

PROJECT NARRATIVE REPORT

Project Title	Meaningful Engagement of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) in Leadership, Demand Generation and Access to HIV, GBV, and SRHR Prevention and Treatment Services in South Sudan
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Picture: A group of AGYW posing for a group photo during the community consultation workshop on social barriers hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRH services in the state.

List of Acronyms

NWERO	National Women Empowerment and Rehabilitation Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NBGS	Northern Bahr-El Ghazel State
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
SRH	Sexual Reproductive Health
RH	Reproductive Health
AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AGYWN-SS	Adolescent Girls and Young Women's Network –South Sudan
SMoH	State Ministry of Health
SMoGEI	State Ministry of General Education and Instruction
SMoGCSW	State Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare
IRC	International Rescue Committee
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
CMMB	Catholic Medical Mission Board
AMREF	African Medical & Resource Foundation
NEPWU	National Empowerment of Positive Women United
ICAP	International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs

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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report summarizes the project activities undertaken by National Women Empowerment and Rehabilitation Organization (NWERO) and Adolescent Girls and Young Women Network South Sudan (AGYWN-SS) between October 23rd 2024, to February 4th 2025, funded by UNAIDS. The consultative meetings and workshops involved community discussion among AGYW groups, dialogue between AGYW members and community gatekeepers, and courtesy call meetings with government stakeholders from the line ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare in Northern Bahr-El Ghazal, Eastern and Western Equatoria states. The community consultation meetings and dialogues aimed to gather community insights related to social barriers that hindered adolescent girls and young women's access to HIV, GBV and SRH services and the actionable recommendation. The discussion topics were centered on the level of community awareness about HIV transmission and prevention, the prevalence rate and forms of GBV experienced by adolescent girls and young women, knowledge and attitude about sexual reproductive health and services, availability and accessibility to HIV, GBV and SRH services for adolescent girls and young women such as HIV testing and treatment, support for GBV survivors and safe sex education, including maternal health services. As outcomes of the intervention, barriers to accessing HIV, GBV and SRH were identified, including lack of awareness, stigma and discrimination, and limited availability of adolescent girls and young women-friendly services. The consultation provided the state-level AGYW group a platform to voice their concerns, enhancing community engagement and empowerment. To enhance service delivery for AGYW, the stakeholders and community gatekeepers recommended that community awareness should be scaled up, there should be involvement of AGYW in peer education programs to facilitate open discussion about HIV, GBV and SHRS, establishment of AGYW- friendly and confidentially facilities within the community, including training of healthcare providers on the needs and rights of AGYW, Provision of support services both health and psychosocial needs for GBV survivors.

3. INTRODUCTION:

NWERO, in partnership with UNAIDS, supported the engagement of AGYWN-SS in a project entitled “Meaningful engagement of AGYW in leadership, demand generation and access to HIV, GBV, and SRHR prevention services in South Sudan.” NWERO and AGYWN-SS jointly implemented an integrated approach to create awareness about HIV, GBV prevention and access to SRHRs services in Northern Bahr –El Ghazal, Eastern Equatoria and Western Equatoria States.

A total of fifteen (15) community consultative meetings/workshops were conducted, five (3) in each state, including the courtesy call meetings with stakeholders from the line ministries. In Northern –Bahr –El Ghazal state (Aweil), the consultative workshops were conducted on 13th and 14 of November 2024, in Eastern Equatoria state (Torit) on 26th and 27th of November 2024 whereas in Western Equatoria state (Yambio) on 16th and 17th of January 2025 with AGYW groups, community gatekeepers and government stakeholders from state line ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare. The community consultation meetings/workshop aimed to mobilize and consult with stakeholders in the respective state line ministries, AGYW groups and community gatekeepers on issues hindering AGYW’s access to and demand for quality HIV, GBV and SRHR services at the state level. The consultation used a mixed–methods approach, including plenary discussions, group work and courtesy call meetings with the stakeholders. NWERO and the AGYW team engaged with 174 participants (120 Female, 54 Male) across the three states (NBeG, EES and WES).

