

Biography of Organization

Advocate For Youth is a youth-centered Non-Governmental Organization registered in Ghana since 2004. Our team consists of Social Scientists and Public Health scientists with a strong background and professional experience in promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Adolescent Health as well as preventing sexual violence and harmful practices against Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW). As a non-governmental organization, we have the requisite level of commitment, knowledge base and experience set to contribute towards the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Population Fund in Ghana. This team is best placed to be a reliable partner because apart from our individual and collective expertise, experience and interest in this subject matter, we are passionate about engaging adolescents and young people, especially girls and young women, and empowering them to grow to their fullest potential.

With over 14 years of multiple country experience in working to improve the health of adolescents and young people, especially girls and young women in a diverse set of geo-political settings, including through the education systems of different countries, we clearly recognize the synergy between health (SDG 3),

education (SDG 4) and gender equality (SDG 5). Underpinned by the “leave no one behind” slogan, our technical team sees program design through the gender lens, addressing the factors, such as Sexual and Gender Based Violence; harmful practices such as child marriages and unintended pregnancies, that inhibit adolescent girls’ and young women’s access to education, health and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Our Mission

To become a reference point for information related to the health empowerment of adolescents and young people across Africa through innovative programs designed to achieve positive behavior change and innovative surveillance, monitoring and evaluation strategies

Our Vision

A world where the youth can live their ideas and ideals, in a healthy body, to their own individual benefits and to the benefit of society as a whole.

Staffing and program management:

The highest decision making body of the organization is the woman led Board of Directors. Directly reporting to the Board of Directors is the Executive Director, who is responsible for communicating the mission and vision of the organization both internally and externally and for overseeing the administrative and technical quality of the organization's programs. Directly reporting to the Executive Director are the Program Coordinator and the Director of Finance and Administration. These two are responsible for overseeing the administrative and technical aspects of program implementation and general day to day implementation of activities as well as the financial aspects. The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and the BCC Officer who are directly responsible for implementation and reporting, report directly to the Program Coordinator while the administrative secretary, finance officer and accountants report directly to the Director of Finance and Administration with cross cutting issues such as logistics and cash disbursement

Our impact on Adolescent Health in Ghana

Advocate For Youth has made a written contribution to the Ghana Education Service and partners UNESCO as requested, to help develop a framework for Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Ghana. We also played an important part in developing the Values-based Sexuality Education framework in Uganda. Through our innovative movement creation approach, we have empowered over 750,000 adolescent girls and young

women. We have also empowered over 3,500 head teachers through our innovative Executive Seminar for Head Teachers and Proprietors of first and second cycle institutions safe spaces for young people. The High School Magazine project is one of our innovative approaches for empowering girls against discrimination and violence.