

AMAZE STAR AWARDS  
PARTNER HIGHLIGHT SERIES  
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# YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERMENT NETWORK-YWEN NAMIBIA



## About YWEN

YWEN promotes the advancement of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for young people, emphasizing youth engagement and participation in the fields of health and education. YWEN collaborates closely with government ministries, particularly ministries of Education, Gender and Health in areas such as adolescent and youth health and well-being, development and empowerment. The organization has actively participated and conducted various capacity-building initiatives focusing on adolescent and youth health, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), early and unintended pregnancy prevention and gender based violence.





# Partnership with AMAZE

## Objective(s):

1. To conduct Comprehensive SRHR training for AGYW in remote and isolated regions of Namibia.
2. To strengthen areas of advocacy around the issues affecting AGYW's leadership and sexual and reproductive health rights

## Activities:

1. Visit youth centers, Sunday schools,s and primary schools for CSE video distribution among AGYW
2. Distribute Afrikaans video in Kharas rural to the AGYW out of school.
3. Support girls' ambassadors (12) for discussion and train them on leadership, access to services, and improving comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), promoting menstrual health and youth-friendly service delivery



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## Outcomes:

1. Reached out to a total 524 Young people throughout the grant cycle with
2. Active peer to peer groups: 12 girls ambassadors
3. Supported AGYW with High Viral Load with adherence session and now most are suppressed.
4. Openness among AGYW in seeking services
5. Through STAR award initiative we formed strong relationship with churches ensuring that young people around church are empowered to access services.



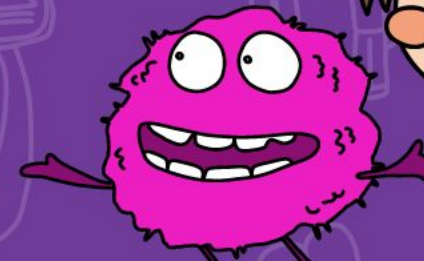
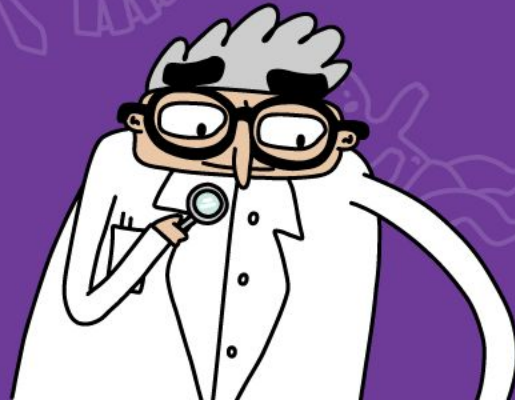


# Lessons Learned

- Enhanced HIV/AIDS awareness and understanding among Onambutu Parish participants; clarified misconceptions about PrEP and PEP, dispelling the belief that these medications prevent pregnancy.
- Gaining Parental Support: Involving parents and guardians in the education process helps in gaining their support and reducing resistance. Providing information sessions for parents about the content and benefits of the videos is beneficial.
- Community Engagement: Working with community leaders and stakeholders to endorse the program facilitated smoother implementation and acceptance.
- Overcoming Stigma: Tackling the stigma associated with discussing sexual health openly is a challenge that can be mitigated through consistent education and community engagement.



# WHAT IS NEXT?





## Future of the Partnership

- ❖ The distribution of the animated video on CSE will continue beyond the grant period.
- ❖ Providing psychosocial support among the youth will continue to support their mental health as they strive on day-to-day challenges.
- ❖ WhatsApp groups will continue as a safe space for peer-to-peer discussions.
- ❖ Peer to peer groups and support groups of AGYW living with HIV will remain functional .
- ❖ Girls' ambassadors club will continue as they act as the voice for others in the communities, they are able because of the training them on leadership, access to services, and improving comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), promoting menstrual health and youth-friendly service delivery.
- ❖ Social media engagement with young people and parents

