

THE YP FOUNDATION

Organisational Profile

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WHO WE ARE

The YP Foundation (TYPF) is a youth-led and youth-focused organisation that develops young people's **feminist, intersectional, and rights-based** leadership on issues of health equity, gender justice, sexuality rights, and inclusive education.

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 leaders skilled and aware leaders of social change.

OUR VISION

A world where all young people's human rights are realised and they are recognised as equal stakeholders and transformative leaders.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

We empower young people by increasing their access to information, services, and leadership opportunities, thereby enabling them to understand and realise their rights.

OUR MISSION

Build and influence young people's leadership, collectives, and ecosystems to achieve social equity, justice, and rights through their meaningful participation in decision making.

WHAT WE DO - FOCUS AREAS

o **Safe Abortion** - Advocating for the right to abortion by addressing abortion stigma and healthcare providers' attitudes on abortion access.

o **Accessible Health Services** - Increasing access to youth-affirmative health services by assessing their quality, barriers, and youth-friendliness.

o **Adolescent Girls Leadership** - Building feminist leadership opportunities for adolescent girls to create change in their own communities.

o **Adolescent Health** - Ensuring the inclusion of adolescent and youth voices in programming and policy development on adolescent health and wellbeing.

o **Comprehensive Sexuality Education** - Ensuring awareness about and access to sexual and reproductive health services, rights, and justice.

o **Gender Based Violence Prevention** - Making cities and urban spaces violence-free and youth-affirmative.

o **Masculinities** - Enabling conversations with young men to critically analyse patriarchal norms of masculinity.

o **Meaningful Youth Participation** - Ensuring meaningful participation in the development, implementation, and monitoring of programmes and policies.

o **Mental Health and Wellbeing** - Creating youth leadership in providing and destigmatising mental health services.

o **Queer Rights** - Creating programmes and platforms for enhancing visibility and leadership of young queer activists on queer rights issues.

OUR STRATEGIES

CAPACITY BUILDING

We reach out to more than 3,000 adolescents and young people each year to break the information gap around their sexual and reproductive health and rights and enable them to advocate for their own access to services as a result of being informed of their rights. We also build the capacities and rights-based perspectives of health service providers.

We use on-ground and online communications strategies to showcase youth leadership and foreground the voices of young people, while also engaging with community gatekeepers and destigmatising taboo topics. In recent years, we have worked on campaigns including Break The Taboo to address stigma around abortion, Fill The Gap to advocate for greater access to SRHR information and services, Raise The Bar to address issues of masculinity and power, among many more.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

COLLABORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND NETWORK BUILDING

We create collaborative and networked youth groups and movements to strengthen young people's voices as stakeholders in critical dialogue platforms. We also currently anchor and hold secretariats of several national, regional, and international forums such as the pan-India network of advocates on adolescent and youth health STEPS, the South-East Asia Youth Action Network (SYAN), and the Advocating for Reproductive Choices Coalition.

We engage with policy makers and government officials for diverse representation of young people in local, national and global platforms. We have inputted in multiple policies on adolescent and youth health including the RKSK and Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and are part of the coalitions on young feminist accountability.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE CREATION

We co-create data and generate insights on young people's relevant realities in partnership with young people. We produce research reports, training materials, and tools such as comics and digital platforms to facilitate dialogue.

OUR IMPACT

Our interventions have been evaluated and demonstrated an **increase in adolescents' information levels as well as health-seeking behaviours**, especially around contraceptive use, safe sex, and rights access. They have also shown a **reduction in misinformation and myths** about sexual and reproductive health issues and the **reduction of stigma** in seeking mental health support. In addition, our policy dialogue and engagement programmes have ensured that **young people's voices are included** in policy and programme development and implementation.

Overall, our programmes have demonstrated an increase in young people's information levels, access to health services, and ability to advocate with families, communities, and policy makers for their rights on issues of health, well being, and gender-based violence prevention.

ANNUALLY

We work with **300** young leaders reaching out to over **5,000** young people directly and over **100,000** youth and others through on ground and online campaigns.

OVERALL

500 projects
10,000 young leaders
500,000 total reach

WHO WE WORK WITH

We actively advocate to expand the understanding of “youth” or “adolescents” as homogenous categories. Young people come from **diverse contexts and backgrounds**, and the present environment is not enabling for any of them.

We prioritise engagement with young people from economically or socially marginalised and vulnerable communities and contexts. Our programmes include and affirm **diversities of caste, class, gender, religion, community, location, bodies, and more.**

We work with adolescents and young people between **9 to 30 years of age** as primary participants and leaders in our programmes. Our programmes work with Dalit and Muslim communities as well as urban and rural poor communities across our intervention areas with a focus on ensuring **at least 65% outreach across levels to girls, young women, and trans* people.** Our programmes and advocacy initiatives have reached rural and urban communities across **18 states in India.**