Furthermore, to expand the AGYW network, the project team conducted two (2) consultative meetings in Juba on the 23rd of October and 19th of December 2024 with the AGYW network secretariat and a lawyer to engage him to develop a constitution and register the AGYW network as a legal entity in South Sudan. The project team also conducted one (1) workshop in Juba on the 4th of February 2025, with 25 partners, including the national ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare, to explore opportunities for partnership and support for the AGYWN-SS programs in South Sudan.

4. BACKGROUND:

The Global HIV Prevention Coalition, of which South Sudan has been a member since 2023, identified AGYW as a critical pillar in accelerating HIV prevention in the path to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Also, the national HIV strategic plans (2021-23 and 2024-2026) prioritized AGYW as a vulnerable population at risk of acquiring HIV if not reached with HIV prevention services. Program data and national program reviews indicate that HIV prevention needs have remained poorly funded and gaps weakly addressed. In the absence of national data such as estimates for AGYW, the magnitude of the problems and the impact of the HIV epidemic among the AGYW remains unknown, and their suffering goes unnoticed. Many adolescent girls and young women lack access to information and services related to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment.

The deep-rooted gender inequalities and harmful cultural practices have exacerbated issues of gender-based violence, with many AGYW experiencing forced/child marriage, rape and domestic violence which is both a risk factor for HIV and crucial barrier to accessing healthcare services. Also, AGYW often encounter difficulties in accessing SRH services due to stigma and discrimination, leading to unintended pregnancy and other maternal health implications during childbirth.

In 2023, the network of the AGYW, in partnership with NWERO, benefited from UNAIDS support to enhance AGYW's economic security in Juba County. However, in FY 2024, the AGYW network and NWERO, with funding from UNAIDS, wanted to legally register and expand the AGYW network scope of work and geographical coverage to three (3) additional states: Eastern Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal. In addition, the AGYW network wanted to mobilize and consult with AGYW groups and community gatekeepers on issues hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRHR services in the three targeted states to improve accessibility and thereby enable AGYW to make informed choices about their health and wellbeing in South Sudan

5. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Objective 1: To formalize and expand the AGYW Network to the three states of Northern Bahr –El Ghazal, Eastern and Western Equatoria.

- 1.1 Engaging a lawyer to develop a constitution and register the Adolescent Girls and Young Women Network, South Sudan (AGYWN-SS) as a legal entity in South Sudan.
 - The AGYW secretariat, with the support of NWERO, hired a lawyer to develop a constitution and register the Adolescent Girls and Young Women Network, South Sudan (AGYWN-SS) as a legal entity in South Sudan. Two (2) consultative meetings were conducted with the AGYW secretariat and the lawyer on the 23rd of October, and the second meeting was on the 19th of December, 2024.
 - The lawyer developed a draft constitution, presented the draft constitution for review by the AGYW secretariat and representative of the Board members and was passed.

- The layer then initiated the registration process with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, and finally, the AGYW network of South Sudan was legally registered on the 11th of December 2025 and awarded a Registration certificate under registration number 5707.
- In addition, the lawyer developed a profile for the AGYW network to enhance resource mobilization for the network.

1.2 Conduct 9 courtesy call meetings with the state line Ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare.

- The project team, which consisted of two (2) AGYW representatives and one staff of NWERO, traveled to the project location (Aweil, Torit and Yambio) and met with various government stakeholders in the three (3) targeted states to introduce the AGYW network and the purpose of its establishment. The meeting served to gain support, establish rapport, and gather their insights on the needs of AGYW, including social barriers hindering AGYW access to HIV, GBV and SRH services.
- Nine (9) government stakeholders were reached, and during the interaction, the stakeholders stated that most of the AGYW in the state faced the challenge of limited access to information related to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment, including support for GBV survivors
- The initiative fosters collaboration among the AGYW networks and their members in the state. The stakeholders welcomed the initiative and expressed willingness to support the AGYW groups, citing that they will ask partners to provide resources for peer engagement in HIV, GBV, and SRH response in the community to reduce new HIV infections, gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy.

