

**Minutes**  
**Youth Theme Group Meeting**  
**12 April, 2013**

**Present:**

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#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1	<b>Introduction of participants</b>	Participants introduced themselves and provided brief information on the programs/activities related to youth of their respective organizations.		All participants	
2	<b>Brief update by group members on main activities (also planned ones) related to youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sadonshoev informed about his participation in the USAID internal Youth Group Committee held in Almaty last month, whose participants he invited to participate in the next YTG-meeting and make presentations on their activities.</li> <li>• Mr. Tyuryaev reported that Counterpart YLP held a national conference on youth participation on 25.3., that they were giving out Technical Assistance Grants for local NGO's working in the field of youth and that they were looking for local partners to organize summer camps.</li> <li>• Ms. Nazrieva informed that OSI was giving out several small grants in different regions for projects in various fields. They introduced a new methodology to enhance youth participation through debate and theatre projects. Next week OSI will organize an economic debate in</li> </ul>			

		<p>Khurgan Tapa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mahmud told the group that her focus was on the topic of HIV/AIDS at the workplace and reducing stigma, but that there was no specific program dedicated to youth.</li> <li>• Mr. Sattorov of UNDP CP informed about their district development programmes that are indirectly also dealing with youth policy development. Their district development programmes cover all priorities at a local level. 33 districts have already adopted the district development programmes, 25 more are planned. Youth is not in the plans yet, but in future there's the possibility to implement this topic. Further there has been cooperation with MSDSP on citizen perception mechanisms.</li> <li>• Ms. Tourava informed about UNHCR's project focusing on youth is to guarantee access to education, health care, social services for refugee youth. To achieve this UNHCR works with different ministries and gives vocational trainings and literacy courses for youth. The lack of evening schools presents a problem, especially to refugee youth. They have also pushed the government to let refugee youth pay similar fees for education as citizens. Refugees should be included in the YTG TORs because Tajikistan has the highest percentage of refugees in the whole region. UNHCR also plans a Summer Leadership Camp to create networks between refugee and Tajik youth.</li> <li>• Ms. Pirova informed that currently WHO has no specific program dedicated solely to youth, but there might be some funding by the European Commission for a project on Youth and Health.</li> <li>• GIZ has a health program that focuses on health promotion for youth. By the end of June GIZ</li> </ul>			
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		<p>should also have a report on youth participation in Tajikistan. GIZ tours currently through different schools with their education exhibition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VSO provides NGOs and INGOs with volunteers. Currently 12 volunteers from the UK work with Tajik and Afghan youth in Sugh district, developing the tourism sector, supporting local entrepreneurship and handicraft. Volunteers will also organize a festival in Victory Park this summer.</li> <li>• UNAIDS doesn't have a specific project on youth, but a big component of its work is working with youth. The International AIDS day is dedicated to informing the young generation.</li> <li>• UNFPA's efforts in youth focus on establishing and capacity building of YTG and programs related to HLSE in secondary schools, strengthening YFS centers and supporting Y-PEER National Network.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Boboev informed that the presentation on post MDGs consultations was made for the young people – participants of the Counterpart International's national conference held within its Young Leaders Program in Dushanbe in the end of March.</p>			
3	<p><b>Presentation on “Drop-out Generation”</b></p>	<p>Mr. Jamshed Kurbanov, coordinator of the ECD Program of OSI in Tajikistan made a presentation devoted to the “lost generation” in Tajikistan. The age group between 19 and 22 years old in Tajikistan can be considered as the “lost generation”, because they have missed some of their education due to the Civil War in the 90ies. They face problems like labor migration to Russia, unemployment etc. The presentation had the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the influence of civil war to formation of social behavior of the</li> </ul>	<p>The presentation will be posted on both YTG page on untj.org web-site and YTG Facebook Group.</p> <p>Group members agreed to continue discussions using above mentioned online platforms.</p>		

