brought in the pleasure positive lens to look at queerness. #PrideinPleasure was a campaign that ran across our social media platforms in June. We published four powerful articles to platform diverse experiences of pleasure of marginalised queer-trans* persons. The articles explored pleasure in intersection with disability, asexuality, transmasculinity and caste. The articles received tremendous support on all our platforms.



Along with publishing on our platforms, we collaborated with other organisations such as Leather Subculture and The Pleasure Project to do insta lives talking and thinking about experiences of pleasure (and the absence of it) and how it is intertwined body politics. We were also part of an enriching roundtable discussion on safety and pleasure hosted by Accelerate supported by USAID. These activities contributed to increasing our discourse shifting efforts on digital platforms.

Advocating for Safe Abortion: On-ground and Digital Initiatives

In a nation where abortion remains criminalised, facing numerous moral and cultural objections, the imperative for ensuring safe abortion access becomes pivotal for the advancement of reproductive rights and overall health. In the past year, we implemented several successful campaigns under our Safe Abortion for Everyone (SAFE) programme. To mark International Safe Abortion Day (ISAD), we implemented a public campaign in Guwahati, Assam, and Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The campaign included a host of interactive activities such as panel discussions, games, and street plays, and was organised with the objective to equip youth in the two states with knowledge and fact-based information around safe abortion. These events were open to the public and we were able to engage with a total of 200 individuals.

“The International Safe Abortion day with SAFE was not only my first time attending such an event discussing access to abortion but my first time attending such an event in Guwahati that brought students and young people to advocate for the cause of basic human rights. I believe it to be the perfect culmination of my SAFE project with TYPF, where I had the opportunity to disseminate the insights based on the months of research and narrative building. I hope it will be the firsts of many more such engagements with TYPF in the future.”

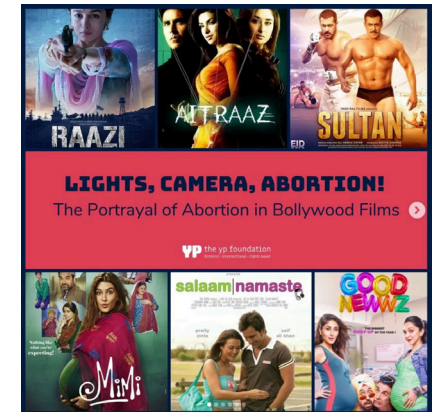
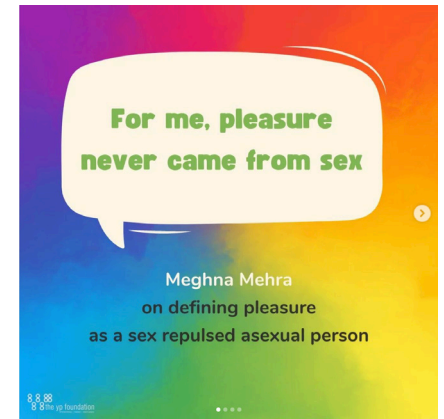
- Former SAFE youth leader, Assam



In the past year, we have produced significant resources and ICE material for safe abortion narrative building. During ISAD events, we launched comics on Bodily Autonomy and Consent, and Abortion and Contraception in Malayalam and Assamese respectively with English translations. The comics were borne out of the qualitative exploratory study conducted last year to understand the perception of induced abortion and barriers faced by tea garden workers of Jorhat, Assam, and the traditional marine fisherfolk community of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The study was disseminated in the form of an audit report. In the past year, we have managed to distribute around 500 prints of the comics, audit report and a myths and misconceptions document about abortion access in India. This has exponentially increased public engagement around safe abortion from an intersectional and rights-based perspective.

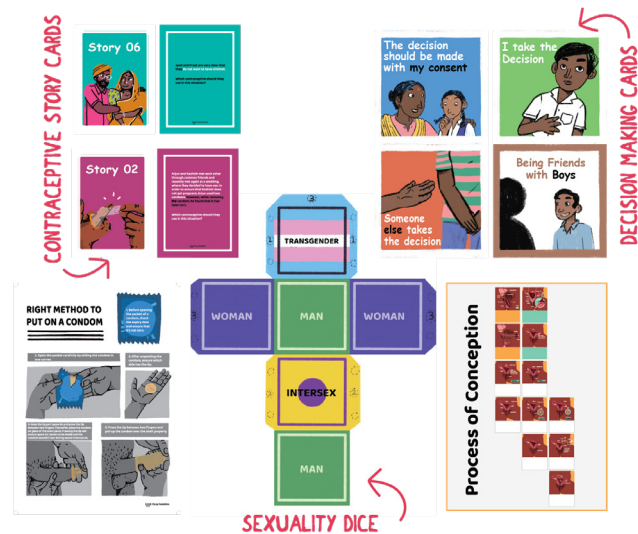
Along with a successful on-ground campaign, we also managed to engage a diverse set of communities on our social media platforms. We did a month-long digital campaign leading up to ISAD. We produced several different forms of digital content to reach a wider audience with fact-based information on safe abortion. This ranged from looking at the portrayal of abortion in Bollywood films to sharing data on abortion costs as well as privacy and confidentiality rights of abortion seekers. We also shared insights from the audit report on the accessibility of abortion services in India. We hosted a Twitter chat with seven national and international organisations discussing the need for safe abortion, especially for marginalised communities. Throughout the month, we had overall 13k+ impressions, which is a 300% increase in our average impressions per month on Twitter.



2. RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE CREATION

Empowering Youth through Progressive and Inclusive Sexuality Education Curriculum

A key focus of our work at TYPF is to empower adolescents and youth by providing them with information on health, sexuality, and human rights in a supportive and non-stigmatizing manner. To achieve this goal, we have developed a comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) curriculum that caters to the specific needs and contexts of two age groups: 9-13 years and 14+.