1.3 Map partners directly supporting AGYW programs at sub-national level in each of the three states and document challenges and the best practices

- The project team did not map the partners supporting AGYW programs in the states, however, the information was collected during the courtesy call meetings with the government stakeholders and consultative workshops with the AGYW groups and the community gatekeepers.
- The stakeholder identified a few partners in the states that support AGYW programs; for example, in Northern Bahr –El Ghazal state (Aweil), the partners included World Vision, International Rescue Committee (IRC), and Triple A, Partners in Eastern Equatoria state were ICAP, NEPWU and IHO whereas, in Western Equatoria state the partners included AMREF, CMMB and EVE organization.

1.4 Conducted a one-day workshop in Juba with 25 partners, including SSAC, Ministry of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare to explore opportunities to support the AGYWN programs in South Sudan.

- The project team organized a one-day workshop in Juba on 4th February 2025 with partners to explore opportunities to support the AGYW network programs in South Sudan.
- The workshop was organized to share the findings and recommendations of the community consultative workshops carried out in the 3 states of Northern Bahr-Ghazal, Eastern and Western Equatoria state as well as to foster networking, collaboration and opportunities programs for adolescent girls and young women in South Sudan. Altogether, 33 people (24 females and 9 males) participated in the engagement workshop. The stakeholders who participated in the workshop included the representative from the National Ministry of Health, Education, Gender

Child and Social Welfare; a Search for Common Ground representative; Board chairlady – AGYWN-SS, Media (Eye radio) journalist, UNAIDS and the members of AGYWN-SS.

- The partners welcomed the initiative and expressed that they would support the network to achieve its vision and mission.

Objective 2: To mobilize and consult with AGYW on issues hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRHR services in all three targeted states, targeting 90 AGYW participants.

2.1 Conducted one-day consultation workshops in three states with 30 AGYW members in each state to discuss the AGYW network and the issues hindering their access to healthcare services.

- The project team mobilized and carried out three (3) consultative workshops with AGYW groups, one (1) in each of the three targeted states, to introduce the AGYWN-SS and discuss social barriers hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRH services in the community.
- In Northern Bahr –El Ghazal state (Aweil), the consultative workshop was conducted on the 13th of November 2024, in Eastern Equatoria state (Torit) on the 26th of November 2024, and in Western Equatoria state (Yambio) on the 16th of January 2025 with AGYW groups.
- Total of 90 (all females) AGYW members were consulted on issues around community awareness about HIV transmission and prevention, the prevalence rate and forms of GBV experienced by adolescent girls and young women, knowledge and attitude about sexual reproductive health and services, availability and accessibility to HIV, GBV and SRH services for AGYW in the three targeted states.
- As a notable outcome, the interventions provided a platform for AGYW members in the States to voice their concerns, leading to enhanced community engagement and empowerment.

2.2 Conducted one-day dialogue with representatives of AGYW groups and community gatekeepers (25 participants) on the social barriers hindering access to HIV, gender-based violence, and sexual and reproductive health services in the three states.

- The project team mobilized and carried out three (3) consultative dialogues with AGYW groups and community gatekeepers, one dialogue (1) in each of the three targeted states to introduce the AGYWN-SS and discuss social barriers hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRH services in the community.
- In Northern Bahr El Ghazal state (Aweil), the dialogue was conducted on 13th of November 2024, in Eastern Equatoria state (Torit) on 27th of November 2024, whereas in Western Equatoria state (Yambio) on 17th of January 2025 with AGYW groups and community gatekeepers.
- Total of 75 (36 males & 39 females) participants were engaged on issues around the level of community awareness about HIV transmission and prevention, the prevalence rate and forms of GBV experienced by adolescent girls and young women, knowledge and attitude about sexual reproductive health and services, availability and accessibility to HIV, GBV and SRH services for AGYW in the three targeted states.
- The community dialogues yielded critical outcomes, which included an increase in awareness of HIV GBV and SRH among the AGYW and Community gatekeepers and fostered AGYW collaboration with community gatekeepers in the three (3) targeted states.

