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The HYSMR (Have You Seen My Rights?) campaign was held on 11th November, 2015 at the National Youth Service Corps' camp, Lagos, Nigeria. The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) is Nigeria's largest government coordinated body of young people across the nation. HACEY, with the support of the NYSC Secretariat in Lagos, held its youth

consultation on the 5 pledges with 40 people including corps members who are advocates, health and rights promoters.

With the consciousness of our nation's inability to reach the targets of the Millennium Development Goals and the little focus given to young people's sexual and reproductive health in national policies and strategies, youth at the consultation were enthusiastic about promoting the 5 pledges in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants had group discussion on each of the pledges to come up with ideas on how to actively engage decision makers, young people and other advocates to promote the implementation of the pledges with respect to the SDGs in Nigeria.

GROUP SESSION



Each group developed ideas on the challenges of young people's sexual and reproductive health needs and how to integrate the pledges in SDGs to solve them. The groups came up with ideas on whom to engage, what was needed, in promoting the #5pledges and getting sign-on from decision makers and a timeline to start working on this. Each participant

signed on to promoting the #5pledges within their constituencies, with other youth advocates and with decision-makers.

Some of the ideas presented by the different groups on the #5pledges include:

Group 1: Be a global leader in youth and adolescent health and rights.

- Include youths in the formulation and adoption of policies.
- Commit to promoting wide spread social awareness on youth and adolescent health and rights.
- Promote the teaching of comprehensive health education in schools.



Group 2: Commit to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE).

- Support the teaching of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in all schools.
- Involvement of traditional and religious leaders on awareness for Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

Group 3: Provide equal access to youth and adolescent health-care services.

- Create awareness for youths on available health care services.
- Set up Youth and Adolescent health friendly centers in both rural and urban areas.
- Empower stakeholders involved in youth and adolescent health care services.
- Set up agencies to monitor implementation of policies that has been made.

Group 4: Be more ambitious on drug related harm reduction.

- Put in place legislature to regulate the production of harmful substances like cigarettes and alcohol
- Increase sensitization on the harmful effects of hard drugs.
- Criminal prosecution on sale of alcohol, cigarette and hard drugs to under-aged individuals.



Group 5: Effectively fast track the AIDS response to end the epidemic.

- Increased access to anti-retroviral drugs (ARV's) for all
- Provide adequate and effective urban and rural sensitization on HIV/AIDS.
- Provide proper orientation to the youth to develop good values and live careful lives.