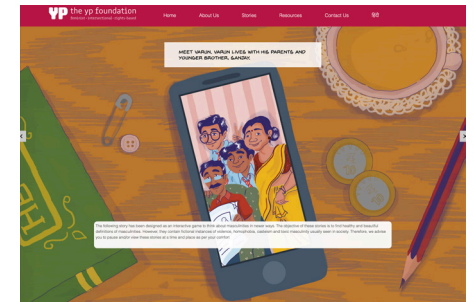
In September, the CSE curriculum was launched through a public discourse shifting event, Bebaak Aur Azaad Tarane (BAAT) - a multi-stakeholder dialogue facilitated by adolescents and young people, demanding a commitment towards CSE for all. The curriculum received much admiration for its diversity, and progressive nature.

The curriculum was conceptualised to be age informed, context specific, trauma informed, adolescent and pleasure affirmative and queer trans affirmative. This curriculum brings together the cumulative experience and work of young people who have co-journeyed with us as participants and leaders as part of our Know Your Body Know Your Rights (KYBKRY) programme. The launch of the curriculum saw the participation of 150 attendees, representing different stakeholders and their interest educating adolescents about their body and sexuality. The curriculum is being translated in different Indian languages to increase its reach and engagement.

Reimagining Masculinity: Innovative Approaches and Interactive Tools

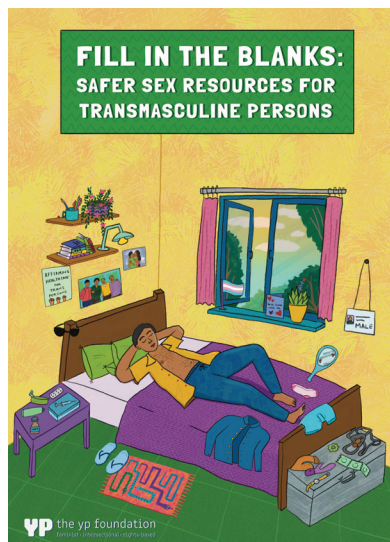
This year, we were able to implement some innovative methods to increase dialogue and engagement on masculinity among young people, especially men and boys. We created several sessions addressing aspects of masculinity and drew its connection with sexuality, mental health and misinformation. To reach a wide community and for a memorable token of our mission, we produced posters and badges with slogans and eye-catching illustrations.

In order to interact with as many adolescents as possible, we have also created a digital platform in the form of a website. The Mardon Wali Baat website consists of resources and four interactive stories to be used as a tool for individual reflections as well as for group processes on gender and intersectional masculinities. Every interactive story presents a unique situation inspired by real life situations and your choices propel the story forward.



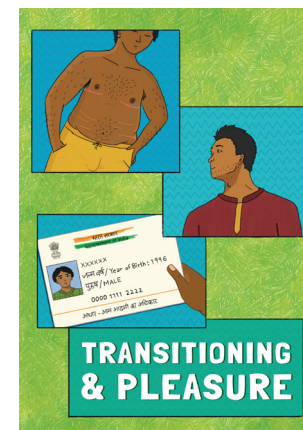
Centering Joy and Pleasure: Empowering Trans* Masculine Individuals in India

This year our queer-trans* rights vertical, Loud and Queer (LAQ), focused on creating pleasure & joy centred resources for trans* masculine persons. We conducted an online survey on themes of sexual and reproductive health (SRHR), pleasure, relationships, and sexual violence, to understand the safer sex needs of trans* masculine persons. The aim of the survey was to increase the availability and visibility of safer sex resources for young transmen and trans* masculine persons. The questionnaire for this survey was designed after a review of existing resources. We found an absence of the Indian context in the existing resources, and tailored our questionnaire to test out the relevance of these themes in the Indian context. The findings were then translated into a report for further dissemination.



Along with the survey, we conducted focus group discussions (FGDs) and in-depth interviews to get a better understanding of the needs and requirements of the transmasculine community in India. These conversations involved 31 transmen and trans masculine persons from 16 states in India. To further elevate the quality of our knowledge and to create a dynamic resource, we also held a national consultation with trans men and men and masculine persons who have been working on issues of transgender persons rights, and are prominent advocates in the field.

After collecting all these views and data, we were able to create a comprehensive 40-page booklet outlining the needs and resources related to SRH for trans men and masculine persons. Countering the discrimination faced by transmasculine individuals in the healthcare system, the booklet is one of its kind resources containing information relevant pertaining to sexual and reproductive rights of all trans men and masculine persons in India.



Sex in the Times of COVID-19

Even though coronavirus is not spread through sexual contact, it is highly infectious, and you can contract it if you go on a date, make out, or hook up with someone with COVID-19. This is because COVID-19 spreads through small liquid particles in our nose or mouth, and you can inhale the virus or contract it by touching an infected surface and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

But COVID-19 does not have to be the end of your sexual (and/or romantic) life. Here are some tips for staying safer:

1. Ask any partner(s) you may be meeting about any symptoms related to COVID-19 they might have experienced in the 14 days prior to your meeting. These include fever, dry cough, sore throat, loss of taste or smell. If they have experienced these symptoms, they can take an at-home COVID-19 test, or an RT-PCR test before meeting.
2. Testing negative on the at-home test does not mean they may not have COVID-19, so it is advised to delay your meeting if they can test negative on an RT-PCR test, especially if they are experiencing severe or more than one symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Using masks and meeting in open spaces like parks, outdoor markets, or anywhere with good ventilation reduces your risk of contracting COVID-19, and could also be a good way to get creative with date ideas! Abstain from use of home partners, and washing your hands with soap and water is also recommended.



Using relevant and rights-based language, along with engaging illustrations, the booklet aims to centre joy and euphoria in the lives of transmasculine individuals, a glaring gap in the current discourse around transmasculine individuals and their rights.

Understanding Gender Beyond the Binaries

This year, we have also launched a remarkable handbook titled 'Understanding Gender Beyond the Binaries.' In this handbook, we have tried to address themes such as the difference between sex and gender, heteronormativity, understanding trans identity and its relationship with feminism. This handbook was a significant step ahead in our effort to increase the availability and visibility of resources dedicated to gender diversity for young people. The booklet is illustrated to ensure an engaging and visually appealing presentation. We are delighted to share that the handbook is now available on our platform, furthering our commitment to champion queer-trans* rights and empowering young people with valuable knowledge and resources.

