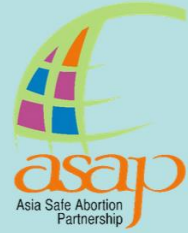




Vietnam Youth Action For Choice



QUARTER 3 VYAC 2019 REPORT

July - September 2019



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I. VYAC activity review

In August 2019, VYAC conducted a survey to follow up outcomes of all events, which were held by VYAC in the last three years. After forming the country advocacy network in Vietnam in September 2016, activities during from that time until now were focused on two key areas:

1. Implementing SRHR community-based activity in three main cities of Vietnam (Ha Noi, Hue, Ho Chi Minh);
2. Raising public awareness of safe sex and safe abortion on Facebook Page;
3. Advocating to influencers and decision-makers

Strategy 1: SRHR community-based activity

Activity		2016 (Q3,Q4)	2017	2018	2019 (Q1,Q2)	Total
1	Total community activities	2 -	5 -	5 -	2 -	14 -
2	Number of beneficiaries	97 -	149 -	229 -	376 -	851 -
3	Total number of people, who attended VYAC SRHR's activities, conducting community activities	17 17.5%	34 22.8%	30 13.1%	12 3.2%	93 10.9%
3.1	Self-organized community activity to share SRHR information	3 17.6%	6 17.6%	2 6.7%	1 8.3%	12 12.9%
3.2	Integrated SRHR information into community activity	4 23.5%	9 26.5%	7 23.3%	4 33.3%	24 25.8%
3.3	Using sport-based education to integrate SRHR information	3 17.6%	6 17.6%	5 16.7%	3 25.0%	17 18.3%
3.4	Actively shared SRHR information with friends through daily conversations	3 17.6%	5 14.7%	8 26.7%	1 8.3%	17 18.3%
3.5	Passively shared SRHR information with friends (was asked for supports by peer)	6 35.3%	10 29.4%	8 26.7%	4 33.3%	28 30.1%
3.6	Practiced in daily life but not yet shared with anyone about SRHR information	1 5.9%	4 11.8%	2 6.7%	0 0.0%	7 7.5%

Implementation of SRHR community-based activity included four main types: Movie Talk, Tea and Talk, Training course, Empowerment Festival and Youth Engagement. During our activities, either the event was held in a half day or up to three days; we tried to convey the message of reproductive freedom. For all participants attended our training, sport based-education were also provided to equip them skills to work with adolescent and the young in their communities. From September 2016 to July 2019, VYAC conducted 14 local events and reached out to 851 young people and their parents. 93 (10.9%) people reported that they shared SRHR knowledge to their friends, colleagues, family members and even strangers. In additions, 12 (12.9%) people self-organized offline activities to talk about safe sex and safe abortion.

Strategy 2: Raising public awareness

	Activity	N	%
1	Number of Facebook followers	4624	-
2	Total of people messaged VYAC for SRHR's counselling and consultant	95	-
2.1	Regarding Family planning/ contraceptives	34	35.80%
2.2	Regarding abortion and abortion services	4	4.20%
2.3	Regarding connection for networking, community activity and research	5	5.30%

We established a Facebook Page managing by five people with medical background from Ha Noi, Hue, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City. We have been sharing and offering advices SRHR information based-evidence on our Facebook Page. 95 people contacted VYAC directly via our platform to ask for further instructions after having read our Facebook's campaigns. 4 (4.2%) people asked VYAC about abortion information and abortion service availability in Vietnam. Furthermore, we kept in touch and followed to care one person to ensure she was having someone to talk post abortion.

Strategy 3: Advocating to influencers and decision-makers

From November 2018 until now, six members of VYAC (Son, Thao, Thuy, Cong, Nam, Uyen) joined the Youth Advisory Group to work with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the United Nations in Vietnam to support the drafting of the national Youth Law. During the process, we have been trying to advocate and demand for a comprehensive sexually education in which mentions safe abortion as an option.

II. Youth Engagement Day 28/09/2019, Hue, Vietnam

VYAC collaborated with the Students' Association of Hue University of Sciences in Thua Thien Hue province to organize a Youth Engagement Day on International Safe Abortion Day. This event aimed to sensitize key youth leaders and connect youth networks in Hue city towards future activities on SRHR. More than 60 individuals from nine networks, clubs and organization engaged through this initiative.

All participants took part in three main activities: small group discussion with World Coffee Model method, large group discussion and seed-grant planning.

At the beginning, participants joined five-minute rounds of conversation for the small group seated around a table. At the end of the five minutes, each member of the group moves to a different new table. Each table had a "table host" to welcome new group and briefly fill participants in on what happened in the previous round. Each table of each round was prefaced with a question. The same five questions about Sex and Gender, Contraception, Safe Abortion, Rights to SRH and Barriers to accessing SRH were used for all rounds to build upon each other to focus the conversation. After the small groups, participants were invited to share insights from their conversations with the rest of the large group. Lien from "Dậy thì là chuyện nhỏ" project shared that "*lack of support from schools and parents were the hardest barrier when teaching adolescents about puberty, the effort to prepare children for their puberty need the cooperation between family and society*". A male participant from Hue University of Sciences said, "*From the small group discussion I came to know some old contraceptive methods such as drinking coke after having sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy. This had helped me know how my peer think about sex and contraception while I had never thought of any methods let alone getting perception from old people*".



small group rounds



The large group discussions were led by Trang, Tung, Nam, Anh and Thuy who are five core members of VYAC. Five topics discussed in small group rounds were fleshed out in this section to enable participants understand about gender stereotype, gender prejudice, gender based-discrimination; the rights and demand on contraceptive methods and safe abortion.

Furthermore, each network and organization had 5-minute to share activities and operational methods at their communities with the large group. After the sharing, participants had 30 minutes to choose and sit with the network that they want to collaborate for local activity in the future. VYAC promised to provide technical support on SRHR for all group and would award up to four seed grants for their work on SRHR in the next 6 months.

Online campaign for International Safe Abortion Day

Individuals from nine networks and organizations also took many photos with safe abortion messages in English and Vietnamese to advocate for safe abortion.

