

**Minutes**  
**Interagency Youth Theme Group Workshop**  
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#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1	<b>Introduction of participants</b>	Participants introduced themselves and welcomed the new member from WHO.		All participants	
2	<b>TOR Revision</b>	<p>The TOR reflects an ideal Interagency Youth Theme Group; therefore some of the goals are set very high. Parviz stressed that the most important goal of the IYTG was identified as coordination of the activities in the sphere of youth and interventions in the field of policy/advocacy and youth participation promotion. Sub-groups could be created to work on specific topics in the future. A joint resource platform on youth in Tajikistan with information, contacts, pictures, expert pool etc. could be a good project for the IYTG this year.</p> <p>It was agreed to review the TORs articulately:</p> <p><b>Concerning coordination and networking:</b> IYTG is doing this among its members. This year IYTG should present itself to other coordination groups like the donor coordination council, UN Country Team, Gender Theme Group, Press Club and start working together with government agencies. One addition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide feedback on document within one week</li> </ul>	All participants	

should also be to invite Tajik youth to the meetings, so that IYTG has feedback and input directly from young people.

Takhmina suggested to indicate in the TOR's introduction the specific MDGs goals to which IYTG contribute and then share it with national counterparts.

Another suggestion was to share best practices and lessons learned on projects targeting youth, so that members could learn which approaches work and which don't in Tajikistan, and which ones could be ready to be scaled up.

Dilrabo suggested that IYTG members should organize a joint field trip to see projects on the ground.

Nisso stressed that the inclusion of youth needs in national strategies should be a main goal, and that concrete bullet points in the TOR should reflect this support/cooperation with national government.

Takeshi suggested producing an 'End of Year Report', so that new or changing members can catch up with what has been achieved so far.

The point in the TOR on joint projects may be not feasible, but some members may cooperate on some projects and that could also be seen as a success of the IYTG.

Dilrabo suggested inviting active young people to participate in the IYTG meetings. UNFPA uses Youth Ambassadors/Youth fellowships, so Parviz suggested to announce 2 or 3 positions as Youth Ambassadors for the IYTG, to act as representatives of Tajik youth and then can inform their peer about the group. To

also include youth from remote areas, participation should also be possible via google+/hangouts and Skype.

Yusuf pointed out that the TOR is designed for an ideal work mode of the IYTG, and that such ideal documents carry the risk of not being implemented at all. He suggests reviewing the capacity and resources of the group and assessing the possibilities. Because the most important thing is to do something for youth in the country, not that the group has high goals.

It was stressed that there should be follow up after the meetings, and not only to hold meetings. The work plan has to have specific targets, should be very dedicated and doable.

Aziza added that coordination is important and that it therefore would be good to invite youth organizations to identify points that should be strengthened in the group.

Dilrabo stressed that the bases of action of the group should be the government's policy on youth. Nisso added that the work on youth-related policy should be accelerated, the group could support implementation of the Youth Committee's work plan and that we should identify gaps in the existing policy. A GIZ study showed that there is a gap in understanding what 'meaningful youth participation' means in the government.

It was suggested to divide the goals in the TOR in future/long term goals and priority tasks/midterm goals.

There was a discussion among members whether to

		<p>have meetings on a monthly or quarterly basis. The majority was in favor of monthly meetings in order to keep the close coordination and cooperation among members alive. It was suggested to have full-day workshops at least twice a year.</p> <p>The discussion on expected deliverables in the TOR, lead to the discussion about the work plan. Parviz is hopeful that this year one or two concept papers can be created on needs basis. In terms of recommendations, this year the group will make itself known among relevant coordination groups and partners.</p>			
3	<b>Mapping Document</b>	<p>The mapping document has already been disseminated and filled out by almost all IYTG members. The deadline to submit the ongoing programmes on youth of each organization is one week.</p> <p>Columns will be added for ‘Youth Employment’ and ‘Community Projects’ areas. There is no budget column, because not all agencies wanted to give details on budget. Number of beneficiaries can be added, if wanted. Agencies which don’t have specific programmes on youth may put it into the thematic closest column.</p>			
4	<b>Annual Work plan IYTG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takhmina will develop a IYTGs annual calendar (has been started during the meeting already) to identify specific topics (e.g. youth and HIV) to be covered, so that relevant counterparts/ partners/organizations can be invited.</li> <li>• Introduce IYTG to other coordination groups.</li> <li>• Hire 2 or 3 youth ambassadors to participate in the IYTG meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takhmina compiles Calendar of Meetings with Topics and possible hosts</li> <li>• Parviz will disseminate work plan and TOR for comments</li> <li>• Parviz will consult GTG to ask how best to approach</li> </ul>		27.2. deadline for comment form members

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce IYTG to the Committee of Youth, Sports and Tourism and help them organize the youth forum.</li> <li>• Monthly meetings devoted to coordination among members and to better understand the situation of youth in Tajikistan.</li> <li>• Look at policy papers to distinguish between policy and practice. Give practical recommendations to the Government.</li> <li>• Joint PR activity for International Youth Day and International Volunteer Day.</li> <li>• Put specific deadlines for finalizing TOR and Work plan.</li> <li>• In parallel meet with GTG, Donor Coordination Council etc.</li> <li>• Reporting in December on deliverables, results. Jurabek will prepare a format/ template. Laura will send all Meeting Minutes from 2013.</li> <li>• Parviz will consult with GTG how best to approach the Government to introduce the group.</li> <li>• Identify specific topics where we can support the Government.</li> <li>• Online Platform on Youth with Information, Addresses, contacts, pool of experts, pictures, videos.</li> <li>• Social Media presence of the group, strengthen information on website, e.g. events calendar for IYTG on website.</li> <li>• Joint Field Trip.</li> </ul>	the state agencies		
5	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Meeting at UNFPA, with Committee on Youth Affairs	Parviz Boboev	All	

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