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# PPAG LAUNCHES 60TH ANNIVERSARY AT 59TH PUBLIC LECTURE

PPAG has officially launched its 60th Anniversary Celebration during its 59th Public Lecture held on Thursday, 27th August 2026, at the Coconut Grove Hotel in Accra. The event, which brought together policymakers, development partners, health professionals, civil society organizations, academia, media practitioners, youth leaders, volunteers, and other stakeholders, was held under the theme "Healthier Lives, Stronger Communities: Empowering Ghana's Future."

The Public Lecture served as a platform to reflect on PPAG's nearly six decades of advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Ghana while exploring collaborative pathways for improving the health and wellbeing of Ghanaians. The event also marked the official commencement of activities leading to PPAG's Diamond Jubilee celebration in 2027.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Charles Nii Ayiku Ayiku, a long-serving PPAG volunteer and General Manager for External Communications at the Electricity Company of Ghana, reflected on his journey with the Association and highlighted PPAG's enduring contribution to improving access to SRHR information and services across the country. He emphasized the importance of accurate information, youth participation, trust, and strategic partnerships in addressing health challenges and empowering communities. Dr. Ayiku also called for stronger collaboration among government institutions, development partners, traditional and religious leaders, academia, the private sector, civil society organizations, and the media to sustain progress in advancing SRHR and national development. The programme featured a cultural display, spoken-word performance, solidarity messages from partners, and reflections from stakeholders on PPAG's impact and future aspirations. A key highlight of the evening was the unveiling of PPAG's 60th Anniversary logo by the National President, Mr. Gideon Leckson-Leckey, with support from PPAG Patron Dr. Bentsil, Youth Action Movement (YAM) volunteers and Senior Management Team of PPAG. The launch symbolized the beginning of a year-long journey towards celebrating six decades of service, advocacy, and leadership in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Ghana.

As PPAG looks ahead to its Diamond Jubilee in 2027, the Association remains committed to its vision of ensuring that every individual, particularly women, girls, young people, and marginalized groups, can access quality sexual and reproductive health information and services and exercise their rights with dignity and confidence.









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# PPAG CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL STRATEGY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION IN CAPE TOWN

PPAG joined other International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in Cape Town, South Africa, from 31 August to 3 September 2026 for a strategic workshop on advancing Reproductive Health Education (RHE) across the Federation. The meeting convened representatives from PPAG, Rutgers International (Netherlands), ATBEF (Togo), Profamilia (Colombia), the IPPF Secretariat, and the Soul City Institute for Social Justice to review progress, strengthen collaboration, and shape priorities for RHE innovation and technical assistance towards 2030.

PPAG played a key role in facilitating discussions on the CoE Theory of Change and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, while also sharing lessons from Ghana's Reproductive Health Education for Youth (RHESY) approach. The presentation highlighted PPAG's youth-led peer education model, WhatsApp RHESY Chatrooms, and the Young and Wise Africa Platform as innovative channels for delivering accessible and youth-friendly reproductive health education.

A major highlight of the meeting was the Youth Voices Panel, where Bridget Boadu joined youth representatives from other CoEs under the theme "Nothing About Us Without Us." The session underscored the importance of meaningful youth participation in shaping Reproductive Health Education (RHE) and broader SRHR programmes.

The workshop strengthened strategic alignment among the four Centres of Excellence, promoted youth leadership in RHE programming, and provided an opportunity to explore sustainable and scalable approaches to reproductive health education. It also reinforced PPAG's commitment to supporting the institutionalization of RHE and ensuring that young people remain at the centre of programme design and implementation.

This engagement further positions PPAG as a leading contributor to global efforts aimed at advancing sustainable, youth-centred reproductive health education.








# PPAG YOUTH CONSULTATION SHAPES TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED GBV TOOLKIT

As part of the EmpowHER intervention, PPAG, in collaboration with Rutgers International, convened a three-day youth consultation in Accra from 25–27 August 2026 to support the development of a comprehensive and youth-friendly Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) Toolkit and Training Manual. The consultation responded to the growing prevalence of online harms such as cyberbullying, online sexual harassment, cyberstalking, and the non-consensual sharing of intimate images, which increasingly affect young people in digital spaces.

