

Advocacy Communications Final Report

HIV Prevention for girls & young women Project



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Consultation Report Next Steps

Objective

1. To explore the possibility of forming a network to advocate for HIV prevention for girls and young women in Jamaica

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- a) MS Access Advocacy Communications Database
- b) Advocacy letter to the head of the National Student's Council board and Circle K International, soliciting a meeting to discuss the issue, need for their support with the recruitment of students for an in-school youth network and partnership for advancing SRH programmes in schools
- c) Advocacy letter to the executive director of National Centre for Youth Development (NCYD) soliciting a meeting to discuss the need to access their database of youth groups island wide and the need for their support in recruiting young people and advancing SRH programming nationally
- d) On-line group and cause involving young people of different profiles, who are interested in the issue, e.g. Young Professionals Network of Jamaica, which has more than 660 members. The group and cause will facilitate the creation of a national, regional, or international advocacy network for HIV prevention for girls and young women
- e) Blog to record: experiences; display crucial information about the network; display videos, photos, and reports; share experiences; publish the project outcomes so they will be available to girls and young for their feedback, despite location differences

Outcome

- i. Database hosting 100 stakeholders of HIV Prevention for Youth
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed on HIV Prevention for Youth including NYCD
- iii. On-line advocacy group and cause were formed on Facebook, currently hosting 123 and 207 members respectively
- iv. Blog was created on Wordpress
- v. 6 Advocacy meetings convened to discuss HIV Prevention for Youth
- vi. Telephone communiqué with over 100 stakeholders over the course of the Project
- vii. On-line event page announcing the event to a wider youth audience nationally

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Blog management
- Facebook advocacy group and cause management

Participation and Rights Component

Specific Intent (Goal)

2. To provide age-appropriate access to information and services

Strategies

- a) Train all teachers in SRH so that they will have the knowledge and skills to help youth
- b) Increase the number of peer resources and educators, especially those who are PLWAs
- c) Implement a standard public awareness campaign (like a World AIDS Day for schools)

Expected Outcome

- i. Spread correct information
- ii. Reduced stigma and discrimination
- iii. Increase in trained multi-sectoral service providers who can address the issues of HIV/AIDS as they affect youth, especially young women

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters requesting meetings with relevant stakeholders to discuss the need for age-appropriate access to SRH services within schools and the need for their support in the achieving the goal and strategies outlined above
- Working group to plan and oversee the nationalization of the goal and strategies outlined above

Actual Outcomes of Advocacy Project

- i. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth
- ii. Telephone communiqué with 40-50 stakeholders about HIV Prevention for Youth
- iii. 6 Advocacy meetings facilitated to discuss HIV Prevention for Youth
- iv. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to assess recommendations and the Working group
- v. Over 100 stakeholders sensitized about the issue of HIV Prevention for Youth through invitation letters

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Prepare report of the Stakeholders Meeting
- Host initial meeting with signatures to the Working group commitment form
- Implement the next steps emerging from the Stakeholders Meeting
- Follow-up with the Minister of Health, Hon. Rudyard Spencer through Ms. Sandra Allen, about a face-to-face meeting to discuss the Advocacy Project, Stakeholders Meeting, National Youth Declaration, and National Working Group
- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

3. To increase input from persons infected or affected by HIV in programme development and to normalize the participation of youth in programme and country development

Strategies

- a) Participation from vulnerable groups, like children and PLWAs
- b) Put positive messages in public venues: concerts, t-shirts, bus stops, arm bands, etc.
- c) Prescribed text/developed for curriculum discussing HIV/SRH
- d) Have a specially designated educator in schools to discuss SRH – these persons will organize festivals, skits, etc.
 - Government could endorse program/support.
 - National AIDS Awareness Competition
 - Advertise information on exercise books
 - Media support and endorsements
- e) Visibly posted rights of children (e.g. murals)
- f) Malicious Intent/Disclosure laws posted (Non-disclosure laws for privileged persons (nurses, etc.)

