



High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage Development of Youth Statements Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND

[YOUTH WISE](#) is a project initiated by Aidsfonds in collaboration with Y+ Global to support networks of young people living with HIV and youth and women-led organisations in Malawi and Kenya. The project aims to amplify the voices of young people living with HIV in Kenya and Malawi to enable them to practice self-care and fulfil their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) needs. Its main aim is to enhance self-care among adolescents and young people living with HIV, thereby improving treatment outcomes and quality of life for adolescents and young people living with HIV. Moreover, amplifying the voices of adolescents and young people living with HIV in Kenya and Malawi enables them to practice self-care and fulfil their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) needs in a supportive and respectful environment.

In September 2023, governments will meet in New York during the second United Nations High-Level Meeting (HLM) on UHC to agree on new commitments to realise UHC by 2030. The HLM on UHC is a pivotal global event that unites governments, international organisations, civil society, and stakeholders to address the critical issue of achieving universal health coverage – ensuring all individuals have access to quality healthcare without financial hardship. The outcome declaration will outline commitments and strategies to advance universal health coverage and healthcare equity worldwide.

Despite the inevitable contribution of self-care to UHC, the youth constituency is concerned with the omission of 'self-care' from its narrative. Self-care encompasses a range of actions individuals undertake to maintain and improve their health and well-being and has emerged as an essential component of modern healthcare systems. Its recognition within the HLM, the political declaration on UHC, carries the potential to empower individuals, promote preventive healthcare, and contribute to sustainable and efficient healthcare services.

Against this backdrop, Y+ Global is seeking to engage an experienced consultant to develop a youth statement detailing the youth priorities for UHC and, in particular, address issues such as self-care, which has been omitted from zero draft of the political declaration in the upcoming HLM on UHC.

Objectives

- To develop a comprehensive youth statement on the youth priorities for UHC and emphasise the importance of self-care in the UHC context, conveying a message that demands attention and action for self-care for young people
- To advocate for the inclusion of self-care and other youth-related issues that have been withheld or omitted in the zero draft of the political declaration and the upcoming HLM on UHC.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Y+ Global is seeking a consultant to;

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the recent zero draft of the political declaration on the upcoming HLM on UHC, gather relevant data from other sources and produce a draft youth statement and identify key priorities for youth, including developing key recommendations;
- Review the [global policy](#) reports on UHC developed by the African Alliance and Aidsfond and identify youth priorities on UHC;
- Organise a focus group discussion or separate interviews with youth-led or youth-serving organisations to collect their input to finalise the statement;
- Brainstorm and work closely with the youth networks on identifying youth priorities for UHC and how to advance UHC for young people.

DELIVERABLES

- A desk review/literature report on the priorities and gaps in attaining UHC among youth and how to advance UHC among youth.
- A meeting with organisations with youth-led and youth-serving organisations on UHC;
- A comprehensive statement capturing youth priorities on UHC, which various organisations have endorsed.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidates should possess the following qualifications.

In-depth understanding and knowledge of self-care, mental health, HIV and SRHR, human rights, and health programming;

- Experience with developing resource materials and other similar forms related to self-care, UHC, primary health interventions, public health and health issues of young people and adolescents;
- Ability to work collaboratively with adolescents and young people living and affected by HIV in all diversity;
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively to produce high-quality outputs in a timely manner;
- Excellent command of the English language, written and verbal;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely for various audiences, in particular, young people;
- Ability to take on critical feedback and key recommendations.

DURATION

The consultancy should be completed within a maximum of 04 working days from 27 August to 8 September 2023. The breakdown of days is flexible and is as follows:

- One day for the desk/literature review;
- Half day to conduct interviews/FGDs with youth-led and youth-serving organisations, including civil society partners in the HIV/UHC space and transcribe findings;
- 1.5 days to develop the statement, and
- One day to amend/take on feedback and suggestions - copy editing.

CONSULTANT MANAGEMENT

The consultant will work closely with the Y+ Global team led by the Programmes Manager.

CONSULTANCY FEE

The consultancy fee is negotiable within the budget limits.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified consultants should send their CVs, motivation letter, quotation and previous writing examples to application@yplusglobal.org by **Sunday, 27 August 2023**.