6. COMPLETED MILESTONES:

- I. Developed and registered AGYWN-SS with Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, government of South Sudan as a legal entity under registration number 5707.
- II. Conducted 9 courtesy call meetings and reached 9 government stakeholders from the state-line Ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare in Northern Bahr-El Ghazel, Eastern and Western Equatoria states.
- III. Conducted three (3) consultation workshops with AGYW participants on issues affecting their access to HIV, GBV, and SRHR services and reached 90 AGYW members in the 3 targeted states.
- IV. Conducted three (3) dialogues with AGYW groups and community gatekeepers to discuss social barriers hindering AGYW access to HIV, GBV, and SRHR services and reached 75 participants in the 3 targeted states.
- V. Conducted a one-day workshop in Juba with 25 partners, including government stakeholders from National Line Ministries of Health, Education, Gender Child and Social Welfare, including AGYWN-SS members to share the findings of the consultative meetings/workshop and explore opportunities to support the AGYWN programs in South Sudan.

7. THE KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING/WORKSHOP

a). Courtesy meetings with the government stakeholders from the state-line Ministries of Health, Gender and Education in Northern Bahr-El Ghazal state, Eastern and Western Equatoria state

- I. Stakeholders revealed that the states face a challenge of insufficient awareness programs for AGYW in the community simply because there is no or only one partner engaged in HIV prevention, however, there are a few organizations which are engaged in GBV response and prevention, such as IRC and World Vision. This makes it difficult for AGYW, especially in the rural areas, to access HIV, GBV and SRH services
- II. The stakeholders also mentioned that most of the AGYW in the state have limited access to information about sexual and reproductive health, HIV, and GBV due to misinformation about HIV transmission and prevention, which in most cases can lead to fear and avoidance of seeking necessary healthcare services at health facilities.
- III. The stakeholders stated that there is inadequate availability of AGYW-friendly SRH services in the state, which makes it hard for AGYW to seek services or discuss their issues freely regarding HIV, GBV and SRHR services.
- IV. The stakeholders also mentioned that most of the young mothers are facing issues, especially on family planning, due to a lack of information and awareness on family planning their husbands do not support them in going for family planning services, some normally do it secretly because they will be beaten to death by their husbands.
- V. The stakeholders stated that AGYW does not have access to condom usage because the traditional norms do not allow AGYW the use of Condoms as it is taboo or because most lack knowledge about the benefits of using condoms.

- VI. The stakeholders revealed that the issue of stigma and discrimination around HIV can discourage AGYW from seeking HIV testing and treatment services. The stigma also extends to those who have experienced GBV, making them reluctant to seek support at health facilities.
- VII. Regarding GBV, the stakeholders revealed that GBV cases are rising such as early child/forced marriages, rapes and domestic violence and AGYW who are survivors of GBV do not have access to quality GBV support services in the state due to inadequate service providers who mainly operate in urban centres but inadequate services in the rural areas where there is high need
- VIII. The stakeholders also mentioned that poverty and insecurity are the contributing factors which can hinder AGYW from seeking healthcare services.

One of the stakeholders said that... "Some survivors of rape cases of AGYW cannot afford the means of transport to reach the health facilities because they do not have money which can hinder them from accessing GBV or HIV services."

- IX. The stakeholders, particularly in Eastern Equatoria state, mentioned that there is a high rate of blood compensation within the state, that is exchanging of a girl child to replace the family of the deceased family.