UNDERSTANDING GENDER BEYOND THE BINARIES

Did you already know there were two transgender categories: gender non-binary and transmasculine? This handbook explains the difference between the two and why it is important to understand them.

It also explains why it is important to have conversations around gender diversity. While the handbook is a valuable resource, it is not a substitute for professional support. If you are looking for support, please reach out to our helpline at 011-26101111 or visit our website at www.youthpolicy.org.

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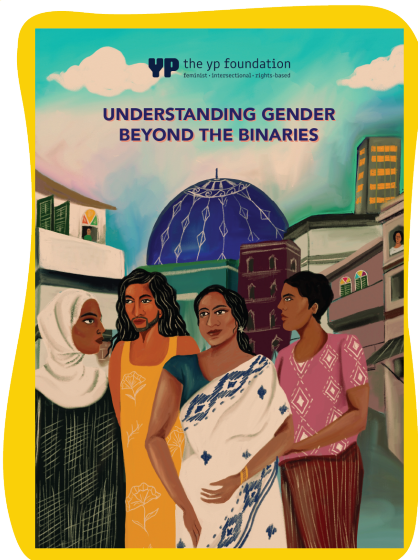
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3. CAPACITY BUILDING

Training Peer Educators for Effective Adolescent Health Narrative Building

As part of our policy engagement work in the last year, we trained around 30 peer educators with Adolescent Health Narrative Building Toolkit jointly developed by TYPF and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India. The peer educators were from at least 5 districts across 5 states/UTs are trained on the toolkit and have increased knowledge and skills to advocate at block level. The peer educators were then grouped together to implement their policy narrative building plan in 3 months.

Strengthening Youth Capacity on SRHR

Through a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach, our Know Your Body Know Your Rights (KYBKRYR) programme has made significant progress in building the capacity of adolescents and youth on issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). In the last year, we were able to train 1250 adolescents on issues of SRHR in collaboration with seven organisations across Delhi, Uttar Pradesh (UP), and Bihar.



With our curriculum for the 9-13 age group of adolescents, we were able to engage with around 390 participants.

During a 2-day bootcamp with this age group, we were able to foster a safe space for conversations around personal space, boundaries, power dynamics, violence, puberty changes, and digital health. For adolescents aged 14 and above, the 14+ curriculum was effectively implemented in organisations across Delhi, Bihar, and UP. The curriculum benefited around 3000 adolescents overall.

Along with adolescents, we have trained 124 young leaders and 5 youth leaders to implement CSE curricula on issues of SRHR. This training included SRHR sessions and perspective building on intersectional feminist leadership. In collaboration with other organisations, we equipped young leaders with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively deliver CSE to adolescents. Additionally, we conducted a 3-day training on Mental Health integrating SRHR. Furthermore, we focused on capacity building among youth leaders from marginalised rural communities in Bihar, covering topics such as gender, sexuality, relationships, and contraception.

Through these efforts, we have created a strong foundation of young leaders who can implement SRHR projects and promote informed decision-making among adolescents.



The youth leaders received comprehensive SRHR training, socio-legal perspective building, mental health first aid training, and capacity building on intersectional feminist leadership. We were also able to include an important stakeholder in our training around issues of SRHR. We trained around 40 frontline healthcare workers to inculcate an adolescent friendly attitude in their delivery of healthcare services.



Through these training initiatives, we have empowered youth leaders to implement CSE curricula, address SRHR, and promote informed decision-making among adolescents. Overall, this year, we have made substantial strides in advancing the capacities of adolescents and youth in informed decision-making on SRHR issues.

By partnering with organisations, conducting targeted curriculum implementations, and fostering external collaborations, the initiative has positively impacted the lives of adolescents, laying a strong foundation for their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Challenging Norms: Unveiling Intersectional Masculinities through Dialogue

In the last year, we have worked directly with adolescents to unravel the understanding of masculinity in a patriarchal society. We conducted sessions on masculinities with college students at various locations as part of the Mardon Wali Baat programme. We facilitated sessions at KC College and Lady Irwin College, reaching around 120 young people, to foster a deeper understanding of gender dynamics. At IIT Delhi, we delivered a workshop on gender, sexism, and consent to 600 students, sparking important conversations. We also participated in a panel discussion on 'Sexism, Cinema, and Hum Tum,' engaging 100 individuals in meaningful conversations. These sessions have increased dialogue and engagement on masculinities, promoting a more inclusive understanding of gender.

As part of MWB's efforts, we had the privilege of onboarding a cohort of 17 young facilitators from 10 organisations across Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Delhi for the Rethinking Violence and Masculinities Perspectives (REVAMP) Project. We conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) program focused on intersectional masculinities, equipping the cohort with the skills to engage in further dialogues using interactive tools and session designs.

These young facilitators embarked on impactful projects as part of the REVAMP project. They facilitated sessions on gender, masculinities, violence, and sexuality, reaching over 1700 young people in locations such as Varanasi, Faizabad, Ghazipur, Kanpur, Jaipur, Bagru, Banswara, Bhopal, Raipur, and Delhi. To support their implementation, we organised online perspective building workshops and check-in meetings. Additionally, we conducted monitoring visits to provide in-person feedback and support throughout the projects.

The REVAMP project concluded with a closing meeting where 16 young facilitators reflected on their journeys and shared the findings of their projects. We also invited organisational representatives and youth leaders to an online meeting to input the roadmap for future work in this area.

These collective efforts have contributed to organisations adopting an intersectional approach to working on masculinities and have empowered young people to engage in meaningful dialogues on these important topics.

“I conducted a session with community members along with my family members. Explaining gender to people was difficult, as sometimes people understand and sometimes they wouldn't. During the session, I also shared my lived experience with my family about my identity and my feelings. I talked about being a trans man in a session on gender. My girlfriend's father said on the second day of the session - “I was worried how we will get you married. After this training, I am proud we will not have to worry. Happy to see that you are living on your own terms. We will get both of you married whenever you want.”

