

## Making our voices heard – HLM 2016 and young people

UN General Assembly 2016 Political Declaration - Zero Draft - On the Fast-Track to End AIDS recognize that young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years account for more than one third of all new HIV infections among adults, with 2,000 young people becoming infected with HIV each day. It is vital as young people we advocate to ensure that the political declaration recognize the importance of addressing the issues of young people to reach an AIDS free generation by 2030.

As young people from key populations we urge the member states to;

### Recognize young key population in the political declaration

- Recognize that over one third of new **HIV infections occur predominantly among young key populations** and they should be identified and prioritized in the HIV response in paragraph 29 and paragraph 60.b

### Remove legal and policy barriers; support critical enablers

- Commit to support programmes that will ensure transition of adolescents living with, at risk of, and affected by HIV **by providing adequate and equal access to full range of health and social services** (paragraph 60h).
- Commit to removing barriers, **such as parental consent and/or marriage consent requirements. Critical enablers to support the sexual and reproductive rights of adolescents and young people from key populations must be installed.**

### Generate disaggregated data

- Commit to scaling up the **collection and disaggregation of data on young people, especially that of young Key populations** to generate more targeted interventions and monitor the progress.(Propose disaggregation: <10, 10-14, 15-17, 18-24, >25)

### Meaningfully engage young key populations in the regional AIDS response

- Commit to support the active involvement and leadership of young people living with, at risk, and affected by HIV as key actors in the AIDS response more than just protecting themselves but in putting young people as **equal partners in the response** (paragraph 60b)
- Commit to increase investment in **advocacy and leadership role of adolescents and young people living with, at risk, and affected by HIV including young people from key populations** by keeping 6% of global AIDS response to be allocated to social enablers, such as advocacy, community mobilization, human rights programmes, law and policy reform, and stigma reduction (paragraph 62a)

### Bold prevention and treatment targets on YKP needed

- Commit to **ensure that adolescents and young people living with HIV know their status and are immediately offered** with sustainable access to treatment (paragraph 58a)
- Commit to bold yet **realistic treatment and prevention targets for the age group of 15-24** to scale up the HIV response for young people, especially those of young key populations.

### Moving towards integration

- Commit to recognize **the inextricable link of sexual and reproductive health and rights** in recognizing, promoting and protecting all human rights.

- Commit to **the integration of SRHR needs of young MSM and young transgender people in to services acknowledging the link between human rights** and access to stigma and discrimination free health services.