One of the stakeholders said thatan incident happened in Torit state where two boys were fighting each other, and it happened that one of the boys shot the other one to death; hence the vacant space from the deceased family was to be replaced by a girl child as compensation to the family."

b). Consultative workshop with AGYW groups and dialogue with community gatekeepers on social barriers hindering their access to HIV, GBV and SRH services

- I. The Community gatekeepers revealed that the lack of knowledge about HIV, GBV and SRH among AGYW hinders them from seeking healthcare services at the health facilities.



One of the traditional leaders has this to say....." if a girl or young woman is found to possess a condom, then she will automatically be considered a prostitute because it is an omen among the Dinka Malual people for a woman to possess or ask to be given condom."

- II. The AGYW mentioned that economic barriers in terms of poverty restricted their access to healthcare services; for example, the cost associated with transportation, treatment or tests may be expensive for them.

- III. The AGYW stated that the deep-rooted social norms marginalize their health and reproductive rights. Most of their parents forced them to get married at a tender age starting from 13 years onwards.



One of the young woman from Eastern Equatoria state said that..." she was forced by her uncle to get married at 13 years and she had to experience difficulties during the time of giving birth which was about to take her life because she was not matured physically."

- IV. The AGYW in Eastern Equatoria state reported the challenge of being used as blood compensation to replace a person killed from the deceased family, and only a female child is preferred to a boy child.

One of the AGYW members had this to say----- "my uncle killed someone from the bush and for this reason, one of her youngest sisters was taken to replace the deceased family, however, her mother decided to take her to another village far away for safety and change her names because up to date people are still looking for."

- V. The community gatekeepers mentioned that the fear of stigma and discrimination is another issue, especially if one is found HIV positive; the person may stop seeking healthcare services due to stigma and discrimination from the family or community members. ***One of the young women reported that her neighbour was HIV positive and because of this reason, her children were denied access to the school due to her HIV status.***
- VI. The AGYW also revealed that the issue of inadequate healthcare facilities or lack of essential supplies in rural areas is a significant deterrent for AGYW to access SRH and HIV services
- VII. The AGYW mentioned that the lack of confidentiality and privacy for HIV and SRH services to AGYW at the health facilities in terms of disclosure of one's HIV status while using the SRH commodities for family planning to the relative or spouse can prevent young mothers from seeking HIV, GBV and SRH services.
- VIII. The AGYW stated that psychosocial depression related to sexual and Gender-based violence can also prevent AGYW from seeking GBV services.



One of the AGYW members in Aweil said that" the fear of attack from family or community members may prevent GBV survivors from reporting cases of GBV or seeking help for SRH issues."

8. RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE FINDINGS:

- I. Engaging the communities in the state in awareness raising to empower AGYW to seek out and utilize HIV, GBV and SRH services.
- II. Training healthcare service providers to be sensitive to the needs of AGYW, especially in areas of HIV, GBV and SRH. This can help create a safe and supportive environment for AGYW to seek out services.
- III. The state Ministry of Health should train health workers on safeguarding policies and review the involvement of male midwives in SRH service provision to promote AGYW access to HIV and SRH services.
- IV. Establish more youth-friendly HIV and SRH health centres that offer confidential, stigma-free services specially tailored for AGYW to improve and promote the usage of HIV and SRH services.
- V. Create more awareness-raising on GBV prevention by educating the communities at the grassroots about harmful gender norms and the importance of health-seeking behaviours to promote AGYW access to HIV, GBV and SRHR services
- VI. Training more HIV peer educators and establishing a mentorship program for AGYW to give them the confidence and knowledge to access HIV, GBV and SRH services.
- VII. Promote and extend comprehensive sexual education programs in all the schools to empower adolescent girls with knowledge about their sexuality and reproductive health to enhance their access to HIV and SRH services
- VIII. Engaging both boys and men in Conversations about GBV to foster supportive attitudes towards adolescent girls and young women because they are the main GBV perpetrators in the community
- IX. Economically empowering AGYW with livelihood skills and knowledge such as skills in bakery, handcrafts, and liquid soap making, including start-up capital to reduce economic barriers to accessing healthcare services.
- X. Conducting a radio talk show to create awareness at the grassroots level regarding accessing GBV, HIV and SRHR services in the community
- XI. Advocate to the government and donors to fund programs for AGYW in South Sudan to improve their health and well-being.