- REVAMP youth leader

Law Leadership Program: Empowering Queer Community

As part of our Loud and Queer programme, we conceptualised and created the design for the Access To Law Leadership Program. One of the initial steps involved drafting a training module focused on queer-trans* rights and the law. This module aims to provide comprehensive information on queer-trans* rights and entitlements in education, employment, and the legal mechanisms available to prevent and address violence and discrimination.

To ensure the effectiveness of the training module, we organised meetings with experts in the field to conceptualise and design the key themes of the curriculum. Extensive research was conducted to gather relevant information for each thematic area, and we drafted activities for the six sessions. Following Walker's cycle and the spiral curriculum approach, the module was designed to facilitate progressive learning. To ensure the accuracy and quality of the content, the module draft underwent a thorough review by a legal expert, who provided valuable input to fine-tune and vet the material.

Through these efforts, we aim to increase the information and knowledge among young queer individuals about the existing legal systems and laws that impact their lives. With an estimated impact on 60 people, we are committed to empowering and equipping the queer community with the necessary legal knowledge to navigate their rights and advocate for their well-being. We even conducted a four-day national training with young queer and trans* persons from 19 states in India to build their capacities on the laws and legal systems that impact their lives.

EQUAL Project: Advancing Queer-Trans* Rights

As part of the LAQ initiative, we successfully completed the EQUAL (Expanding Queer people's Access to leadership) Project. As part of the project, 26 young people across 19 states got together to champion resources that are informed by the perspectives, knowledge, and intersectional lived realities of queer-trans* folks. This project provided a platform for the cohort members to build their capacities and knowledge to negotiate with key stakeholders such as community members, judicial bodies, and legal service providers to ensure safety and protection. Over the course of 3 months, the youth leaders collectively reached out to 2000 people across their locations to advance the issue of legal information and entitlements of queer-trans people. The project culminated in a convocation event. The convocation event served as a platform to showcase the remarkable Social Action Projects undertaken by 24 youth leaders.



thereby fostering the sharing of invaluable learnings and experiences gained during their project journey with other stakeholders in the sector. Moreover, we proudly launched a comprehensive and essential handbook centred around Transgender Identity Documentations, thoughtfully curated by our EQUAL youth leaders.

“The last few months have led me to engage with various aspects of the legal recognition of queer-trans identities, through the making of this (Transgender Identity Documentations) guide.

This has also intersected with my further interests in research and art, and I plan to work on the legal rights of queer-trans persons in India, beyond the capacity of the project as well. The sessions during the induction had been expansive, which inform much of my activism now.”

- Kalki (EQUAL youth leader)

Through these key activities, we continue to work passionately towards championing queer-trans* rights and empowering our diverse community.



Youth Advocates for Safe and Inclusive Urban Spaces

It is a key factor for the young to feel safe in their space, hence, a key initiative for us this year was focused on the youth friendliness of city spaces. As part of our Cities For Youth initiative, we engaged with 16 enthusiastic youth participants through an 8-month project in the vibrant cities of Rajasthan, namely Jaipur and Udaipur. This project aimed to empower and equip them to advocate for their rights more effectively in urban spaces. This cohort of youth advocates, 70% of whom were women, actively engaged in driving gender inclusion, safety, and well-being initiatives in the two cities.



As part of their Social Action Projects, our youth advocates collected data to gain valuable insights into urban challenges and safety concerns. Our efforts culminated in significant community engagement and impact, with the advocates performing Nukkad Natak (street plays) in Udaipur's public spaces and organising a thought-provoking movie screening,



attended by 126 participants, while 40 participants joined in for the engaging wall painting activity, which was followed by a signature campaign to advocate for the highlighted community issues.

Overall, our Cities For Youth initiative made a profound impact, empowering the youth advocates and fostering their active involvement in driving gender inclusion, safety, and well-being in the urban spaces of Jaipur and Udaipur.

Unleashing Leadership for Change in Young Women and Adolescent Girls

Empowering young women and adolescent girls has been a core pillar of our work. Our Butterfly Programme runs in the states of Jharkhand and Delhi, developing the leadership capacities of adolescent girls and young women.

In Jharkhand, we work with grassroots organisations and their Kishori Manch leaders to build their perspectives on addressing early, child, and forced marriage from the lens of consent, choice, agency, decision-making, and rights of young people, especially centring the leadership of adolescent girls.



Our journey to success involved the initiation of the First Adolescent Girls Conclave in Ranchi, a pivotal event attended by 34 Kishori Manch leaders from districts across Jharkhand. The conclave featured thought-provoking sessions centred around crucial themes, including gender dynamics, the impact of power dynamics, the importance of confronting patriarchy, and the essence of adolescent girls' leadership.



Our endeavours in Jharkhand resulted in significant progress, with 14,350 individuals now better equipped to challenge gender stereotypes and contribute to the advancement of gender equality and empowerment. We remain committed to expanding our efforts and creating meaningful change in the lives of young women and girls in Jharkhand and beyond. In Jharkhand, we also conducted Learning Institute sessions with 24 mentors/coordinators from the 12 partner organisations, on understanding gender, SRHR, and adolescent girls leadership.

“My journey started from a corner, where I was lonely and silent but I did not mind that. I preferred to be with myself. I didn’t like going anywhere. Then I joined Learning Communities and opened myself to new people and new experiences. I learned a lot by coming here — learned to work on social issues, learned to stand up for myself. The safe space made me brave enough to see the condition of my society, and critique it.”

- a 17 year adolescent leader

In Delhi too we initiated a host of activities this year to foster young girls' leadership. We built a community centre called “Sadda Adda” to create a space for adolescent girls and young women to express, explore, and experience a safe space. Through theatre, art and writing, the cohort of adolescent girls expressed their individuality and growth. We also organised a feminist picnic at the Sunder Nagar Nursery with the cohort, bringing them outside their home, and in public space. The idea was to build a narrative that girls do have rights to access public space, to loiter, to be unproductive.