The event brought together young people and representatives from youth-focused organizations to share experiences, perspectives, and recommendations on digital safety, online violence prevention, and response mechanisms. Through a participatory approach, young people contributed directly to the co-creation and validation of the toolkit, ensuring that its content reflects their realities, needs, and lived experiences. A key achievement of the consultation was the strengthening of the capacity of 25 participants, including PPAG staff, youth champions, advocates, and facilitators, on TFGBV prevention and response. Participants also contributed to youth-centred examples, case studies, and practical activities that will enrich the final toolkit and training manual. The engagement further strengthened collaboration between PPAG and youth organizations, while establishing a clear roadmap for the toolkit's validation and launch.

The consultation reaffirmed the importance of engaging young people as partners in addressing online violence and promoting safer digital spaces. As one participant noted, "Technology-facilitated GBV is really affecting many young people. The toolkit comes in handy for youth advocates and peer educators to help inform and educate their peers on how to stay safe online."

Building on the outcomes of the consultation, PPAG and its partners will engage key stakeholders, including the Ghana Police Service, Cyber Security Authority, National Youth Authority, and Ghana Education Service, to support the finalization and implementation of the toolkit.








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# YAM GHANA ENGAGES YOUNG PEOPLE ON TFGBV AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

As part of the National Youth Authority (NYA) Conference held at KNUST, Kumasi, the Youth Action Movement (YAM) took center stage in a national youth dialogue addressing one of the most pressing yet often overlooked issues facing young people today: Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV).

The breakout session, titled "Behind the Screen: Addressing the Silent Epidemic of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence in Ghana's Digital Age," was moderated by Naematu Iddrisu, the YAM Coordinator and brought together a powerful panel of resource persons, including representatives from the Department of Social Welfare, the Ministry of Gender and a YAM volunteer, each offering a distinct lens on the growing digital threats young people face online.

The dialogue unpacked what TFGBV really looks like in practice from cyber flashing and non-consensual image sharing, doxing and online harassment etc and explored the systemic gaps that leave many young people without adequate protection or support. Panelists examined the roles of institutions, communities, and young people themselves in recognizing, preventing, and responding to these forms of abuse.

What set this session apart was its depth of engagement. Attendees didn't just listen, they questioned, challenged, and shared. The conversation struck such a chord that educators in the room reached out afterward, requesting follow-up in-school sessions to bring this critical education directly to their students.

This session reflects YAM's broader, ongoing commitment to confronting TFGBV head-on — a commitment already taking shape through online campaigns and continued outreach efforts across the country. As digital spaces continue to shape how young people connect, learn, and grow, conversations like this one are no longer optional but are essential. YAM remains committed to ensuring no young person navigates these spaces without the knowledge, tools, and support to stay safe.




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# YAM LEADS GRASSROOT ADVOCACY ON TFGBV

In a powerful demonstration of grassroots advocacy, the YAM Tamale Branch partnered with the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) to facilitate a community outreach on TFGBV at the Timber Market in Tamale.

The outreach brought critical conversations directly to a bustling community space, engaging traders, workers, and residents in candid discussions on issues that are increasingly shaping everyday life in the digital age with cyberbullying, sextortion, and nudity-related abuse, all identified as common concerns within the Tamale community.
Through this collaboration, YAM Tamale and NCCE created a platform for open dialogue, helping community members better understand what these forms of abuse look like, how they manifest locally, and the steps individuals can take to protect themselves and others. The outreach reflects the growing recognition that TFGBV is not a distant or abstract issue — it is already present in everyday spaces, including markets and community hubs far from the digital platforms where it originates.

This activity adds to YAM's expanding footprint in the fight against TFGBV nationwide, demonstrating that meaningful change happens not just in classrooms and conference halls, but in the very communities where young people live, work, and connect. The partnership between YAM Tamale and NCCE is a strong example of how local structures and institutional collaboration can bring national advocacy priorities to life at the grassroots level, meeting people where they are with the information and support they need.

YAM Sogakope took the fight against Technology-Facilitated Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (TFSGBV) straight to the classroom, engaging students at Sogakope Senior High School in a powerful session on digital safety and respect, with a strong focus on cyberbullying and cyberflashing, which are two of the most common forms of online abuse among young people today.

