

Application form: Network Activity

1. Introduction

Activity information	
Activity title	4th Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) Annual Scientific conference on Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR)
Applying DUF member organization(s)	The International Medical Cooperation Committee Global Kenya (IMCC Global Kenya)
Partner organization(s)	Medical Students' Association of Kenya (MSAKE)
Activity locality	KENYA, KILIFI COUNTY
Activity period	1st - 4th DECEMBER 2020
Amount applied for (max 50.000 DKK)	46.183 DKK

1.1 Summary of the activity

The 4th Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Scientific Conference is organized by the Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK). It will be held in Kilifi county, Kenya, which provides a valuable opportunity for project RESPEKT to learn more about youth engagements and help increase knowledge and acceptability of SRHR services in the communities, address the challenges and also meet relevant stakeholders to develop our advocacy programmes. RHNK holds the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Scientific Conference on an annual basis to provide a platform for different actors such as SRHR stakeholders, policy makers, service providers and the young demographic to share experiences and learn new information on sexual and reproductive health and rights from experts.

2.The Partners

2.1 Vision and work of the partner organization

The Medical Students' Association of Kenya (MSAKE) is a student-based organization that represents medical students in Kenya through their respective schools of medicine. Currently, MSAKE has approximately 6500 registered members in ten medical schools in the country. The vision of MSAKE is a future in which all medical students in Kenya unite to expand their academic and career portfolio and are advocates for health to help improve the general health status and knowledge among, especially, the Kenyan youth. This is achieved by creating a shared forum and developing links among students, universities, community authorities, and external organizations through the six MSAKE standing committees namely: Research; reproductive health; medical education; public health; human rights and peace; and professional exchanges. In addition, MSAKE seeks to provide a platform for engaging its volunteer members with medical students from all over the world. MSAKE, like other youth led organizations, is fully committed to strengthen the focus on Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AYSRHR) so as to promote access to information, products and services to young people.

2.2. The capacity, structure and experience of the partner organization

MSAKE is involved in projects, campaigns and activities at different levels ranging from SRHR stakeholder meetings to school based discussions. This involvement has enabled them to acquire vast experience in collaborating on international projects e.g the partnership project RESPEKT, funded by DUF in partnership with IMCC Global. The project engages 147 volunteers from the ten medical schools in Kenya to advocate and teach sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). This 5 year project with the aim of influencing national policy based on the high schools workshops and stakeholders engagement on SRHR ,this is also built on the learning experience of the successfully completed pilot project and an inclusion of Advocacy, Curriculum Development and Research department that comprise the working groups. Additionally, the partnership with IMCC Global has had two Youth Leader Exchanges funded by DUF each working on strengthening different aspects of the project (RESPEKT). MSAKE has organised sub-regional training in conjunction with IFMSA in June 2015, April 2018 and May 2019 that brought together approximately 150 participants from eight countries. Additionally, MSAKE attended the 2017 WHSS in Kigali, Rwanda, the 2019 Kenya Healthcare Students Summit and the 2019 Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC) in Kigali, Rwanda, where RESPEKT members participated as moderators, facilitators, organizers and panelists of different sessions. A member of the Project Coordination Team (PCT) on the Kenyan side is part of the delegation to the network activity as a responsible managerial member of the effective implementation of the network activity.

2.3. The partnership and cooperation

In the spring of 2014, members of IMCC Global Kenya established contact to MSAKE after assessing potentials in an equal partnership between the two groups in promoting issues related to health for youth in Kenya. In March 2015, two volunteers from IMCC Global Kenya visited MSAKE on a successful partner identification trip. In November 2015, two volunteers from IMCC Global Kenya went on a preparatory study

to Nairobi in which IMCC Global Kenya and MSAKE collaborated in developing an overall project idea and target group, which the organizations would like to concentrate on during a Pilot Project. The pilot project application (RESPEKT) was approved in June 2016, and for a period of one year MSAKE and IMCC embarked on implementing the project where a total of 47 volunteers from MSAKE were recruited and trained to be RESPEKT facilitators. A total of 1410 teenagers from 10 underserved secondary schools from different regions were empowered on sexual and reproductive health through workshops and interactive debates. In the same year, RESPEKT was approved for a partnership project with DUF. In August 2018 the project grew with a recruitment and Training of Trainers for 100 new volunteers from the nine medical schools in Kenya, the Partnership Project has now reached 6840 High School students directly. Additionally in 2017 to 2019 we have successfully participated in three networking activities that have been strongly anchored within the project. In January 2019, the partnership hosted the Joint Partnership Development Project inviting a sister project from Ethiopia, SHEBA, to Kenya to deliberate on joint challenges and use the cross learning opportunity to come up with solutions and future sparings. In July 2019, the partnership successfully applied for a Youth Leader Exchange (YLE) with five participants (2 IMCC Global members and 3 partner organisation members).

