

#### **Insights from the Have your say! survey**

**Responding to the needs of adolescents and youth during COVID-19 pandemic in East and Southern Africa** 

## **About the survey**



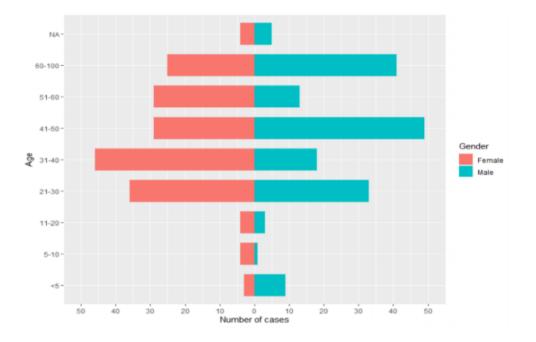


- A joint partnership with UNESCO, UNAIDS, Restless Development and AfriYAN
- Explore and learn from the experiences, challenges, learnings and actions taken by young people due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in East and Southern Africa
- Launched last week and open until 14 April 2020
- Available in English, French and Portuguese
- 120 responses as of yesterday

## The role of young people: Infected?

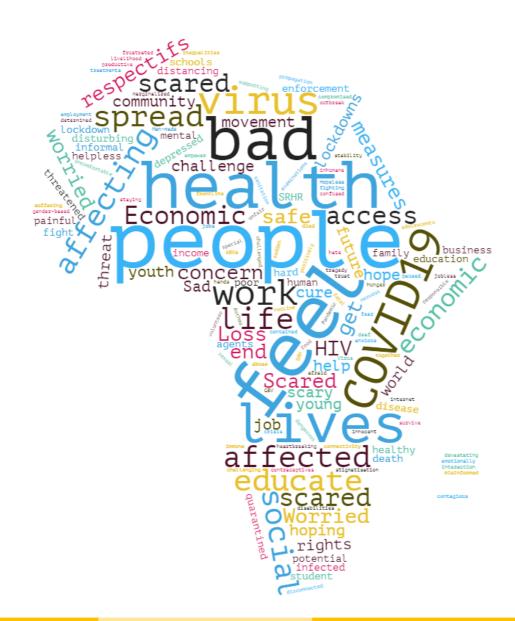


- Availability of factual data in general and about youth
- For youth: Age-appropriate information
- The role of youth in dissemination of information through youth-friendly channels
  - "Deaf and visually impaired people don't find information easily"
  - "I am privileged to have access to correct and accurate information through reliable sources like those ones I have shared above but other young people in my community do not because of not having access to Television, Radio, Phones and internet because they can't afford them"
- Myth-busting: COVID-19 is not an old-man's disease. What is true in other parts of the world, may not apply to the African context
  - "....there is a lot of false information circulating"



# The role of young people: Impacted?





- Partial or full **lock down** in most countries
- School closure in all 23 countries in the ESA region
- Temporarily closure of programmes, including for alternative education and safe spaces for vulnerable populations
- Closure of public spaces and physical distancing
- Loss of income with short or long-term closure of own and family business or work spaces
- Limited access to health care, in particular SRHR, HIV and SGBV prevention and protection services
- Psycho-social and mental health and wellbeing

# The role of young people: Agents of change and innovators?



- Support young people in community engagement
- Engage young people in risk communication
- Reach out to young people through **digital platforms** to promote **comprehensive sexuality education**.
- Leverage resources of **youth organizations** to play an effective role in the response.
- Ensure that measures are in place to mitigate risk of all forms of violence against adolescents and youth.
- Support where possible continuity of education through non-formal education or recreational activities
- Ensure continuation of youth friendly health services including outreach of services through mobile clinics or remote delivery of services







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