The session reached a large number of students, who participated freely and enthusiastically, making the sensitization lively and engaging from start to finish. Students explored what cyberbullying and cyberflashing really look like in their everyday digital spaces, from group chat harassment to unsolicited explicit images. Students were guided on practical ways to navigate digital spaces safely. They left equipped with the knowledge to recognize online abuse, reject it, protect themselves, and stand up for their peers when it happens.




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# GBAYAMNI CHIEF PALACE TAMALE, HOSTS PPAG COMMUNITY BREAKING THE SILENCE FORUM

As part of PPAG's EmpowHER Project, eight Community Breaking the Silence Forums were conducted during the third quarter of 2026 across the Northern, Ashanti, Ahafo, and Greater Accra Regions. The forums create safe spaces for community leaders, parents, opinion leaders, and young people to discuss Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and the importance of Reproductive Health Education (RHE).

On 8 August 2026, one of these forums was held at the Gbayamni Chief Palace in Tamale, in collaboration with YAM, the Ghana Health Service, and the Gbayamni community chief. A Ghana Health Service resource person engaged parents on the importance of open communication with their children about sensitive issues such as teenage pregnancy and menstruation. Participants also shared parenting challenges and explored ways to strengthen parent–child communication and support young people to make informed health decisions. The forum reached 93 community members, including 39 women/girls, 27 men/boys, and 27 young people aged 10–24. It strengthened community understanding of RHE and encouraged parents and stakeholders to take a more active role in supporting adolescents' SRHR.

A key message from the engagement was the need for shared parental responsibility, with the resource person emphasizing that parenting and guidance should involve both mothers and fathers. The Gbayamni community chief also encouraged young people to avoid harmful influences and urged parents to remain attentive to their children's wellbeing.






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# DRIVING DITAL RHE ACROSS THE REGION: PPAG SHOWCASES ITS EXPERIENCE

PPAG participated in a three-day meeting in South Africa from 24–26 August 2026, THAT convened partners to strengthen planning, digital health approaches, and regional collaboration.




The meeting began with workplan finalization, coordination, and discussions on monitoring, evaluation and reporting. Participants then explored the IPPF Digital Health Interventions (DHI) Framework, including a review of existing digital tools and gaps across Member Associations and discussions on adapting digital health approaches to the Southern African context.



A key highlight was PPAG's presentation of its Digital Reproductive Health Education (RHE) Model. Drawing on its experience as a Centre of Excellence for RHE, PPAG shared lessons, implementation experiences, challenges, adaptations, and approaches to measuring impact. Participants also explored how elements of PPAG's digital RHE model could be adapted to different Southern African contexts, taking into account regulatory environments, language diversity, technology access, and youth engagement.

The meeting concluded with the development of a proposed Regional Digital RHE Roadmap, marking an important step towards strengthening digital RHE approaches and peer learning across the region.



# PAG TRAINS YOUTH CHAMPIONS TO ADVANCE SRHR EDUCATION

PPAG with funding support from Oxfam Québec through Oxfam Ghana, trained 45 newly selected Youth Champions and Field Officers under the Power to Choose (P2C) Project from 21–25 September 2026 in Kumasi. The training aimed to strengthen young people's capacity to provide accurate sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information, engage their peers, support community mobilisation, and facilitate referrals to appropriate health services.

Using a participatory and learner-centred approach, the training covered key SRHR topics including adolescent development and puberty, menstruation and menstrual hygiene, pregnancy, family planning and contraception, STI and HIV prevention, teenage pregnancy, unsafe abortion, gender and gender norms, sexual and gender-based violence, child marriage, substance abuse, abortion communication, and stress management. Participants engaged through presentations, discussions, group activities, practical examples, questions and experience sharing.

The training strengthened participants' understanding of SRHR issues affecting adolescents and young people and clarified their role as community-level Youth Champions. Participants were equipped to share accurate information, challenge misinformation and stigma, engage their peers, support community activities, and link young people to appropriate health services.

A key lesson from the training was the value of participatory, non-judgmental and age-appropriate approaches when discussing sensitive SRHR issues with young people. The experience also highlighted the importance of continuous mentorship and refresher sessions as Youth Champions begin applying their knowledge in their communities.








# PPAG PARTCIPATES IN THE AFRICAN HEALTH TECH SUMMIT 2026

PPAG joined innovators, health professionals, policymakers, technology experts, young people, and partners from across Africa and beyond to explore how technology can transform the way people access and experience healthcare.