9. WORKSHOP WITH PARTNERS, GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS & AGYWN MEMBERS - JUBA

NWERO conducted a one-day stakeholder engagement workshop at the Imperial Plaza Hotel on 4th Feb 2025. The main objective of the workshop was to share the findings and recommendations of the community consultative meetings/workshops carried out in the 3 states of Northern Bahr-Ghazal, Eastern and Western Equatoria state, as well as to foster networking, collaboration and opportunities programs for adolescent girls and young women in South Sudan. Altogether, 33 people (24 females and 9 males) participated in the engagement workshop. The key stakeholders who participated in the workshop included the National Ministry of Health, Gender, Education, a Search for Common Ground

representative, the Board chairlady –AGYWN-SS, a Media (Eye radio) journalist, UNAIDS and the family of AGYWN-SS.

The representative of the National Ministry of Health said that “culture is the root cause of gender-based violence and poverty because our culture denies women rights to resources and treats girls and women with impunity, she advised the AGYWN to advocate for change of minds and attitude where girls and women are respected....”

Another stakeholder said that.... stigma associated with HIV still prevails, deterring AGYW from seeking testing or treatment, resulting in lower uptake of HIV services.”

As participants’ feedback, the stakeholders generally were touched by the findings of the community consultative meetings/workshop conducted in the states by the NWERO and AGYWN team. They thanked UNAIDS and NWERO for the initiative to empower the adolescent girls and young women's leadership to run their affairs and expressed that they would support the network to achieve its vision and mission.

Among others, the partners/stakeholders mentioned the following actionable recommendations;

- Develop targeted outreach awareness programs that engage AGYW in schools and communities to raise awareness about HIV, GBV and SRH services.
- The AGYWN-SS should extensively use social media to reach many in the public
- The AGYWN-SS should make/create connections with other networks and platforms such as NASOSS. Attend meetings and workshops and introduce their programs and challenges to other partners, including the line Ministries.
- Strengthen their capacity in proposal development by attending online courses to improve resource mobilization.
- Lobby from partners to support the development of organizational policies to enhance resource mobilization
- Continuously collaborate with the National Ministries such as Ministries of Gender, Youth, Education and Health, including other donors to access support/funding
- Continue to implement activities in the community related to HIV and GBV prevention that do not require financial support

10. LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES:

- The key lesson was that the participants were motivated to freely share their experiences on issues around HIV, GBV and SRH, and everyone appreciated the consultation meeting and dialogue, hence fostering trust and confidence
- There were issues of discrimination and stigma around discussion on HIV and sexual and reproductive health commodities, which often resulted in silence and misinformation.
- Economic hardship or poverty limits adolescent girls and young women’s ability to access necessary HIV and SRH services.
- Encouraging adolescent girls and young payment to voice their concerns and participate in dialogues can lead them to make relevant decisions for their well-being.

- Low appreciation of AGYW access to condom usage and family planning commodities due to cultural norms which continue to impede AGYW from accessing HIV and SRH services.
- Insufficient youth-friendly spaces for AGYW to gain knowledge about sexual and reproductive health education.
- The majority of community members in the state are not used to using condoms due to cultural and social norms.
- Timely travel arrangements posed a significant challenge because of limited flight schedules to the state
- The issue of high inflation made the vendors charge high prices

11. IMMEDIATE OUTCOME OF THE ACTIVITY.

The project team directly empowered 174 community members (120 females and 74 males) with knowledge and information related to HIV, GBV, and sexual and reproductive health services. Also, the project team managed to restructure the leadership of the AGYW group in the three targeted states of Northern Bahr-Ghazal state, Eastern and Western Equatoria states.