Expected Outcome

- i. Informed youth who know the rights of persons living with HIV and who will help these persons maintain their rights in the future.
- ii. Informed and aware Jamaican public on the issues of HIV prevention and protecting girls and women

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting meetings to discuss the need for their support to:
 - Normalize youth participation in programme and country development nationally and in realizing the strategies SRH services outlined above
 - Come to a consensus about students' access to suitable supportive texts for accompanying the HFLE curriculum, its purchase/ publication, and distribution
 - Promote awareness about SRH within schools
 - Nationalize the display of children's rights and non-disclosure laws at visible locations used by youth

Actual Outcomes of Advocacy Project

- i. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth
- ii. Telephone communiqué with 40-50 stakeholders about HIV Prevention for Youth
- iii. 6 Advocacy meetings facilitated to discuss HIV Prevention for Youth
- iv. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

4. To increase knowledge and practice of HIV prevention among girls and young women in rural and urban Jamaica

Strategies

- a) Make available knowledge more accessible
- b) Participation through grassroots efforts is fundamental for changing culture
- c) Address SRH issues at a younger age as children are being exposed at very young ages. We need a way to reach them in child-specific ways (concerts, etc.)
- d) Diversify modes, methods, and content of messages to children. It will need to take a different form from our parents'--birds and the bees'-- messages to us. We need to use different mediums, e.g. cartoons, marches, pamphlets with children's rights (posted in schools). Parents know some information but are afraid to share it

Expected Outcome

- i. Public education campaign targeting young women and girls educating them about HIV as it affects women and girls
- ii. Educated and involved men working in programme development for HIV prevention in girls and young women.
- iii. Empowered women and girls

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders seeking a meeting to discuss their support in:
 - Increasing knowledge and practice of HIV prevention in rural and urban areas and fulfill the related strategies outlined
 - Designing and implementing education programmes, which deliver SRH information to young children in an entertaining and age-appropriate way
- Liaison with potential funders and design funding proposal aimed at increasing access to HIV prevention services

Actual Outcome of Advocacy Project

- i. Download Commonwealth Foundation grant form and guideline
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth including foundations
- iii. Telephone communiqué with 40-50 stakeholders about HIV Prevention for Youth
- iv. 6 Advocacy meetings facilitated to discuss HIV Prevention for Youth
- v. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Oversee members of the National Working Group in designing the recommended HIV Prevention Project and submit to potential funders including Commonwealth Foundation and Ministry of Health
- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

5. To organize youth to advocate to the Prime Minister, and the relevant government ministers, church leaders, DJs and other community leaders for the prevention of HIV for young women and girls

Strategies

- a) Have advertising everywhere as constant/consistent reminders (cartoons, ads, commercials, etc.)
- b) Be in contact with people who are members of the Prime Minister's network, because as a public we aren't connected to him
- c) Go back to our respective organizations and tell people and spread message upward
- d) Use popular tools to reduce HIV on a national level: media, Internet (chat rooms, forwards, blogs), churches, and voting
- e) Hold an HIV consortium for DJs to discuss their: influence on adolescent sexuality, influence on public opinion, potential to 'preach positive messages'
- f) Develop and implement a training programme for ministers to help them manage and cope with HIV within their communities and congregation. Churches send messages that are confusing people and that contradict the facts. They say "sex before marriage is a sin, but we feel, we the youth, should be better prepared for the future in terms of managing our sexuality regardless."

