YOUTH CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE: FUNDED PROJECTS

Abhiti Gupta – India
Channelizing SRHR Laws and Entitlements for Tribal Youth
This project based in Madhya Pradesh, India works in districts with large tribal populations to help tribal youth access SRHR information. The project also engages youth in Public Interest Litigation to bring a long-term impact to their communities.

Ali Raza Rizvi – Pakistan
SRHR Ehsas Films
SRHR Ehsas Films creates discussions around SRHR in the remote areas of Karachi and Interior Sindh, Pakistan through short films and street theatre. It is producing two short films and two street theater performances and creates live and online platforms to discuss SRHR after screenings, performances, and postings.

Ankita Rawat – India
Ensuring Young People’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
The project goal is to increase demand to access youth friendly SRH services using digital storytelling. Towards this goal, we will work with 15 young people from India's capital to articulate, raise awareness and build support for youth friendly SRHR services.

Firehiwot Mohammed – Ethiopia
‘Daballee’ Serial TV Drama for Youth on SRH in Oromia Region
This project will increase knowledge and information on SRH for more than 100,000 urban youth in Oromia through a youth targeted television drama series.

Gayatri Parameswaran – India
Love Matters India WhatsApp Service – India
This project uses WhatsApp – a mobile instant messaging app – to deliver SRHR information to young people in India. The service is part of Love Matters – a blush-free information website on sex and relationships for young adults in India.

Melanie Powers – United States
Campus Conversations on SRHR, Reproductive Justice and Intersectionality
This project increases youth access to SRHR information and services. It increases youth awareness and understanding of reproductive justice and SRHR, facilitates an exchange between New Orleans youth and those who provide healthcare services, and supports youth creating and sharing recommendations for improvements.

Monica Atkins – United States
Art, Poetry, and Justice
Art, Poetry, and Justice is an 8-week program that teaches youth about how to use art and dance to organize around social justice issues with an emphasis on SRHR.
INVESTING IN YOUTH CHAMPIONS

From December 4-12, 2014, the Youth Champions participated in the 50th Anniversary Incubator in Los Altos, California, USA. This intensive workshop integrated hands on capacity building in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights, leadership, innovation, and project development. The Incubator provided the Youth Champions with the opportunity to strengthen their skills and leadership capacity, learn from internationally-recognized SRHR experts, develop their own SRHR projects, and share their vision for SRHR with the Packard Foundation staff.

SEEDING YOUTH INNOVATION

During the Incubator, the Youth Champions received coaching and technical assistance from SRHR experts in the development of innovative initiatives to increase youth access to quality SRHR services and information. Each participant left the Incubator with a draft project proposal, which they finalized with their host organizations following the Incubator. YCI awarded project funding to participating Youth Champions and their organizations to launch the SRHR projects they developed during the Incubator. YCI also provides on-going technical assistance to enable the Youth Champions and their organizations to most effectively implement their innovative SRHR projects.