As part of the Learning Community initiative, we set in motion Social Action Projects across five partner organisations. In total, 42 adolescent girls and 4 mentors benefited from these engaging activities, enriching their perspectives and capacitating them to drive meaningful change within their communities.

As we continue our Adolescent Girls Leadership initiative, we remain committed to nurturing the potential of young girls and empowering them to challenge gender norms, advocate for their rights, and foster a more inclusive and equitable society. Through our concerted efforts, we strive to leave a lasting impact on the lives of these young individuals, creating a ripple effect of positive change in their communities and beyond.

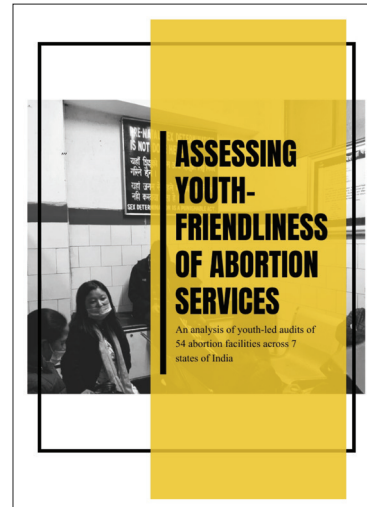


Youth Advocating for Inclusive Abortion Discourse and Rights

As part of our SAFE initiative, we undertook a significant endeavour to capacitate five entities, comprising organisations, collectives, and a state institute from Kerala and Assam. The primary focus of this capacity building effort was to empower these entities to engage in constructive and informed discussions on abortion discourse. Additionally, we aimed to collect compelling case stories that shed light on abortion access concerning the social groups they represent or work with.

Through this initiative, we sought to instil a rights-based perspective on abortion, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges faced by these communities. In line with our vision, we conducted a capacity building workshop on abortion discourse, which brought together five entities - three from Assam and two from Kerala. These entities were closely associated with tea plantation workers, queer individuals, marine fisherfolk, and local self-governance communities.

The workshop, with its comprehensive and engaging sessions, had a profound impact on the participants. In total, 12 individuals from the entities actively participated, absorbing valuable knowledge and insights into the complex abortion discourse.



Our aim is to bridge gaps, break down barriers, and empower individuals and organisations to advocate for the reproductive rights and choices of those they serve. As we progress, we are excited to witness the positive ripple effects of this capacity building effort on the ground, fostering more inclusive and equitable reproductive healthcare access for all.

In our relentless pursuit of advancing abortion rights narrative building in India, we proudly inducted and capacitated 15 passionate youth leaders through our SAFE initiative. The primary focus of this capacity building effort was to equip these young individuals with comprehensive knowledge on the medical, legal, and social aspects of abortion in the country. Additionally, we provided them with essential training in basic narrative building skills and RTI (Right to Information) filing, empowering them with skills to become young abortion rights advocates.

In preparation for leading audits in their respective districts, eight youth leaders received specialised training on RTI filing, enabling them to access essential data on abortion facilities in their districts. Additionally, they were trained in conducting audits using the mystery client method, facilitating a deeper understanding of the realities faced by individuals seeking abortion services. This culminated in an audit report of abortion facilities in the two states of Kerala and Assam. The report sheds light on significant aspects of abortion access in India, such as its price range, the awareness level of abortion seekers, and the sensitivity of abortion service providers.

As we move forward with our SAFE initiative, we are committed to supporting and amplifying the voices of these young advocates, ensuring they contribute to a more inclusive, equitable, and rights-based approach to abortion access and narrative building.

TO IMPROVE YOUTH-FRIENDLINESS AT THE PROVIDER LEVEL:

- 1. COMMUNICATE IN A SENSITIVE AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL MANNER:**
Young abortion seekers and service providers often experience communication barriers when involving young clients' sensitive and personal aspects of life. A lack of emotional safety can deter them from seeking services. There should be focus on making the young person feel less intimidated and improving client-provider interaction to build trust and rapport.
- 2. UPHOLD THE YOUNG CLIENT'S AUTONOMY:**
Due to moralistic perspectives on pre-marital sex and abortion, seeking abortion service often becomes difficult for the young person. Regardless of their personal stance on abortion, service providers have the ethical responsibility to uphold the young person's autonomy by providing them unbiased and comprehensive information and ensuring that their decision is truly informed and autonomous and safe abortion services are not disrupted or blocked.
- 3. SEEK INFORMED CONSENT:**
It is crucial to uphold the young abortion seeker's decision-making capacity and right to acquire correct information. Key elements of informed consent include explaining the client about the nature and benefits of the procedure along with the potential health risks using simple language as well as informing them about their right to take decisions about their own bodies.
- 4. ADOPT A RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH:**
Despite their subjective opinions and perspectives, service providers must recognise access to abortion as an essential human right and uphold the reproductive autonomy and right to health of young abortion seekers. They must have a thorough understanding of the MTP Act and its conflation with the POCSO Act and PCPNDT Act to navigate medico-legal restrictions efficiently.

Youth Advocates Implement Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum

In the last year, we have made significant progress in our efforts to institutionalise Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for adolescents and young people. Through the KYBK YR project where we build the capacity of adolescents and young people to implement CSE curriculum in different geographies and settings in NCR.

We have directly interacted with 2500 parents/caregivers and local stakeholders, in order to bridge the gap between parents and adolescents. We have also been successful in advancing the capacities of adolescents and youth on informed decision-making on issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). We trained 13 adolescent youth leaders in mobile filmmaking by an award-winning filmmaker in a 5-day long residential workshop to build lived experience-based leadership skills. These youth leaders were then able to lead public/social media campaigns on AY-SRHR issues through mobile films/photography. We also conducted a module on Digital Health & Rights in the CSE Curricula (9-13 & 14+) for 13 youth leaders. Furthermore, we skillfully trained 20 adolescents on mobile film making to advocate and campaign on SRHR themes, resulting in the production of 20 films.