3. The Network Activity

3.1 Planning

RHNK is composed of members from four health professional associations. This year the 4th Annual ASRHR conference will be held in Kilifi county, Kenya from December 1st to 4th, 2020. Both the partner (MSAKE) and the Danish member (IMCC Global) working groups and the conference participants will work in collaboration to plan for the logistics for the RESPEKT members attending the conference - i.e. travel bookings, registration and accommodation payments. Relating specifically to the network activity, RESPEKT has a Project Coordination Team (PCT) of eight members, who oversaw the selection of participants, with the help of a network activity selection team that consisted of volunteers. Two Chapter Coordinators and a member of the advocacy team were selected through a vote to join the network activity with emphasis on availability and the need of the project to secure stakeholders for the 2021 Conference organised in the project. The selection team was mandated with the task of making a call, shortlisting and selecting participants from the volunteer pool based on their motivation and plan of action.

3.2 Purpose of network activity

The network activity aims for RESPEKT's participation in the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR) Conference as it provides a platform for different stakeholders within SRHR to meet. This year, the conference theme is "**Addressing the 'three zeroes' By Prioritizing Adolescent and Young People's SRHR**", this is a build up on the commitments made by the Nairobi summit-ICPD+25 that RESPEKT members participated in. The network activity will provide a useful opportunity for the project as we are looking to deepen our understanding and get new perspectives of key issues and challenges within SRHR in youth in Kenya. Engaging in the conference will provide insight into how to address stigma in SRHR at a community level which will be useful when planning for school visits and community visits and advocacy efforts. In addition, the participation will provide connections with relevant stakeholders that are

potential participants in the conference the project is hosting in 2021. Furthermore, we will gain a deeper understanding of the “three zero’s” within SRHR so the project can better align with the overall goals of this campaign.

The conference provides an opportunity for peer learning from other youth lead organisations. This will help us learn from their experiences in community engagement - lessons that will be beneficial to the project’s outreach activities like school visits and town halls. The learning points will build capacity among the project volunteers as they would be more familiar with the challenges that students face in schools and therefore better equipped for the school visits. In addition, there will also be skills-building sessions for adolescents and youth on key thematic areas in SRHR including but not limited to advocacy, accountability, consent, comprehensive sexuality education, and contraception. The participants of the network activity will organize a pre-conference workshop with members of the Project Coordination team to match expectations on some of the intended deliverables of the Networking Activity, and post-conference activities comprising of evaluation meetings and workshops where they will share their knowledge, experiences and recommendations to the chapter coordinators and working group representatives with an aim to strengthen the chapter level activities. This will add value to MSAKE by improving the association’s networking and capacity to organize events of a similar nature. The project aims to organize a conference in 2021 that would benefit from the networks and lessons learnt in this conference.

The conference will convene both pre existing partners of the project and potential partners from the national, regional, and international levels. Through this encounter, the project will be able to strengthen its collaborations with pre-existing partners and build new strategic partnerships with other like-minded organizations. SRHR stakeholders and policy-makers will also be present in the conference thus granting the project the opportunity to establish contact with these key players that will strengthen its advocacy programs. These will come in handy in planning and execution of the upcoming 2021 RESPEKT Conference. Ultimately, the conference will allow the project and the partner organisation to meet and share experiences with like minded organisations in the SRHR space, this will ensure that MSAKE is always included in future policy discussions on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

3.3 Activities and time plan

Activity	Purpose	Expected Outcome
<p>1) ADDRESSING STIGMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Young people b) Faith based institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To understand how other organisations bridge the barrier to reach teenagers and youth b) To understand the role the faith based institutions play in creating stigma and destigmatizing SRHR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The project will have different models of engaging young people to learn from b) The project will understand how best to work with faith based schools and institutions in incorporating SRHR discussions

<p>2) CONNECTING WITH STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>a) Conference opening and closing ceremony.</p> <p>b) Advocacy</p>	<p>a) To strengthen collaboration with existing partners and initiate contacts with potential new partners.</p> <p>b) To secure and introduce partners to discussions about the RESPEKT 2021 conference.</p>	<p>a)The project will have a contact list of potential new partners.</p> <p>b) Existing partners will be updated on the project and continued partnerships.</p> <p>c)2021 Conference will have potential speakers.</p>
<p>c) DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF 'THE THREE ZEROS'</p> <p>a)Zero unmet need for contraception</p> <p>b)Zero preventable maternal deaths</p> <p>c)Zero gender-based violence and harmful practices such as child marriages and female genital mutilation.</p>	<p>a)To get an overview of Kenya's progress in bridging unmet needs on access to contraceptives</p> <p>b) To get information on various projects that are working on access to safe abortion and referrals</p> <p>c)To get a better understanding on existing referrals and current statistics regarding SGBV</p>	<p>a)The project will have gained information of possible youth friendly centers that promote access to contraceptives</p> <p>b) The project will have a better understanding of how other projects navigate the stigma and opposition associated with abortion related campaigns</p> <p>c) The project gets a better referral system in each region to inform the teenagers during school visits</p>