		<p>youth in Tajikistan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify key actions for involvement of such youth to social life;</li> <li>• To consider importance of the early childhood development and early education for children.</li> </ul>			
3	<b>Review of the YTG TORs – provision of feedbacks and its finalization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to add refugees, asylum seekers and stateless people to the section “Background”, because Tajikistan is the biggest refugees’ receiver state in the whole region. A reference to vulnerable groups like disabled young people, HIV positive etc. was added, to stress the importance of addressing problems like stigmatization and discrimination.</li> <li>• The YTG agreed on their main objectives, but stressed that the TOR is a working document and can still be adapted later on.</li> <li>• The members agreed on the coordination objectives.</li> <li>• The YTG agreed on holding monthly meetings and to start a YTG-Facebook page, to keep the member updated about the activities. The Annual Work Plan will be based on the activities organized by all members.</li> <li>• The attendees agreed on the chapter “Expected deliverables”. The concept papers will concentrate on topics within the topic youth.</li> </ul>	To implement the comments made during the meeting, circulate the TOR again, give members opportunity to make final comments, then finalize the TOR of the YTG.	UNFPA CO	TBC
4	<b>Mapping Document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed upon to put a Mapping Document together.</li> <li>• Everyone is expected to fill in their activities. It would be helpful, if in the “Comment” section would be mentioned, if the project is part of a bigger project or a separate project.</li> <li>• UNFPA will start by filling in their project and then disseminate to the rest of the group to put in all youth programmes of all organizations.</li> </ul>	To create the Mapping Document by listing all different projects around the topic of youth.	UNFPA everyone	ASAP

5	<b>Annual Work Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The attendees were divided in 2 groups. One group worked on the design/template of the Annual Work Plan and the other group came up with possible YTG activities.</li> </ul>			
6	<b>AWP Template</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AWP only includes projects that are planned and organized by the YTG. Coordination and dissemination will be through website and Facebook. It was agreed that in the first 6 months of the YTG, group members update each other about activities through Facebook, website and e-mail.</li> </ul>	<p>AWP will have sections: Activity/ Date/ Responsible Agency and Contact Person/ Partners/ Resources Needed/ Results</p> <p>Organized by topic (see Mapping document) e.g. Health, Education, Advocacy, Policy Development</p>		
7	<b>Possible YTG Activities for 2013</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Youth Day UNAIDS</b> (23.5.2013), Event on youth &amp; sport, youth &amp; HIV, on entrepreneurship and decent work. Needed: mobilize \$. <b>Idea:</b> One week of Youth (20.5. – 26.5.2013). Each day dedicated to a specific topic. Everyone of the members is most welcome to join the initiative.</li> <li><b>Common Message</b> addressed to Tajik Government (Meeting YTG with YC Office, initiated by GIZ). <b>Idea:</b> A non-political, balanced message delivered by Tajik youth to include youth in government plans. Create the message jointly and make Press Release on it.</li> <li><b>International Youth Day</b> in Tajikistan, August 2013. 10 Days of Activism that will end with the Intern. Youth Day. <b>Idea:</b> Campaign this idea and have different activities during 10 days (first week of August).</li> <li><b>Anticorruption Campaign</b> (Dec 2013) with joint Press Release. <b>Idea:</b> Coordinate support and activities/ joint PR, media briefs/ include transparency organizations/ “Youth against corruption”</li> <li><b>Zero Stigma at the workplace</b> (HIV, TB etc.),</li> </ol>		<p>UNAIDS</p> <p>GIZ</p> <p>UNFPA/ tbc</p> <p>tbc</p>	

		1. December 2013, dedicated to World AIDS day. <b>Idea:</b> produce info material, stickers, a press release.		ILO, UNAIDS	
8	<b>Final Comments</b>	It was noted that it will be crucial to involve government in YTG initiatives. In the future meetings can be held for specific topics and national partners could be invited.			
9	<b>Next meeting</b>	8 May, 2 – 4 pm, at UNFPA office, VEFA centre (Preliminary time, tbc).		UNFPA	

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