4. DIALOGUE PLATFORM

YouVaani: Engaging with Key Stakeholders

Along with working with adolescent girls, we have continued our unwavering commitment to strengthen the network of civil society organisations and their capacity to support adolescent girls' leadership. We are thrilled to report a significant achievement in capacity building, with 24 staff

members from 12 partner organisations now well-equipped to tackle the complex issues surrounding SRHR. Our efforts in Jharkhand have been particularly inspiring. We successfully organised the Second Learning Institute, bringing together 24 mentors and coordinators from our partner organisations. This initiative provided invaluable insights into gender, SRHR, and adolescent girls' leadership, fostering a deeper understanding of the critical issues at hand.

Our commitment extends beyond training and capacity building. We have actively engaged with our partner organisations. This year, we had the privilege of visiting the offices of two partner organisations in Bokaro and Dhanbad, as well as one organisation in Ranchi, which is a part of the Gender Equality Forum network. These visits provided us with valuable input and insights.

The induction of a new programmatic teammate into our Jharkhand networks and partner organisations reflects our commitment to expanding our reach and impact.



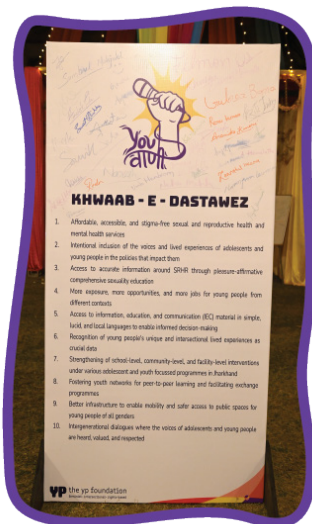
We have also conducted a partner consultation with the senior management of the 12 partner organisations. This collaborative effort has not only created a better buy-in but has allowed us to reflect on their feedback and input, co-creating a common calendar towards state-level discourse shift.



Our dedication to our mission was further exemplified through the successful organisation of a state-level dialogue platform, “YouVaani,” with the representation of key stakeholders from the ruling party of Jharkhand, Dr. Mahua Maji, the RKSK, National Health Mission, UN bodies, civil society networks, youth organisations, peer educators, independent researchers, educators, and young people from 10 districts of Jharkhand. “YouVaani” is now evolving into an narrative building platform across the organisation, reaffirming our commitment to bringing about positive change.

We are excited to announce a new grant with DASRA for a long-term engagement focusing on SRHR thematics in college institutions in Ranchi and Banaras. This two-year initiative aims to impact the lives of one million young people, furthering our mission to empower the youth and advance SRHR.

As we reflect on the year behind us, we do so with gratitude for the incredible dedication and hard work of our team and partners. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of adolescents and young people, and we look forward to the opportunities and challenges that the future holds.



Jashne Agwahi: Celebrating Adolescent Girl Leadership

One significant accomplishment took place in BP Delhi, where our Adolescent Girls Leadership program thrived in partnership with organisations like Feminist Approach to Technology (FAT), Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group, Swechha India, and Joint Operation for Social Help (JOSH). This endeavour engaged 180 participants, including community stakeholders, family members, and friends of the adolescent girl leaders. A comprehensive one-day community event was collaboratively designed and executed at the Sadda Adda community centre. The event was called “Jashne Agwahi” (Celebration of Awareness) and focused on presenting the evidence and experiences gathered through community-level engagements centred around gender-transformative campaigning.

During this event, the cohort of girls showcased a theatre performance aimed at raising awareness among community members, including parents and family members, about the prevalent issue of domestic violence faced by adolescent girls in their homes. The performance also highlighted the legal recognition of such forms of violence, encompassing forced marriages, limited access to education, gender-based discrimination, and mobility restrictions. Through this collaborative intervention, we successfully enhanced the awareness and capabilities of young individuals, particularly young women and girls, empowering them to challenge prevailing gender stereotypes and power dynamics within their communities.



5. NETWORK BUILDING

STEPS Network: Youth Narrative Building Influencing Policy Change in India

In 2018, we formed a policy group consisting of young advocates passionate about health, well-being, and gender issues. The group chose the name “Stepping Towards Enhancing Policy Structures” (STEPS) and became a nationwide network of adolescents and young individuals. Their primary objective is to promote meaningful involvement of youth in national policies and programs related to adolescent health and well-being. Serving as the secretariat, we focus on empowering its members by providing them with the necessary skills and opportunities to actively participate in policy discussions, feedback mechanisms, and the implementation of various initiatives.

In the past year, we successfully built the capacities of 50 STEPS members by focusing on discourse shifting skills, knowledge, and information pertaining to various policies and programs concerning adolescent health and well-being at a pan-India level. Through targeted capacity building initiatives, these youth advocates were empowered to effectively engage with relevant stakeholders and programs dedicated to the health and well-being of adolescents and young people.

A key aspect of this endeavour was a capacity building session that centred on policies and programs. The session specifically highlighted the significance of the National Adolescent Health Programme (Rashtriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram) and the School Health Programme.

One of our major accomplishments was the successful organisation of a national convening, bringing together the 50 STEPS members from 22 different states and Union Territories. The primary objective of this event was to strengthen the network and collectively strategize the roadmap for engaging with government stakeholders. As a result of the national convening and our continued efforts, several positive outcomes have been observed. The network has witnessed the establishment of

10 active and functional state chapters, signifying the growing presence and influence of STEPS across different regions. Notably, three state chapters from Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and Assam have already initiated impactful narrative building actions, showcasing the tangible results of our collective efforts.

SYAN: Strengthening Youth Narrative Building for Adolescent Health Across Southeast Asia

Our initiative, Southeast Asia Youth Health Action Network (SYAN) consists of 10 member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. SYAN aims to empower adolescent and youth groups in the South-East Asia region, enabling them to effectively advocate and engage in promoting adolescent health and well-being initiatives within their respective countries.



In the last year, SYAN has been able to train 100 youth leaders from the region on priority adolescent health issues. The aim is to strengthen their capacity to engage with stakeholders and programs focused on youth health and well-being.