At PPAG, we believe digital health should do more than introduce new technology. It should bring care closer to people, especially young people and communities who continue to face barriers to timely, accurate, confidential, and quality sexual and reproductive health information and services.

From digital platforms and AI to data-driven solutions and connected care pathways, the conversations reinforced an important message: "Technology is only transformative when it responds to real people, real needs, and real health-system challenges".

Another key reflection was the importance of sustainable integration. Understanding where digital innovations fit within existing health systems and how they can be embedded in ways that are practical, scalable, and sustainable.

There is also an opportunity to use technology to bring healthcare to people who have been left behind, reaching new consumers and users who have not had meaningful access to health information and services, while creating pathways that sustain that access.

For PPAG, this means asking:

- How do we design solutions around the people who are not yet being reached?
- How do we sustainably integrate innovation into health systems?
- How do we ensure digital health strengthens the pathway to care?
- How do we make sure no one is invisible in the system?

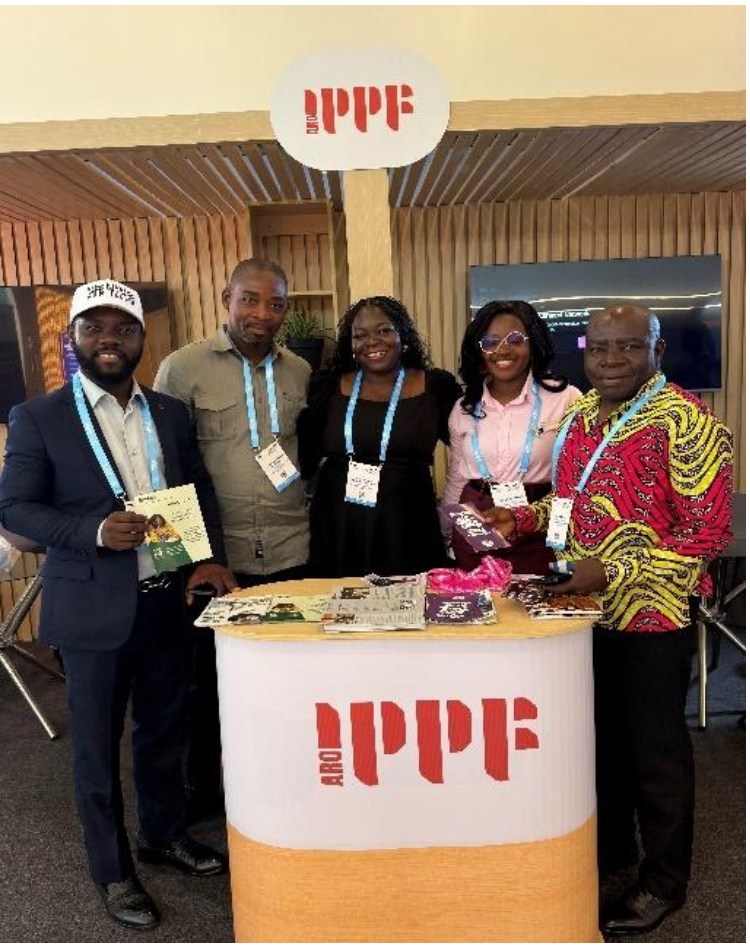
The question is not simply "What technology can we build?"

It is: "What will it take to make healthcare feel closer and make sure everyone especially young people and marginalized groups can access it?"

And that is a conversation PPAG is ready to be part of.


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# PPAG TRAINS SERVICE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH WORKERS ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

PPAG with support from UNPA provided capacity-building trainings for health and human rights service providers and other relevant stakeholders across five regions: Greater Accra, Central, Volta, Ashanti and North East. The training participants included Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, Department of Gender, Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, DOVVSU, Legal Aid Commission, CHRAJ, National Youth Authority, Ghana AIDS Commission, civil society organizations, media representatives, and traditional/community stakeholders.





The trainings focused on strengthening participants' knowledge and practical skills in GBV prevention and response, human rights, gender-transformative approaches, survivor-centered case management, documentation, advocacy and referral systems. The activity also promoted stronger coordination among institutions to improve timely, confidential and rights-based support for survivors and other vulnerable and marginalised persons. practical menstrual health education.



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