



# 2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## ESA REGIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE ON SRHR 2026

Are you a young person passionate about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)?

Are you between 18 and 35 years of age?

Are you interested in working, collaborating, and learning with other young people across Eastern and Southern Africa?

If so, then you are invited to apply for the ESA Regional Youth Exchange Programme on SRHR and have a chance to work with youth-led organizations in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia on activities and initiatives that promote meaningful youth participation, advocacy, innovation, and community engagement in SRHR.

This is a collaboration between Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE) – Malawi (Coordinating Partner), Reach A Hand Uganda (RAHU) – Uganda, Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa (NAYA) – Kenya, and Centre for Reproductive Health and Education (CRHE) – Zambia.

The ESA Regional Youth Exchange on SRHR is designed to strengthen youth leadership, innovation, advocacy, and meaningful participation in SRHR across the region. The programme provides a platform for young people to exchange knowledge, skills, experiences, and best practices while contributing to initiatives that address SRHR challenges affecting young people in Eastern and Southern Africa.

During the exchange, participants will have the opportunity to interact with partner organizations, share ideas and experiences, and strengthen their skills in SRHR advocacy, youth participation, leadership, policy engagement, community mobilization, digital advocacy, research, and organizational development.

Participants will also gain expertise in intercultural communication, networking, and regional collaboration.

We are recruiting participants from Malawi who will be sent to host organizations in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia to work closely with youth-led organizations and networks for a period of 10 months between August 2026 and July 2028.

After the exchange, participants will return to Malawi for follow-up activities aimed at sharing lessons learned, strengthening youth-led SRHR initiatives, and contributing to community engagement and advocacy within their local networks and organizations and communities.

CYECE and partner organizations will cater for programme-related expenses including travel support, visa facilitation, accommodation and settlement support (where applicable), structured mentorship and training opportunities, and monthly stipend in line with programme policy throughout the duration of the exchange.



### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Applicants must:

- Be between 18 and 35 years of age
- Be a citizen of Malawi
- Be passionate about youth development and SRHR
- Be actively involved in community work, advocacy, volunteering, research, or leadership initiatives
- Possess a degree in any field from a recognized institution
- Be willing to live and work in another African country for 10 months
- Possess good communication, teamwork, and interpersonal skills
- Be adaptable, open-minded, and respectful of diversity
- Be ready to professionally represent Malawi and the host organization

#### Applicants with previous experience, background, or exposure in the following areas are highly encouraged to apply:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)
- Youth advocacy and participation
- Gender equality and social justice
- Community development
- Policy engagement and governance
- Digital campaigns and social media advocacy
- Research and data collection
- Peer education
- Leadership and entrepreneurship

### PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Selected participants will:

- Work with host organizations in another country
- Support implementation of youth and SRHR programmes
- Participate in trainings, learning sessions, and mentorship activities
- Mobilise young people and communities for engagement
- Engage stakeholders in dialogue and advocacy initiatives
- Document lessons learned and share innovation
- Submit periodic reports during the exchange
- Conduct follow-up activities for one month upon return to Malawi

**If you are a young person in Malawi with a passion for SRHR, youth advocacy, community development, research, or leadership, then this opportunity is for you.**

- Interested applicants should submit the following:
- Updated CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Motivation Letter (maximum 1 page) explaining why you want to join the programme
- Copy of National ID or Passport
- Minimum of three references

Interested candidates should submit their applications with a detailed CV and cover letter to:

[vacancies@cyecemw.org](mailto:vacancies@cyecemw.org)

Or submit to:

The Executive Director, CYECE  
Off M1 Road, Area 15/6, Gogo Jenala Compound,  
P/Bag B-349, Lilongwe 3

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