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to:
 - Media houses seeking a meeting to discuss the facilitation of free and reduced cost ads, publication of issue-based articles, and the distribution of SRH, children's rights, and HIV prevention fliers through newspapers
 - The Hon. Bruce Golding seeking a meeting to discuss the need for his support and commitment to advocating for the improvement of SRH service
 - Leaders of church-based organisations seeking meetings to discuss the need for their support in advancing SRH services within the church community and educating and empowering the pastoral community
 - Relevant stakeholders at JAMPRO and the musicians associations seeking meetings to discuss their support for and assistance with improving SRH services

Actual Outcome of Advocacy Project

- i. More than 100 stakeholders sensitized about the issues and recommendations since the commencement of the Advocacy Project, including those named above
- ii. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group

Next Steps

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

6. To implement projects aimed at bringing together males and females for HIV prevention and to empower women

Strategies

- a) Involve more men, as they are less aware of the issues. We need to reach them in an attention grabbing way (music, etc.)
- b) Working on HIV prevention issues at church--trying to take it to the larger community, through the PTA, SDC, Red Cross, Police Youth Program, guidance counselors, and peer counselors
- c) Malicious Intent Laws-- self-disclosure in relationships (need more prevention laws)
- d) Target boys in schools
- e) Develop positive lyrics to be recorded and played on the radios
- f) Train artists to have rap sessions at schools along side peer educators
- g) Target non-traditional areas such as: sporting events, to provide SRH information and services
- h) Life skills training: including condom negotiation
- i) Skills training for young women and girl in the proper use of contraceptives
- j) Training women on the issues of knowing and standing up for their sexual and reproductive health rights
- k) Train community women to promote services that will empower women and girls
- l) Develop programmes that will promote the acceptance of self and to promote self worth

Expected Outcome

- i. Change in behaviour towards the protection of girls from abuse
- ii. Increase in the number of males working to prevent HIV among girls and women
- iii. Men having a healthier respect for women Reduced incidence of HIV
- iv. Increased access to condoms
- v. Women who know about the services available

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Liaison with potential funders and funding proposal aimed at increasing access to HIV prevention services in relation to the goals and strategies outlined above
- Advocacy letter to relevant stakeholders seeking meetings to discuss the:

- Need for their support in implementing projects aimed at bringing together males and females for HIV prevention
- Need for their support in advancing discussions around malicious intent laws and protecting the rights of persons to disclosure in a relationship
- Potential to target boys in school and to centralize it as an issue for moving forward on prevention for girls and young women
- Potential to empower women with SRH information and skills, and to improve their confidence and self-worth
- Potential for training artists and musicians in SRH and getting them involved in the delivery of positive SRH messages through their songs, poems, etc.

Actual Outcome of Advocacy Project

- i. Download Commonwealth Foundation grant form and guideline
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth including foundations
- iii. Telephone communiqué with 40-50 stakeholders about HIV Prevention for Youth
- iv. 6 Advocacy meetings facilitated to discuss HIV Prevention for Youth
- v. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Oversee members of the National Working Group in designing the recommended HIV Prevention Project and submit to potential funders including Commonwealth Foundation and Ministry of Health
- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Availability of Services Component

Specific Intent (Goal)

7. To increase access to confidential services (counseling and information) in schools

Strategy

- a) Work on de-stigmatizing traditional sites among students
- b) Offer/ provide confidential services to students

Expected Outcome

- i. Removal of perceived barriers among youth to accessing clinical services

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Address the issue of making access to confidential SRH services in school a discussion item in the advocacy letter to the leaders of the national students' council, national PTA, Minister of Education, Guidance and Counseling Unit and seek their support and commitment in supporting the strategies that relate to the stated goal

Actual Outcome of Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

8. To thoroughly train all health care workers in customer services

Strategy

- a) Implement and enforce laws against discrimination
- b) Establish a system where complaints can be lodged, logged and dealt with as well as penalizing service providers for not adhering to the established protocol for service provision

Expected Outcome

- i. More health care providers not indulging in discrimination

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to the relevant stakeholders seeking meetings to address the:
 - Potential for creating supportive legislation to penalize health workers who deny others their SRH rights or uses discriminatory practices in the delivery of SRH services
 - Potential for creating a special customer services course, which includes SRH and human rights as core modules, to be designed and implemented as mandatory for all health practitioners and trainees
 - Potential for designing and implementing a client redress system for clients if their rights are breached

