

Youth Council Members

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Name	Country	Expertise	Age
1. Nana Millers	Uganda	Sex work, transgender	21
2. Eudora Ogechukwu	Nigeria	PLHIV, Intersex, LGBTIQ+	24
3. Grace Febbie Ngulube	Malawi	HER Voice Ambassador, TB	24
4. Amanda Martty Dushime	Burundi	PLHIV, peer educator	18
5. Brenda Ngoufack Kontechpa	Cameroon	Malaria, HIV	22
6. Simeão Zava Hanhane Júnior	Mozambique	LGBTIQ+	23
7. Patrick Alain Fouda	Cameroon	PLHIV, TB, people living with a mobile limitation	23
8. Mira Alimbaeva	Kyrgyzstan	XDR-TB	24
9. Annie-Thamar Garcon	Haiti	AGYW, LGBTIQ+	25
10. Horacio Barreda	Argentina	PLHIV	23
11. Himani Verma	India	TB, human rights	19
12. Ikka Noviyanti	Thailand	Sex worker, PLHIV	26
13. Manish Tendukar	Nepal	Harm Reduction	25
14. Hem Keodan	Cambodia	Malaria	24
15. Justin Francis Bionat	Philippines	LGBTIQ+, SRHR, gender, human rights	23
16. Joyce Ouma (Observer)	Kenya	PLHIV, Communities Delegation	23

*Additional participant from EECA will be announced soon.



Grace Ngulube, 24 years old, is a board member for National Association for Young People Living with HIV and founder of Youth Health Connect360. Grace is an advocate for sexual and reproductive health and HIV, and the **HER Voice** Ambassador for Malawi. In 2020, she participated in the funding request development process for the Global Fund. Grace was born with HIV and has seen the struggle that young people living with HIV face in accessing youth friendly services.



Nwangwu Eudora, 24, is a gender equality and sexual rights activist from Nigeria. A feminist who is passionate about women's and human rights, committed to community service and social justice, Eudora works for the promotion and protection of the sexual minorities in Nigeria. Eudora has worked with two **LGBTIQ** led organization for over four years, working directly with the community as a counselor and community mobilization officer. Eudora has a degree in pharmaceutical technology.



Himani Verma, 19, is a **TB** survivor from the state of Chhattisgarh in India. She has worked as a TB Champion since 2018 after participating in a state-level capacity-building workshop, where she met many other TB survivors. Having experienced first-hand how TB impacts people, Himani wants to ensure that no one with TB has to suffer. She works in the community to raise awareness, provide psychosocial support to people with TB and their families and advocate for issues surrounding TB in her state.



Brenda Ngoufack Kontchepa is a 22-year-old woman from the Southern region of Cameroon. Holder of a professional license in Journalism and passionate about public health, she has been working as Assistant Editor-in-Chief at Echos Santé, a newspaper specializing in health, the environment and sustainable development. She is the **malaria** focal point for Echos santé at the National Malaria Control Program. Brenda is the author of just over 15 publications on malaria



Amanda Martty Dushime is an 18-year-old woman from Burundi. Living with **HIV**, she is a peer educator at ANSS since 2018, where she supports peers by helping them to live positively with this disease. Amanda is one of the Youth Ambassadors of the "Grandir Ensemble" Network to improve adolescents & youth (HIV+) participation and leadership in national and global responses. Amanda supported the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment conference, speaking alongside President Macron.



Patrick Alain Fouda, 23, is an activist, founder and national president of Cameroon's network of adolescents and young people living with HIV. He has a degree in International Cooperation and Community Organization Management and is committed to an unprecedented response to HIV and **TB** among adolescents and youth. He has worked with the Stop TB Partnership and Handicap International conducting joint activities and participating in steering committees.



Nana Millers, 21, from Uganda, is an unapologetic rural **transgender** youth activist, feminist, HIV cure activist, advocacy for cure fellow, civic leadership graduate of the Young African Leadership Initiative, Alumna of CREA's Feminist Leadership Movement Building and Rights Institute. Nana is the Executive Director of a Trans Youth Initiative-Uganda a rural based human rights organization that advocates for the rights of transgender young women, sex workers and gender diverse youth in western Uganda. She is driven by social justice and one day hopes to witness a completely liberated and equal Ugandan society.



Simeão Zava Hanhane Júnior (Mitho), 22 years old, is a young leader and human rights advocate for LGBTQ+ issues in Mozambique and Southern Africa. A social activist with 7 years of experience working with the **LGBTQ+** community and key populations. Simeão Júnior currently works as National Lobby and Advocacy Assistant at the Lambda Association, the only LGBTQ+ organization in Mozambique.



Mira Alimbaeva was born 24 years ago in a small Jalal-Abad city, Kyrgyzstan. She graduated from Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University where she participated in an international youth organization AIESEC, debate club and a charity organization Ak-Niet. She worked as a blogger in limon.kg edition, and was Treatment Supporter and Communication Specialist Assistant in “Challenge **TB**” project, KNCV and worked as Project Manager in Media Company “SO”.



Horacio Barreda is a 23-year-old Argentinean who is gender fluid. Horacio is a psychology student, seeking to promote a world where the focus of **mental health** is an undisputable priority. Living with HIV since 2014, he is the Regional Coordinator of the Latin American Network of young people living with HIV, and member of the Argentinian Network of adolescent & young people living with HIV. Horacio is an activist for the real involvement of young people in the design and planning of public policies that allow them to fully exercise their human rights, especially Sexual and Reproductive Rights.



Annie-Thamar Garcon, born 25 years ago in Haiti, is a lawyer, economist, and political scientist. She is a former young ambassador for UNESCO 2015-2017 and a representative of UNESCO Youth Forum in Haiti. Annie-Thamar co-founded Demwazel, an international platform that aims to support young girls and women who experience **violence**.



Ikka Noviyanti, 26, is from Indonesia and is the Advocacy Officer at Youth LEAD. Ikka joined Youth LEAD in 2018 after working for OPSI, the national network of **sex workers**. Ikka has experience working with key populations networks at both national and regional levels. She provides technical support and ensures meaningful engagement of Youth LEAD's focal points. Ikka was involved with the Global Fund as the Youth Adviser member for the Point 7 constituency.



Justin Francis Bionat, 23, currently is the Executive Director of Youth Voices Count, an Asia-Pacific regional network of young people focused primarily on **LGBTIQ rights**, SRHR, HIV/AIDS Awareness, and Youth Empowerment. He holds a Master's degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from Mahidol University, Thailand. He has had several years of advocacy experience working with LGBTIQ communities in the Philippines and Asia.



Manish Tandukar, 25, lives in Lalitpur Kathmandu Nepal and serves as a Young Key Affected People (YKAP) on a board. He is a peer educator for people who use **drugs**. Manish also has experience working on **TB** programs. Since he personally experienced discrimination, he works for a more inclusive society.



Hem Keodane is a 24-year-old pharmacist with a graduate degree in public health from Cambodia. While she currently works in a laboratory, she also works closely with the Regional **Malaria** CSO Platform in the Greater Mekong Subregion.



Joyce Ouma will serve as an Observer on the Youth Council, as a link with the Communities Delegation of the Global Fund Board. Joyce is a 23-year-old woman living openly with HIV in Kenya. She is passionate about the meaningful involvement of adolescents and young people in all decision-making spaces. She represents adolescents and young people on the Kenyan CCM. Joyce is an AVAC 2020 fellow who is preparing Kenya for the introduction of the Dapivirine ring and the dual pill.