The table below provides the list of names of the leaders of the AGYW group in the 3 states.

	NAME IN FULL	AGE	POSITION	State	Telephone #
1	ATOOU ATHUM DENG	22	Chairlady	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0929920441
2	JOSEPHINA ADHEL MAWIEN	22	D/Chairlady	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0928031186
3	ACHAN DENG ATHIAN	22	Secretary	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0924504006
4	ACHOL ADUANY AKECH	24	Finance	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0922833230
5	ANGELINA AKON ATAK	20	Inf. secretary	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0920547861
6	ACHOL NGONG LUAL	30	Counsellor	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0923404910
7	ANGER AKOK NGOR	25	Mobilizer	Northern Bahr-El Ghazal	0922715364
8	CHRISTINE KEJI	27	Chairlady	Eastern Equatoria	0928494875
9	DUSMAN IHISA	19	D/Chairlady	Eastern Equatoria	0927913732
10	JACKLINE IFERE	20	Secretary	Eastern Equatoria	0922194219
11	SUZAN DUDU	27	Finance	Eastern Equatoria	0981571084
12	MONICA ANGUA	20	Inf. Officer	Eastern Equatoria	0926754778
13	MARGRET AKONG	32	Counsellor	Eastern Equatoria	0923551282
14	RIM JOSEPH	19	Mobilizer	Eastern Equatoria	0927100525
1	Jully Mbiko Nafuoni	26	Chairlady	Western Equatoria	092161191
2	Christain Achan	19	Deputy Chair	Western Equatoria	0926768838
3	Mborikino Florence	19	Sec. General	Western Equatoria	0928311231
4	Amalia Justine	19	Inf. Officer	Western Equatoria	0923272957
5	Roda Zereda	21	treasurer	Western Equatoria	0927371547
6	Wenepal Anna Zino	17	Counsellor	Western Equatoria	0926595361
7	Millian Kubana	22	Mobilizer	Western Equatoria	0929581768

12. CONCLUSION:

Addressing the social barriers that hinder adolescent girls and young women's access to HIV, GBV and SRH services is critical to improving their access to essential healthcare services. By implementing the key recommendations outlined in this report, the AGYW will have access to quality services related to HIV, GBV and SRH. Also, the stakeholders, AGYW members and the community gatekeepers thanked UNAIDS and the project team under the leadership of NWERO for the initiative. The AGYW expressed gratitude for the consultation meeting and dialogue with the community gatekeepers as it empowered them with the knowledge and confidence to speak out about issues facing them in the communities.

13. Annexes:

- Pictures taken during field mission to Aweil, Torit, Yambio and Juba
- Attendance Register for Participants



Picture 1: AGYW secretariat and NWERO team for project planning meeting on 23rd Oct 2024 in Juba



Picture 2: AGYW and NWERO team for a consultation meeting with the lawyer on developing the constitution



Picture 3: The project team has a Courtesy meeting with the Director of HIV and RH



Picture 4: Project team having a Courtesy meeting with Acting DG SMOGEI –Aweill -NBS



Picture 5: AGYW group for a group discussion session during the consultation meeting



Picture 6: Project team member sharing experience on the impact of stigma and discrimination during the dialogue with community gatekeepers in Aweil-NBS



Picture 7: AGYW group and project posed for a group photo in Torit, Eastern Equatoria state



Picture 8: AGYW group discussion sessions are in progress in Torit, Eastern Equatoria state.



Picture 9: Panel discussion on the funding landscape for CSOs and AGYW programs in South Sudan is in progress at Imperial Plaza Hotel Juba



Picture 10: Participants posed for a group photo during the workshop with partners and government stakeholders at Imperial Plaza Hotel Juba