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

9. To address irregularities among the different government agencies where it concerns adolescent sexuality management

Strategy

- a) Get the different entities to agree on making the age of consent, age of marriage, and age to vote one single age in consideration for the age for the provision of all clinical services to adolescents

Expected Outcome

- i. No ambiguity towards providing services for adolescents and no fear on the part of service providers when it comes to providing such services

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting meetings to discuss the potential for addressing irregularities among the different government agencies where it concerns adolescent sexuality management and the need to identify a common age of consent for marriage, voting, and access to SRH services

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Legal & Policy Provision Component

Specific Intent (Goal)

10. To ensure that healthcare is delivered non-prejudicially and is universally accessible

Strategy

- a) Public education on the rights of the clients. This should be coupled with a mandatory display of said rights in health care settings. In addition a monitoring/complaint systems needs to be in place so that those who are not receiving appropriate care or are being discriminated against have recourse available

Expected Outcome

- i. Persons receive treatment regardless of social status, age or sexuality. Therefore limiting potential long term complications of untreated illnesses, STIs, or unplanned pregnancies

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- See the success factors that relate to Goal #8

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group

- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

- 11. To provide public education about the illegality of abortion and risks associated with illegal abortions. This is due to the many misconceptions that exist about abortion and its legality in Jamaica

Strategy

- a) Public education to discuss the legality of abortion in Jamaica. Also to promote contraceptive usage

Expected Outcome

- i. Persons will be aware Abortion is illegal in Jamaica. If contraceptive use increases the need for Abortion will subsequently decrease

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letter to relevant stakeholders requesting meetings to discuss the need for public education and consultation on abortion
- Integrate information about abortion as a key issue under the proposed project proposal outlined as an success factors of Goal #6

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth
- iii. Oversee National Working Group in designing the recommended HIV Prevention Project and including abortion as a key element of the educational commitments

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

- 12. To increase awareness of the risks associated with buggery

Strategy

- a) Educate the public about the risks that are associated with alternative sexual practices such as STIs. Also educate the public about how buggery laws affect heterosexual couples

Expected Outcome

- i. Persons will protect themselves from STIs appropriately

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Integrate information about alternative sexual practices (buggery) as a key issue under the project proposal outlined as an action item of Goal #6

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth
- Oversee National Working Group in designing the recommended HIV Prevention Project and including buggery as a key element of the educational commitments

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

13. To educate persons about the various contexts within which rape can occur, especially within the context of marriage

Strategy

- Self-esteem and relationships education should be included in a comprehensive sexuality curriculum throughout school

Expected Outcome

- This would enhance women's sense of self worth and thus increase empowerment resulting in decrease of marital rape

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Include the issue of integrating self-esteem and relationships education as a component of schools' sexuality curriculum in the advocacy letters to the Minister of Education, Guidance and Counseling Unit, etc.

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth, including Guidance & Counseling Unit

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

14. To reduce experiences of HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination

Strategy

- a) Integrate HIV/AIDS services with other health care services

Expected Outcome

- i. Persons with HIV/AIDS are given fair medical treatment and also fair treatment professionally

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting a meeting to discuss the potential and value of integrating HIV/AIDS services into other health services. In addition, the meeting would be used as an opportunity to get commitments from stakeholders on addressing the problem

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

15. To make legislation more accessible to the public. People need to be aware of the laws that exist, especially those working in the area of sexual and reproductive health

Strategy

- a) Place all the sexual and reproductive health legislation in one location. Educate health workers on the laws that exist

Expected Outcome

- i. More uniform knowledge dissemination on laws as well as acting on said laws

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letter to relevant stakeholders requesting meetings to discuss the potential implementing mandatory training programmes for healthcare and other health facility staff on SRH laws and policies, and to have staff commit to upholding appropriate behaviours through individual contracts, visible signs, and institutional policies

