

# YOUTH in ACTION

## Youth in ACTION for change

### MANIFESTO Y-ACT

- 1 **Women's Empowerment:** we want to strengthen the role of women through education, dialogue, and active involvement in the fight against FGM.
- 2 **Intergenerational Dialogue:** we believe in the need to promote spaces for confrontation between generations to foster dialogue on health, sexual and reproductive health, and on FGM.
- 3 **Male Involvement:** we want to recognize the crucial role of men in the process of change as allies and as direct actors in combating the practice.
- 4 **Education and Awareness:** it is important to promote awareness and sexual education initiatives in schools and public places, through communication channels, including artistic and creative forms, to increase awareness of FGM and sexual and reproductive health.
- 5 **Communication:** it's important to talk about FGM and to do so in an effective and culturally sensitive way.
- 6 **Stigma and Taboos:** respecting the cultural backgrounds of different communities, we recognize the challenge and the need to overcome taboos associated with this practice and sexual and reproductive health.
- 7 **Stereotypes and Prejudices:** we call for vigilance and mobilization against stereotypes and prejudices in society towards communities that practice FGM.
- 8 **Institutional Involvement:** we wish to engage in dialogue and work with local institutions to create support networks, ensure access to health services, and strengthen legislation.
- 9 **Service Accessibility:** we ask for guarantees of equitable access for women survivors of the practice to health services, with specific skills and ready to provide the correct support.
- 10 **Sustainability of Initiatives:** we ask that initiatives and projects set in motion have guarantees and funding to continue combating FGM in the future.