

Observations and Conclusions

Activity 1a - Facilitating peer-to-peer communication and education

Armenia

Over its lifetime, RHIYC has trained a total of 319 peer educators, thus exceeding the programme target of 300 young people. The activity covered the entire country, including the capital city of Yerevan and the ten existing regions. The trainings have been conducted by the Pan-Armenian Family Health Association (PAFHA), an associate member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). The training sessions covered a variety of topics, including puberty, sexuality, STIs (including HIV/AIDS), gender equality, peer-to-peer communication patterns.



As a major follow-up to peer training, outreach visits have been conducted at the sites where the training has been delivered. Overall, over the duration of the project, 853 young boys and girls have been reached out through formal and informal contacts at various points in time following the several-day training sessions. The usual ratio for female vs. male participants in the groups of outreach has been around 1.5:1 in favour of females.

One of the objectives of the outreach has been to liaise especially with the vulnerable segments of the young population. The total number of trained peer educators included 76 vulnerable young people, which exceeded the initial target of 70. The group of vulnerable peers included street children & youth, institutionalized youth, as well as a limited number of MSMs, IDUs, and CSWs. A considerable number of teenage boys and girls (77 in total) employed in their adolescence have also been trained, a group which can be considered as para-vulnerable. As part of the outreach activities, 218 especially vulnerable young people have been part of the target.

Azerbaijan

Over the 3-year course of RHIYC, the Azerbaijan programme has targeted 448 youth volunteers from more than 20 regions and trained them as skilful peer educators in youth SRH&Rs. Among them, 153 were represented by the most at risk youth, particularly 52 IDP/R youth, 31 migrant workers, 25 street children, 20 sex workers, and 25 institutionalized youth representatives. To ensure better involvement and increased motivation of newly trained volunteers, a total of 50 young people, mainly from regions, attended the advanced course in the framework of Final Trainings of Young Leaders in the capital city of Baku.



National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA), an umbrella organisation of more than 60 youth non-governmental organisations in the country specialised in different spheres, served as core implementing partner and contributed a lot to the achievement of the project targets. Thorough selection process performed by the partner was aimed at examining