



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH ACTION

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Photo: YCHN members at COP 29

YOUTH CLIMATE AND HEALTH NETWORK (YCHN)

- Community of over 200 youths working at the intersection of climate and health
- Shared goal of driving climate and health action
- Meets bimonthly to discuss their ongoing work, exchange opportunities, and explore critical climate and health issues

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What are some of the most urgent climate and health issues today?

15 responses



poor policies
dual burden of climate
nutrition insecurity
power outages
lack of resilient system
inequality
ncds
fossil fuels
collective
impact of natural disaste
climate anxiety
and conflict
energy poverty
lack of expertise

financing



YOUTHS AS STORYTELLERS AND COMMUNICATORS

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Xoli Fuyani (left) with the girls during a beach clean-up with Beach Co-op.

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Black Girls Rising trains girls in South Africa, between 12 and 18, to lead climate action in



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Pastoralist's daughter leads village against climate change and gender violence

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Growing up in the wilds of Kajiado County of Kenya, Mana Omar knows first-hand the struggles women face in search of water during the arid months – a search that has grown harder and harder as rains become less and less dependable.

The walk to the river is dangerous. Predators have mastered the routes these women take. The women's vulnerability is intensified at night when, without a source of electricity, they must trudge through the darkness.

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YOUTHS AS ADVOCATES AND EDUCATORS

Aishat Oduye

Working with local communities in Nigeria to raise awareness about preventive healthcare, focusing on the connections between environmental degradation, pollution, and the increasing burden of disease.

Advocated for the inclusion of youth and community voices in climate and health discussions, as a part of the 11th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group for Indigenous and Local Communities in Bonn.



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YOUTHS AS ADVOCATES AND EDUCATORS

Finja Daegling

Working with the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Collaborative, Danish Red Cross and the IFRC international Movement Hub on the consolidation of global expert and stakeholder groups for the creating a comprehensive MHPSS intervention map, addressing MHPSS needs in the context of climate change

Part of the planning of the Nordic MHPSS conference on fragile and humanitarian settings, with climate change as one of the core themes

Elona Erezi

Governance committee of the Climate Sensitive Infectious Disease Network (CSID) which aims to support innovators, implementers, and researchers to co-design, develop and maintain CSID tools to address climate-driven infectious diseases and health challenges.

YOUTHS AS RESEARCHERS

A retrospective study of the association between temperature, relative humidity and rainfall by season on cardiopulmonary emergency hospital admissions in Cameroon. (ongoing).

Elvis Ndikum.

Assessing the attitude of early career nurses towards climate change and its inclusion in their continued education at an acute care hospital in New York City. Access [here](#).

Onjelique Conflenti.

Impact of the 2023 Halifax, Canada forest fires in the emergency room admission rate within the area. (ongoing) Piers Burnfield-Wiebe

YOUTHS AS CONNECTORS AND COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Leah Osanya



Photo: Climate and Health Connect

Young artists in Somalia using art as a tool to bring communities together and spark conversations about climate and health action.

By showcasing their work in community exhibitions, the project creates spaces for dialogue on sustainability and climate resilience.

Additionally, members continue to build community and strengthen their collective influence through being a part of other global networks such as YOUNGO (official youth constituency of the UNFCCC), Association of SouthEast Asian nations (ASEAN) Commonwealth Youth Health Network (CHYN)

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