PACT Retreat 2022

Date: 13th -15th December 2022

Location: Mombasa -Kenya

Timing: 9:00am -4:30 pm

Host Partners: KELIN
Moderator: Venicia/Ali/Adeeba
Rapporteurs: Adeeba / Damilare/Venicia

Introduction

The PACT 2022 Retreat aimed at an inclusive approach of an in-person meeting to reassess its direction and approaches toward rebuilding solidarity across youth organizations within its network working in the space of health, well-being, and human rights. The retreat would not only provide a platform for The PACT to chart a cohesive path forward, but it would also enable The PACT to analyze, address, and establish new frameworks that recognize the impact of the dual pandemic as well as current and future health emergencies.

The Chair and UNAIDS Strategic Advisor Alicia Sanchez stated in their opening remarks the need to think strategically and build on discovering interventions to strengthen our work around HIV, SRHR, and Human Rights. We are leveraging our network of partners and exploring new opportunities to expand collaborations and partnerships, specifically for resource mobilization and
sharing. The decision to overcome the impact of the dual pandemic and move forward in a productive manner was well supported by all attendees at the retreat.

The PACT: History & Achievements

The PACT was born out of CrowdOutAIDS, a participatory online policy project launched by UNAIDS in 2011 to involve young people in AIDS decision-making. It became a separate entity in 2013. The ACT 2015 was the first project-initiated campaign for the SDGs, as well as the first to establish a framework for advocating for advancements in the SRHR space. This is followed by ACT2030 involving representatives from 12 countries in advocating for SDG accountability.

#UPROOT was founded in 2016 as an accountability tool with a three-pronged agenda focusing on policy, participation, and partnerships for young people at risk of discrimination, inequalities, violence, and exclusion.

The PACT is recognized as an Independent Global Coalition of 152+ organizations that are Youth Led and Youth Focused. Advocacy, Capacity Building, Membership, and Partnerships & Resource Mobilizations are the four Working Groups.

Irrespective of the limitations in Funding it has managed to gather excellent results through its engagements in capacity building and advocacy using its tools/platforms like UPROOT Scorecards, HLM, and the Universal Periodic Review Submissions.

Partners

Maximina Jokonya, Y+ Global

A clear mandate to continue to represent the voices of young people living with HIV around the world. Y+ Global confronts inequality and prejudice. It works collaboratively to achieve its goals of inclusivity and diversity.

Ready is one of Y+ Global's youth-led movements, working with and for adolescents and young people aged 10-24 years living and affected by HIV, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression, to provide a safe space to understand their SRHR and make healthier choices.
Currently active in the African region, with over 50 members on board. Ready to Evolve is an extension of the movement aimed at making Ready an independent entity in the global HIV response.

**Venessa Monley, Youth Lead**

Youth Lead is a youth-led network for young people at higher risk of HIV exposure in the Asia Pacific region. Currently works with more than 50 focal points in 19 countries, who work to empower young key populations (YKPs) ages 14-30 years to advocate for their needs. Opportunities that could be explored in collaborations would be in the forms of the YKP Grants Programme, SRHR, and Advocacy.

**Nerima Were, KELIN**

KELIN works to integrate HIV, AIDS, and tuberculosis (TB) human rights into policies, laws, and regulations. By scrutinizing current HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis laws and policies, examining gaps at the county (Nairobi) and federal levels, and developing recommendations for how to incorporate relevant human rights.

Participates Expectations from the Retreat

- Learning and Understanding of Current Resources, Digital Spaces/Platforms
- Collaborations and Key Links for Adolescent and Young Key Populations in their Diversity
- Brainstorming on emerging issues, strategies, and fund mobilization to empower youth-led initiatives
- Clear programmatic directions that foster synergies and collective goals while emphasizing accountability and transparency
- An interactive fun energetic relaxing meet-up in person
The PACT Strategic Agenda, 2021-2025

Throughout the year 2022, the four working group leaders, along with their members, co-chair, and chair, engaged in a variety of activities and opportunities that aligned with the Key Outputs identified in The PACT Strategic Agenda.

Output 1. A strong sustainable member-driven global coalition of organisations working together synergistically to ensure the health, well-being and human rights of all young people, using a region-specific approach.

Action Completed

- New appointments of the chair, co-chair & co-lead keeping into accounts diversity and leadership qualities
- Expanding membership reach in regions with limited member organisations such as Western and Central Europe and North America & Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Engaging on Basecamp with opportunities & latest information for member organisation
- Podcast series covering regions & PACT core working areas such as HIV, SRHR & Human Rights
- Development of an internal reporting system to bridge the gap of missing information
- Strategic plan to engage member organisations to understand the region-specific requirements for resource mobilization
- Conducting quarterly steering committee meetings online as a reporting and accountability mechanisms
- Shaping of a Brand Video focusing on The PACT’s Vision & Mission for donor & member engagement
- Research Survey and Data Analysis conducted to understand member organisations

