

National Alliance of Youth and Adolescents (NAYA)

An Initiative of YAARI project

Young Adults for Accessible, Respectful and Inclusive Reproductive Health Initiatives (YAARI), which is supported by the USAID and implemented by IPE Global, takes a youth-centric approach for holistic development of adolescents and youth, fostering an ecosystem that nurtures their well-being and growth. Its key initiative, National Alliance of Youth and Adolescents (NAYA) is a national platform designed to support government initiatives focused on youth development. NAYA aims to create an ecosystem where diverse stakeholders, including government, partner organizations, youth-led organizations, and youth champions converge to empower youth, amplify the impact of youth development efforts, and ensure youth voices are heard and respected in shaping policies and programs that affect their health and well-being.

NAYA incorporates a South-2-South learning model, fostering cross-border knowledge exchange and collaboration among youth. This approach reinforces mutual advocacy through international platforms and positions India as a hub for innovative youth development strategies. By bridging local and global perspectives, NAYA strengthens initiatives within India while promoting global youth engagement, creating a network of empowered young individuals driving positive social change.

Geography: Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Delhi

THE APPROACH



Support initiatives on adolescents & youth



Mobilize resources including capital to meet youth health and well-being needs



Promote evidence-based practices in youth development



Engage youth clubs to amplify youth participation on national platforms



Facilitate cross-sector partnerships



Support documentation of successes stories & contribute to 'India for the World'

YOUNG ADULTS FOR ACCESSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, AND INCLUSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INITIATIVES (YAARI)

YAARI addresses the health and well-being needs of individuals aged 10-24. Focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Family Planning (FP), YAARI prioritizes marginalized communities, empowering youth and adolescents with knowledge and skills to make informed decisions for their health and well-being. It helps them connect with opportunities to achieve their aspirations. The initiative advocates for youth-centric, gender-inclusive, and climate-resilient SRH and FP policies through national and regional engagement. By working to overcome barriers to quality health services, YAARI aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals. It strives to create an inclusive and accessible healthcare ecosystem that effectively responds to young people's needs in a progressing world.



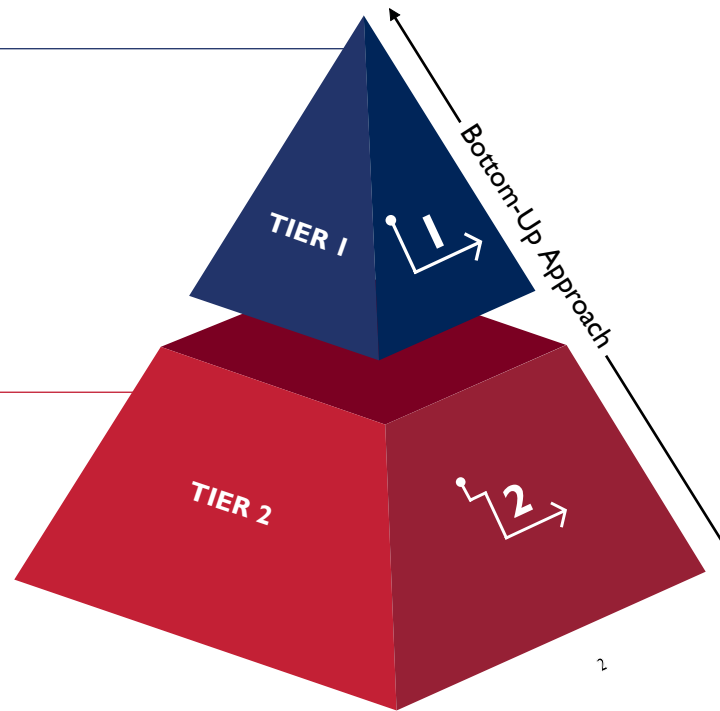
TWO-TIER MODEL FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

National Level

- Identify youth champions for the representation of youth voices at the national level
- Recognize and share emerging youth priorities for inclusion in the national agenda
- Supporting alignment between government departments for youth priorities

District & State Level

- Engage and guide youth clubs (institution-based, community-level) in the initiatives of importance
- Provide guidance to youth clubs on current challenges and priorities for youth and adolescents
- Support to develop youth-led local solutions for prioritized thematic areas (such as climate action)
- Leverage state-level platforms to demonstrate transformative youth-led initiatives



THEMATIC AREAS



YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

A comprehensive digital knowledge hub for adolescent and youth health and well-being

- Comprises diverse resources including case studies, policies, research papers, and information on youth-focused initiatives by government, partners, and stakeholders
- Facilitates youth-focused dialogues at national and state levels through dynamic engagement tools such as forums, blogs, vlogs, podcasts, and interactive videos, amplifying youth voices and perspectives
- Provides information and resources on identified key thematic areas for holistic well-being of youth
- Managed and steered by rotating partner organizations to ensure diverse perspectives and continuous innovation in content and approach

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