A detailed programme will be made available in the month of November, we have annexed an overview of the schedule and invitation letter as provided by the conference organizers now. The program will be updated at <http://rhnkconference.org/>

3.4 Follow up and learning

Key to this Network activity is to strengthen our chapters and advocacy initiatives, the conference will bring together many stakeholders and key actors on SRHR, the project aims to work closely with them to strengthen our school visits and other community engagements. This will be helpful in reaching the ultimate goal of project RESPEKT: To improve sexual and reproductive health and rights for Kenyan teenagers. Additionally, RESPEKT plans to host a Reproductive Health conference in 2021 and this provides an opportunity to familiarize with other stakeholders and collect contacts for future collaboration.

Pre-conference activities: Before the conference, the participants will have a workshop with team leaders in the project who are in charge of planning the 2021 Conference, the coordination team and advocacy coordinators to discuss different priority areas for the project in the RHNK Conference.

Post-Conference: After the conference, the participants will plan a weekend seminar with the project Chapter Coordinators and some Working Group members from different departments such as advocacy to conduct workshops on what they learnt in the conference. This is aimed at mainstreaming some of these lessons in the project so as to promote and strengthen chapter level activities. During the conference the participants will update the progress of the conference on the RESPEKT social media pages as well as their individual platforms including trending hashtags on the conference and the projects personalised hashtags. The participants will prepare a report on the network activity to be presented to DUF, IMCC, MSAKE and RESPEKT with the purpose of spreading the information and be accountable to the project and its members.

3.5 Participants

The participants are all part of the MSAKE Project RESPEKT and are highly motivated, goal oriented, willing to learn and are great team players. The participants have brought out these attributes during the different activities organised by RESPEKT. It is the hope of RESPEKT that the participants of the network activity will gain knowledge and skills that they can apply in future projects within the partnership.

In the selection, the priority was given to chapter coordinators based on the objectives of this networking activity project. The following persons were democratically chosen according to their availability to attend the conference and interest in the Conference theme in line with the needs of the project:

1. Jerotich Murgor

She is part of the RESPEKT Advocacy Department and also the Programmes officer for the RESPEKT 2021 Conference planning team. After the conference, she will play a key role in the implementation of the new insights gained by engaging different stakeholders as well as ensuring that the stakeholders are invited to our conference next year.

2. Khilna Bakrania

She is part of the RESPEKT Chapters Coordination Team in charge of the Egerton Chapter currently. She is also a member of the Inter-Campus festival- End Gender Based Violence committee in the project (RESPEKT). Khilna will be mandated with the task of contacting and following up with potential stakeholders in preparation for the RESPEKT 2021 conference, this is a shared task.

3. O'neil Wamukota


He is a part of the RESPEKT Chapter Coordination Team as the coordinator of Maseno chapter. He is also a member of the publication committee in the project dubbed as REKORD. After the network activity, he will work together with the other two participants to organize and facilitate a workshop to train the representatives from the volunteer pool and MSAKE on the lessons learnt from the conference. His main aim is work closely with chapter coordinators towards ensuring we mainstream the lessons in the project

4. Signatures

I hereby confirm that my organization fully supports this partnership and this application, that we have knowledge about the DUF guidelines as well as the financial guidelines and that we are prepared to take on all obligations that an approval of the application will put on us as an organization. I furthermore confirm that I have the authority to take decisions and sign agreements on behalf of my organization.

On behalf of the Danish member organization	On behalf of the Partner Organization
International Medical Cooperation Committee	Medical Students Association of Kenya (MSAKE)
Date/Place	Date/Place
13th of October 2020	8/10/2020 Nairobi, Kenya
Name	Name
Carsten Toft	Khilna Bakrania
Position in organization	Position in organization
Head of Secretary	RESPEKT-Working Group
Signature	Signature
	
Stamp (optional)	Stamp (optional)

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6. Annexes

List of annexes

Obligatory annexes

- Detailed budget
- Time plan
- Detailed program for the network activity

Other annexes

- Invitation letter

