

Y-ACT

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NEW GENERATIONS PROTAGONISTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES

against all forms of gender-based
violence and female genital mutilation

The Y-ACT Project, co-funded by the European Union (CERV – DAPHNE), is led by Amref Health Africa and partnered by the National Coordination of New Italian Generations - CoNNGI, Le Réseau, University of Milan Bicocca. The Y-ACT Project foresees the direct involvement of young people with a migrant background and members of the target communities, to implement community-focused interventions to prevent GBV and FGM, through youth empowerment training, intergenerational dialogues and commitments, awareness-raising initiatives in communities. The aim is to promote lasting and transformative changes in attitudes and behaviours towards gender-based violence and FGM through the direct involvement and empowerment of young people and communities.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION: Rome, Milan, Turin, Padua.

DURATION: March 2023 – February 2025

ACTIVITIES

Youth Empowerment, Engagement & Activation

Empowerment path of the Youth Leaders identified in each city:

- face-to-face and online training meetings to build and strengthen skills, capabilities and leadership;
- interregional workshop for discussion between the different groups of Youth Leaders; exchanges of good practices and experiences with other European countries (in particular France, Belgium, UK) and African countries.

Community Engagement & Activation

Activation of Communities of Practice in each of the cities involved:

- Informal group meetings with members of the target communities and young people involved, to activate discussions on health needs and the prevention of harmful practices, supporting the communities to identify and in determining lasting solutions and to support new generations to act as agents of change;
- 1 final meeting in each city for the shared planning of awareness-raising actions towards the wider community.

Intergenerational Dialogue and Practices to foster Behavioural Change

- shared collective awareness-raising actions with the aim of confronting and questioning the social acceptance of the practice;
- drafting of a "manifesto" of commitment that will be presented to the communities and disseminated, to activate a behavioural change within the community itself.

Megaphones of rights to health, security, physical integrity and self-determination of girls

- Dissemination of the experience to other potential young leaders in Italy, Europe and Africa through exchanges, events, campaigns and activities.
- Restitution event in Brussels.