As part of their network building, SYAN trained 16 out of 25 Global Health Champions as master trainers using the UNICEF Youth Discourse Guide. Throughout the year, SYAN organised virtual capacity building sessions on various topics, including the Art of Storytelling, Adolescent Nutrition, Monitoring and Evaluation for Adolescent Health, and Youth-led Narrative Building.

Trained youth advocates from the region have used the resources from these sessions to train their own community youth members, multiplying the impact of SYAN's efforts in advancing adolescent health and well-being.

Knowledge Hub: Youth Leadership in AY-SRHR through Collaboration and Initiatives

Under our KYBKRYR programme, we were able to form a strong ally-based network as part of the Knowledge Hub. This network of young individuals is dedicated to sustaining youth leadership within the realm of Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AY-SRHR). This initiative was designed to foster ally-based networks, allowing young people to evolve as leaders while providing mutual support to one another.

In the context of our Comprehensive Sexuality Education endeavours, we engaged in key activities that yielded remarkable outcomes. Involving 19 youth leaders from 11 youth-led and youth-focused organisations, we conducted capacity-building sessions centred around essential themes such as SRHR, intersectional feminism, and body and identity politics. These sessions empowered participants to develop a comprehensive understanding of these crucial topics. Additionally, upon completion of these sessions, participants submitted 4 projects addressing AY-SRHR concerns, showcasing their commitment to driving positive change within their communities.

Collaborating with the organisations from Phase 1 of Knowledge hub, we launched 4 projects in partnership with youth-led and youth-focused organisations as Phase 2. These projects encompassed various aspects, including the creation of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for SRHR work, the development of queer-trans* affirmative resources for medical professionals, the design of a teacher training curriculum focused on gender transformative classrooms, and the empowerment of female adolescents to advocate for SRHR through theatre. These initiatives marked a profound step toward advancing our goals of awareness, education, and narrative building.

6. POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Youth Voices in Policy Narrative Building for Adolescent Health and Well-being

To ensure that young concerns and experiences are not left out of policy decisions and implementation, we actively engage in policy discourse shift by liaising with state and district officials. In the last year, we worked with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Women and Child Development, and other stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the RKSK (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram) programme.

Through dialogue and workshops, the organisation strengthened its ties with government stakeholders, resulting in increased support for adolescent and youth-related programs. In December, a youth consultation was organised in Trivandrum, Kerala, involving 28 young people, to deliberate on the Adolescent Health and Well-being framework and propose recommendations for decision-makers on how to adopt the framework in existing adolescent health programs in the state or country. Additionally, a multi-stakeholder consultation was conducted in Trivandrum, with 35 participants, including representatives from the departments of WCD, Adolescent Health division, and Education. As a result of these efforts, commitments were sought from decision-makers in the departments of WCD, Health, and Education in Kerala concerning Adolescent Health and well-being, recognizing its importance in ensuring the well-being of adolescents in the state.

We also facilitated discussions with ministry officials at the state and district levels, emphasising the importance of Comprehensive Sexuality Education. An orientation meeting was held with 20 young people and partner organisation members to educate them about the basics of CSE and effective facilitation techniques in community settings. These efforts aimed to improve access to critical SRHR information and ensure proper delivery of Comprehensive Sexuality Education to empower and educate adolescent girls in Kerala.

Policy Engagement to Improve Safe Abortion Access

Under our SAFE initiative, we worked on policy engagement to improve access to abortion counselling services in two districts of Kerala and three districts of Assam. SAFE and other stakeholders liaised with State and District Officials, including representatives from Women and Child Development (WCD), National Health Mission (NHM), Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Adolescent Health officer, State Health System Resource Centre, and IPAS.

In Kerala, SAFE engaged with 10 stakeholders, while in Assam, six stakeholders were involved in the discussions. An important initiative taken was to initiate a meeting with the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) to include a module on abortion within their existing gender module. This addition aimed to sensitise local governance members under KILA regarding abortion-related matters. These efforts aimed to enhance access to accurate information and support regarding abortion services, contributing to the well-being and reproductive rights of individuals in the respective regions.

Representing Youth Voices: TYPF Youth Leaders Shine on Global and Regional Platforms

In the past year, TYPF Staff, Youth Leaders, and SYAN members actively participated in multiple global and regional narrative building platforms, elevating youth voices and promoting youth representation in crucial dialogues on adolescent and youth issues.



Several notable instances of youth representation were observed. Jivitesh Gupta, the youngest member of STEPS, served as a speaker at the ECOSOC Youth Forum Conference held virtually at the Asia level on 20th April. Additionally, three SYAN members participated as panellists in a side event organised by SYAN at the ECOSOC Youth Forum, discussing “Building Blocks for Building Back Better: Youth Leadership in Recovering from the Pandemic.”



Furthermore, 16 SYAN youth advocates took part in a Regional training on Youth Discourse Shifting Guides, organised by UNICEF and HRIDAY. In September, two SYAN youth advocates participated in a Youth consultation as part of Y20 engagement, organised by UNFPA. Additionally, SYAN members from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka attended the First Asian Congress on Adolescent Health.

Our staff members have also been part of some important international and national platforms. We were part of the 2022 International Conference on Family Planning where we spoke about meaningful youth engagement, abortion being a part of family planning and advocated for recognition of concerns of queer-trans* folks in family planning initiatives.

In October 2022, The YP Foundation was selected to be a part of the Global South led collective with the mission to create a Feminist Accountability Framework (FAF) towards the Generation Equality Forum which would intentionally acknowledge and thereby challenge the power imbalance within the existing GEF processes by centering the lived experience and expertise of historically marginalised communities from the Global South.

“Our FAF presents a new playbook for integrated involvement that licences us to set agendas and convenings, make decisions, address conflicts, and determine, allocate, and monitor resources. It offers a mechanism with the potential to engage local feminist organizations, leaders, and activists thoughtfully, regularly, and deeply in creating priorities, in driving the analysis and interpretation of data about us.”

