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## OF THE BINGWA PLUS Y-HEALTH INCUBATOR PROGRAMME



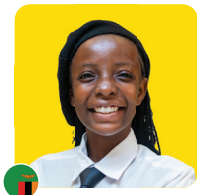
### 1. Dr. Bettina Buabeng-Baidoo / Ghana :

A groundbreaking initiative led by the International Working Group for Health Systems Strengthening, Youth in Global Health Governance Report, to analyze and strengthen youth inclusion in global health governance through evidencebased insights and policy recommendations.



### 2. Mr. Sambou Lamin / The Gambia:

A pilot project to improve timely Hepatitis B birth dose vaccination in Bayanka Community Health Center/Gambia by empowering midwives, enhancing training, and addressing service gaps in underperforming facilities.



### 3. Ms. Kuzipa Makwaza Nantanga / Zambia:

A community-led sanitation and hygiene initiative leveraging local youth networks and aiming to reduce cholera and waterborne diseases in Zambia through education, and sanitation activities, including a public awareness podcast, clean-up events, school outreach, media-led WASH advocacy and stakeholder partnerships to promote sustainable WASH practices.



### 4. Ms. Esmeraldah Avril O'Neil / Botswana:

A peer-led sexual health education program in Kauxwi, an underserved community, through peer education, interactive workshops, uses digital tools like Twine-based game and WhatsApp channels, distribution of educational resources to improve STI prevention, myths, and access to services, and a short story book for ongoing support.



### 5. Ms. Boladele Temitope Maryam / Nigeria:

An advocacy campaign and outreach program to amplify the voices and raise awareness about the reproductive health needs of adolescents with disabilities, including media campaigns, educational sessions, and policy advocacy to improve access to inclusive SRH information and services.



### 6. Dr. Tuwilika Nafuka / Namibia:

A three-month campaign leveraging digital and offline tools to promote youthled SRHR platforms, including gamified web modules, community outreach in

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schools and universities, and content creation to improve access, literacy, and ownership of sexual and reproductive health information among young people in Namibia.



### 7. Ms. Ingrid Koster Simo Kamdem / Cameroon:

An innovative epidemic management system combining AI and community engagement to enable/improve real-time surveillance, early detection, and predictive analysis of outbreaks through data from social networks, health facilities, and community reports, while empowering local populations to participate actively in data collection and analysis.



### 8. John Oyet Taban Roman / South Sudan:

A community-based, peer-led comprehensive sexuality education initiative in Juba to educate and empower adolescents and young adults on SRH, aiming to reduce teenage pregnancy and HIV, through youth training, culturally adapted curricula, and partnerships with local schools and community groups.



### 9. Mrs. Andriambeolazaka Tianasoa Avotriniaina Liane / Madagascar:

An AI-powered platform providing pregnant women and new mothers with personalized health monitoring, educational resources, reminders, and online consultations, aimed at improving maternal and child health outcomes and reducing maternal mortality in Madagascar through digital access, community engagement, and continuous support.



### 10. Mr. Afor Rene Aza'ah / Cameroon:

An Mpox community-based project in Njikwa District to reduce Mpox transmission through mobile clinics (free consultations), community education and empowerment, and training of 1,500 community health workers and leaders for active disease surveillance and reporting.



### 11. Mr. Joshua Emmanuel Walusimbi / Uganda:

Wekume ("protect yourself" in local language) is a hybrid digital and on-ground platform empowering university students with confidential SRH information,

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services, referrals, and peer support through a mobile app, community events, peer ambassadors, and partnerships with health providers to reduce SRH risks and promote responsible health choices (prevent SRH challenges and promote a healthier generation).



### 12. Mr. Reiche Golmard Elenga / Congo Brazzaville:

A community-based prevention campaign project in Brazzaville focused on preventing maternal and congenital toxoplasmosis through targeted education, rapid screening, volunteer training, and strategic partnerships with local health centers and influencers to reduce health risks among pregnant women and newborns, with plans for scalable expansion nationwide.



### 13. Ms. Sinikiwe Tiphotonkhe Tandzile Dlamini ? Eswatini :

A youth-focused health promotion initiative in Eswatini that uses social media, community outreach, and events to raise awareness about non-communicable diseases and mental health, engaging youth as agents of change through educational talks, fitness demonstrations, and strategic partnerships with schools, health organizations, and community leaders to foster sustainable healthy behaviors. It encourages both young and older Eswatini residents to adopt active lifestyles and promotes physical activity as an affordable way to improve mental well-being,



### 14. Dr. Norbert Tuyishimire / Rwanda:

A youth-led outbreak preparedness initiative in Rwanda aimed at strengthening the capacity of final-year healthcare students through targeted training on disease surveillance, infection prevention & control, and emergency response, utilizing hands-on simulations, stakeholder partnerships, and digital platforms to develop a sustainable, scalable model for integrating outbreak response into medical education and enhancing national health system resilience.



### 15. Dr. Gawa Kokora Junior / Côte d'Ivoire:

A youth-led health surveillance project in rural Côte d'Ivoire, focusing on detecting and understanding Mpox virus exposure through serological testing among local populations, coupled with community education on prevention and risky practices, and establishing collaboration with veterinary and health authorities to identify virus reservoirs, with plans for regional and national expansion.



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The **Small Grants Program** provides targeted financial support to youth-led, community-focused initiatives that promote innovation, impact, and sustainability in addressing public health, social justice, education, and development challenges. These grants are designed to enable project teams to launch or scale practical, action-oriented solutions that will be implemented within a short time frame and lay the foundation for long-term change.

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