Output 2. A platform is set for young people from across all regions, (including young gay men and other men who have sex with men, young transgender people, young sex workers (18+), young people who use drugs, young people living with HIV (YPLHIV), prisoners, and young women), to amplify their voices on HIV/AIDS and related issues.
• Monthly e-newsletters published and shared across social media & websites
• Social Media used as a publishing tool for PACT engagements
• Platforms like ECOSOC, IAS, ICPF Conferences, Global Symposium on CSE & Side Event at HLPF 2022 were mapped and explored for Global Advocacy
• Transgender Day of Visibility was organised aiming interactions, Key Population Inclusion, Expanding Partnership & Advocacy reach
• Capacity Building in Strengthening Global Youth Solidarities in HIV/AIDS and Drug policy Response
• Advocacy campaigns on No Visa No Voice for Young population across the Global
• Advocated in Context of HIV/AIDS by engaging at High level Panel Discussion, Sessions on Role of youth in Technology Agenda and Panellist at a) Pool talk Series, b) LGBTQI+ and the HIV response c) Redoubling our investments in Adolescents and young Key Population
• Advocacy Through Podcast session for Family Planning & Reproductive Health
• Digital Exhibition and One to one Interaction at the Global CSE symposium for 3 days
• HLPF 2022 Side event was hosted aiming interactions on impact of the dual pandemic
• Advocacy Campaign through Young leaders expressing their views on CSE in Partnership with Frontline Aids
• Contribution to Global Partnership Forum Call to Action Document

Output 3: A strong HIV Youth Movement that is consistently supported and strengthened to achieve its goals.

• Open Mic Session organised for Youth LGBTQ+ Communities
• Capacity Building on Digital Tools for Advocacy
• Engagements at IAS 2022, building Capacities, Partnerships and Mobilizing Resources for young people.
• Hosted a youth side event at IAS 2022
• Actively engaged in Montreal youth force, managing the follow of events per and through IAS 2022
- Hosted a Leadership workshop for Key population “In the Driver’s Seat”
- Capacity Building organised in 4 countries on the Universal Periodic Review followed by a consultation on HIV, SRHR & Human Rights
- Completion of UPROOT Scorecards and development of an advocacy toolkit

- On Demand live session hosted on Youth-Inter-Regional Understanding and discussion in the space of breaking down barriers at ICPF2022
- Focus Group Discussion on HIV related Human Rights Violence on Young People was organised
- The language barriers were bridged by translating the report into 3 different languages
- In-Person World Aids Day Celebrated in India
- Actively engaged with movements/platforms like GenENDIT Coalition Adolescents and youth Constituency for the Partnership for Maternal New-born & Child Health (PMNCH) and Youth Leadership Hub in the HIV response

Output 4: Young people and young key populations are at the centre of the HIV response.

- Partnership Build with “The Global Partnership Forum for CSE”.
- Proposals submitted to Frontline Aids (HIV & CSE), Let’s Stop Aids Canada Affairs Global Fund for Funds and Resource Mobilization
- Partnership Engagements with present partners to expand our reach to YKP.

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### Leadership
- Level of Contribution on Engagements & Commitment
- Identifying indicators to facilitate the stipend process to the steering committee & work on a sustainability plan
- Measures to minimize the risk to sustainability

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### Working Group
- Transitions
- Loss of information on information/Historic al Background
- Lack of Knowledge Management
- Gap on inputs at the Country Level
- Divide and specify the use of Basecamp for Projects and Google drive for documents and instructions
- Organise Orientation sessions for new & old members including use of platform’s (Basecamp & Google Drive).
- Strengthen Relationships/Agreements with Partners for implementation at Country Levels

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### Communicati on
- improve & rebranding the website
- Customized Email Ids
- include Web Management support in the TOR for Communications

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### UPROOT
The New Approach to Implementing #UPROOT Scorecards Would Concentrate on

1) **Advocacy**
   - Focused on regions that have already submitted the Country Scorecard and drive it as a follow-up activity

2) **Capacity Building**
Identify new countries with high youth engagements aiming to Build Capacity

3) CCM representation
Empowering and advocating for youth representation at the CCM

Opportunities with the Partners

Youth Lead

The data on youth CCM representation has already been compiled by Youth Lead, and The PACT has requested it in order to understand new intervention possibilities, as well as to collect similar data from other regions. Youth Lead has expressed interest in SRHR and transgender initiatives through resource sharing and Small Grants, particularly in the digital space. Future possibilities can be explored following their annual meeting in January.

Y+ Global

Expressed interest in participating in the UPR process and providing support for an online Capacity Building Course. Y+ Global also shared their strategic plan for Ready Movements for Review with us. Which will be completed after the retreat and shared with our feedback.

Partners Discussion Outcomes

Capacity Building activities centered on SRHR, CSE, and the development of young leaders were shared, and the partners were asked to respond after exploring with their teams. Suggestions for approaching YPEER in the SRHR and HIV space were also made.

Reconnecting with on-board partners such as AHF could help us better understand the African Region in the context of CCM. Funding options outside of the grants were also evaluated. Then, as an open opportunity, IAS grants were highlighted.

Outcomes

★ Strengthen and build personal connections of The PACT Steering Committee members, creating a healthier and inclusive working environment.
★ Revitalize The PACT Because of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our work and the coalition’s constituents, the PACT’s leadership.

★ As the dual pandemics continue, consider new ways to carry out our work by mobilizing, amplifying, and strengthening youth leadership among coalition members and constituents.

★ Increasing global HIV, SRHR, and human rights response through strategic partner engagement

Conclusion

The PACT’s Reform Proposals and Accountability Criteria for Steering Committee Members and Subrecipients must be reviewed. Mentorship will be introduced as a capacity-building initiative in the work plan. Partnership and Resource Mobilization is a team effort.

Annex

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