The YP Foundation has collaborated and consulted with numerous multi-level organisations to facilitate the active participation of youth advocates from the Global South. These dialogues also aided in the co-creation of FAF which was launched during the 67th edition of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. In the current year, we successfully organised in-person engagement for both the 67th Commission on the Status of Women and the 56th Commission on Population and Development.

During CSW 67, TYPF had the privilege of representing youth voices at the Secretary-General’s Townhall. We conveyed the demands of the youth constituency and presented key requests from the CSW Youth Forum, which was co-organized by TYPF along with several other youth focused and youth led organisations. Additionally, TYPF played a pivotal role in crafting a list of recommendations on the Commission’s annual thematic focus and actively advocated as part of the core group. At the 56th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), two of our team members participated in person. They engaged in productive dialogues with various civil society organisations and young individuals to collectively strategize and advocate for the inclusive dissemination of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information to youth. Our approach was firmly grounded in a queer-affirmative and rights-based perspective.

TYPF has been selected as co convenor for the young feminist caucus and will be working for the sixty-eighth session of CSW. This session of CSW focuses on accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty, strengthening institutions, and incorporating gender-sensitive financing. The sessions are also intended towards tackling issues related to social protection systems, access to public services, and sustainable infrastructure to promote gender equality and empower women and girls.

TYPF actively engaged in the ILGA Asia Conference 2022 held in Vietnam to further our efforts and advocate for equal rights for queer-trans individuals both within the region and our home country. Our participation included contributing to a panel discussion and leading a session focusing on the impact and support mechanisms for queer-trans people during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This collaborative effort involved partnerships with Asia Pacific Trans Network (APTN), It’s T Time Vietnam, and Pioneer FTM Philippines.

Furthermore, TYPF joined forces with ILGA Asia, All Out, and regional organisations to campaign towards the ban of conversion therapy.

Overall, these participations and engagements in national and regional narrative building platforms empowered young people to amplify their voices and advocate for policies relevant to their needs and concerns. This concerted effort facilitated meaningful contributions to important decision-making processes on youth-related matters.



FINANCIAL REPORTING

THE YP FOUNDATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT
CORPUS	10,000.00	FIXED ASSETS	
Capital Fund-Fixed Assets(As per Contra)		Indian A/c.	54,448.64
As per last Balance Sheet	911,503.50	As per Schedule '1'	
Less:Assets sold during the year	98,140.00	Foreign A/c.	895,661.50
Add:Addition during the Year	241,950.00	As per Schedule '2'	
Less Depreciation for the year	336,718.00		
	718,595.50		
Fixed Assets as Per Contra (Indian)			
Balance as per last B/S	93,291.00	Investment in LIC Gratuity Scheme	1,200,206.35
Add:Addition during the Year	-		
	93,291.00		
Capital Fund			
As per last Balance Sheet	13,327,766.71		
Less: Transfer to Restricted Funds	20,384.39		
Add:Excess of Income over Expenditure	580,975.56		
	13,888,357.88		
Restricted Fund (Indian)			
Opening Balance	1,951,966.00		
Add:Grant Received (incl. interest)	5,651,226.51		
Add:Transfer from Capital Fund	450.00		
Less-Utilization	7,023,569.00		
	580,073.51		
Restricted Fund (Foreign)			
Opening Balance	43,813,441.77		
Grant Received (incl. interest)	25,442,239.00		
Add-Transfer from Capital Fund	19,934.39		
Less-Utilization	47,173,902.00		
	22,101,713.16		
		CURRENT ASSETS:	
		CLOSING BALANCES:	
		Indian Account	6,608,090.42
		FC Account	28,633,624.14
			35,241,714.56
Total Rs.	37,392,031.05	Total Rs.	37,392,031.05

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THE YP FOUNDATION CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
Expenditure met from Indian Grant	7,023,569.00	GRANTS INDIAN(INCL. Interest)	
		Received During the Year	5,651,226.51
		Add:Transfer From Capital Fund	450.00
		Add: Unutilised as on 31.03.2022	1,951,966.00
Expenditure met from Foreign Grant	47,173,902.00	Less: Unutilised as on 31.03.2023	580,073.51
			7,023,569.00
Other Indian Fund Expenses	447,110.90	GRANTS FOREIGN(INCL. INTEREST)	
		Received During the Year	25,442,239.00
		Add:Transfer from Un-Restricted Fund	-19,934.39
TYPF Overhead Expenses (FC)	1,121,336.18	Add: Unutilised as on 31.03.2022	43,813,441.77
		Less: Unutilised as on 31.03.2023	22,101,713.16
Expenses against consultancy income	1,186,700.00		47,134,033.22
		Other Income	
Depreciation	72,525.31	Indian Account	1,214,803.20
		FC Account	187,196.00
			1,401,999.20
		Bank Interest	
		Indian Account	387,207.75
		FC Account	1,619,441.00
			2,006,648.75
Excess of Income over Expenditure	541,106.78		
Total Rs.	57,566,250.17	Total Rs.	57,566,250.17

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THE YP FOUNDATION CONSOLIDATED RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
Opening Balances		UTILIZATION:	
Indian Account	7,881,620.21	Indian Account (As per R & P)	8,657,379.90
FC Account	49,878,129.32	FC Account (As per R & P)	48,493,381.18
			57,150,761.08
RECEIPTS:		Investment in LIC Gratuity Scheme	608,963.35
Indian Account (As per R & P)	5,667,434.71		
FC Account (As per R & P)	25,442,239.00		
	31,109,673.71		
Bank Interest		Closing Balances	
Indian Account	387,207.75	Indian Account	6,608,090.42
FC Account	1,619,441.00	FC Account	28,633,624.14
	2,006,648.75		35,241,714.56
Other Income			
Indian Account	1,198,595.00		
FC Account	187,196.00		
	1,385,791.00		
Amount Received from LIC			
	739,576.00		
Total Rs.	93,001,438.99	Total Rs.	93,001,438.99

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