




# The PACT




**Vision:** A PACT that creates solidarity across youth organizations to work strategically and collaboratively in the HIV response towards ensuring the health, well-being and human rights of all young people.

The PACT for social transformation is a collaboration framework agreed to by youth-led and youth serving organizations within the AIDS movement. It outlines five key themes and several sub-priorities for advancing the youth agenda in the context of HIV. The PACT was formed at the *Youth and UNAIDS: a PACT for Social Transformation* meeting in Hammamet, Tunisia from 20-22 May 2013. The meeting created a space for participating organizations to set the strategic direction for the youth AIDS movement. It brought together 15 youth organizations who were nominated by civil society, as well as the members of the UNAIDS Youth Advisory Forum.

The PACT is open to new member organizations that fit six criteria including being youth-led or youth serving, having HIV as focus or major programmatic area, and working with young people living with HIV and young people belonging to key populations at higher risk.

For the full criteria, please visit [www.crowdoutaids.org](http://www.crowdoutaids.org)



If you are interested in finding out more about the PACT or how your organization can join, please contact Caitlin Chandler, PACT coordinator, at [caitlin.chandler@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.chandler@gmail.com).

# PRINCIPLES & WAYS OF WORKING WITHIN THE PACT

**Transparency:** Organizations will share each January their strategic direction with other PACT organizations

**Meaningful youth participation:** Committing to consultation with our key constituencies at country level

**Diversity:** Representation of different youth communities

**Honesty:** Sharing challenges and successes with each other, working through individual differences

**Equity in decision-making**

**Solidarity:** Collaborating on issues where we're stronger together

**Commitment:** Active involvement in the PACT

# WAYS OF WORKING BETWEEN THE PACT AND UNAIDS

**Transparency:** PACT activities and strategies are shared with UNAIDS; UNAIDS Youth Programme shares its activities and work plan with PACT members

**Mutual accountability:** A joint M&E framework shows how progress will be assessed for PACT organizations and for UNAIDS's support to the PACT

**Mutual support**



# STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

## THEME 1

### Integrate HIV into Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services and policies

#### Priority 1

Governments are held accountable for delivering on global, regional and national commitments made for SRH, including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)

#### UNAIDS Commitment

1. Consolidation of data related to HIV and SRH integration, as well as CSE
2. Inform the youth movement about ongoing political processes relating to HIV and SRH, including CSE processes

## THEME 2

### Increase access to evidence-informed prevention and treatment

#### Priority 2.1

Harm reduction for young people is included in HIV National Strategic Plans (NSPs) in countries where drug use constitutes a significant percent of new infections among young people

#### Priority 2.2

Knowledge is increased among policymakers and programme developers about treatment gaps for young people living with HIV

#### UNAIDS Commitment

1. Discuss with other UNAIDS divisions what data is available and steps needed to disaggregate it; share this information with youth organizations
2. Additional support steps to be identified after this initial step is completed

## Youth organizations

### IFMSA (lead):

AY+,  
Espolea,  
Girls-Awake Foundation,  
GYCA,  
Haus of Khameleon, IPPF,  
Next Step,  
NWHN,  
Red Lac J+,  
Y-PEER,  
UNYPA,  
Y+

### Youth Rise (lead):

Espolea,  
GYCA, HYLEF,  
ICW (CYWAG),  
MSMGF,  
RED LAC J

### Y+ (lead):

AY+, Espolea,  
GYCA, HYLEF,  
IPPF, MSMGF,  
Youth Lead,  
Youth Rise,  
YVC

## THEME 3

### Remove laws that prevent young people from accessing services

#### Priority 3.1

Age-related laws and policies identified and awareness raised among policy makers

#### Priority 3.2

Contribute to efforts towards the decriminalization of sex work, drug use and sexuality

#### UNAIDS Commitment

Map laws which have age, parental and marital status related restrictions on accessing or providing services by country

## THEME 4

### Resources for young people and HIV are allocated based on need and evidence

#### Priority 4.1

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria (GFATM) resources spent on young people are allocated appropriately and existing decision-making mechanisms include the participation of young advocates

#### Priority 4.2

Other donors revisit their spending on HIV and youth to ensure that resources are allocated for young people and HIV based on need and evidence

#### UNAIDS Commitment

1. Mapping to understand how many youth organizations and young people are on Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) and dissemination of mapping
2. Support for a network of young people on CCMs and in the global delegations to ensure cross-country strategy

## THEME 5

### Post-2015 development agenda

#### Priority 5.1

HIV articulated as a priority within the post-2015 framework

#### UNAIDS Commitment

1. Link PACT post-2015 group to UNAIDS Lancet Commission youth delegates
2. Support development of a long-term strategy which focuses on influencing country delegations and culminates with the UN General Assembly in September 2014
3. Support the linking of the youth HIV movement with broader SRH strategy sessions

#### Espolea & Youth Lead

(co-leads):  
Affirmative Action, AY+, dance4life, Haus of Khameleon, HYLf, IFMSA, IGLYO, ITPC, MSMGF, Uganda Network of YPLHIV, Youth Rise, Y+, YVC

#### IPPF (lead):

Affirmative Action, AY+, dance4life, Haus of Khameleon, HYLf, IGLYO, IFMSA, ITPC, MSMGF, Next Step, Uganda Network of YPLHIV, Youth Rise, YVC, Y+

#### LNU (lead):

dance4life, HYLf, JYAN, MSMGF, YC

#### YC (lead):

Affirmative Action, AY+, dance4life, Espolea, GYCA, Haus of Khameleon, JYAN, IFMSA, Red Lac J+, UNYPA, Youth Lead, Youth Rise, YVC, Y+