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Accessibility to Services Component

Specific Intent (Goal)

16. To end overcrowding in clinics

Strategy

- a) Increase in the number of mobile clinics
- b) Implement an appointment system in clinics
- c) Increase in number of volunteers and health aids
- d) Conduct VCT in the communities
- e) Reorganize physical space to maximize space and comfort for the clients

Expected Outcome

- i. Reduce/eliminate overcrowding to maintain integrity in providing confidential services and quality of care

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting a meeting to discuss the recommendations for improving the quality of customer service and access to SRH services at the local level: increased mobile clinics, appointment system at clinic, increased use of volunteers and health aids, increased VCT locally, reorganization of clinic spaces

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

17. To maintain a high level of confidentiality across the health services sector

Strategy

- a) On-going training and sensitization of staff
- b) Continuous evaluation of services and health care workers
- c) Encourage and train clients and staff about the process for documenting and reporting breaches in confidentiality
- d) Sensitize clients and staff about their rights by using signs
- e) Put in place penalties for staff members that are found guilty of breaching confidentiality

- f) Create a body to investigate reports discrimination and stigma
- g) Implement a referral system for clients who feel they are being discriminated against or treated unfairly, if they desire to change the service provider

Expected Outcome

- i. An environment that is confidential and reduce the levels of stigma and discrimination

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- See success factors outlined under Goal #8

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

- 18. To increase personal awareness and acceptance of responsibility for accessing services

Strategy

- a) Empowering youth to be self aware and informed of their rights and responsibility to self

Expected Outcome

- i. Persons, particularly adolescents will see the need to practice healthy lifestyles as well as accept responsibilities for their actions

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- See the success factors for Goals #6, 7, & 13

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth
- Oversee members of the National Working Group in designing the recommended HIV Prevention Project and including self awareness about rights and responsibility to self as a component of the educational component

Specific Intent (Goal)

19. To reduce the distance travelled to access SRH services, especially in rural areas

Strategy

- a) Increased mobile clinics
- b) Do more work within the communities (at community level)
- c) Closer collaboration between groups that could provide services on a community level

Expected Outcome

- i. Increased access to services and information in communities

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- See the success factors outlined for achieving Goal#16

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

20. To increase the number of support groups

Strategy

- a) Speak to women about their own discriminatory practices
- b) Organize support groups for persons who are Seropositive
- c) Organize support groups for persons who are negative but have struggles protecting themselves

Expected Outcome

- i. Reduction in discrimination

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting meetings to discuss the need for the establishment and reenergizing of support group networks for Seropositives, etc. and obtain commitment from them for their implementation

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

21. To address discrimination by service providers towards married and unmarried clients

Strategy

- a) Work with pharmacists to highlight the problem and train them with skills for recognizing and creating rights- and youth-friendly spaces and attitudes

Expected Outcome

- i. Youth friendly pharmacists who can function as resource persons for ASRH in the communities

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- See the success factors outlined for achieving Goal #8

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth

Specific Intent (Goal)

22. To increase parental involvement

Strategy

- a) Implement parent education programmes
- b) Health and education information through PTAs
- c) Collaboration with the SDC to mobilize parents at the community level

Expected Outcome

- i. Youth comfortable talking to their parents about their sexuality and parents comfortable with their own sexuality as well as their children's

Critical Advocacy Success Factors

- Parental education on SRH as a focus issue of the project proposal outlined under Goal #6
- Advocacy letters to relevant stakeholders requesting meeting to discuss the potential for providing information on SRH to parents, including the SRH rights of children and adolescents

Actual Outcome of the Advocacy Project

- i. Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Youth convened to pull stakeholders of the Advocacy Project together to assess recommendations and the Working group
- ii. 40-50 Advocacy letters distributed about HIV Prevention for Youth

Next Steps for FAMPLAN

- Host National Working Group for one year to oversee advocacy for the improvement of HIV Prevention Services for Jamaican Youth