



# YouthNet

## What People Need to Know: Information about Youth

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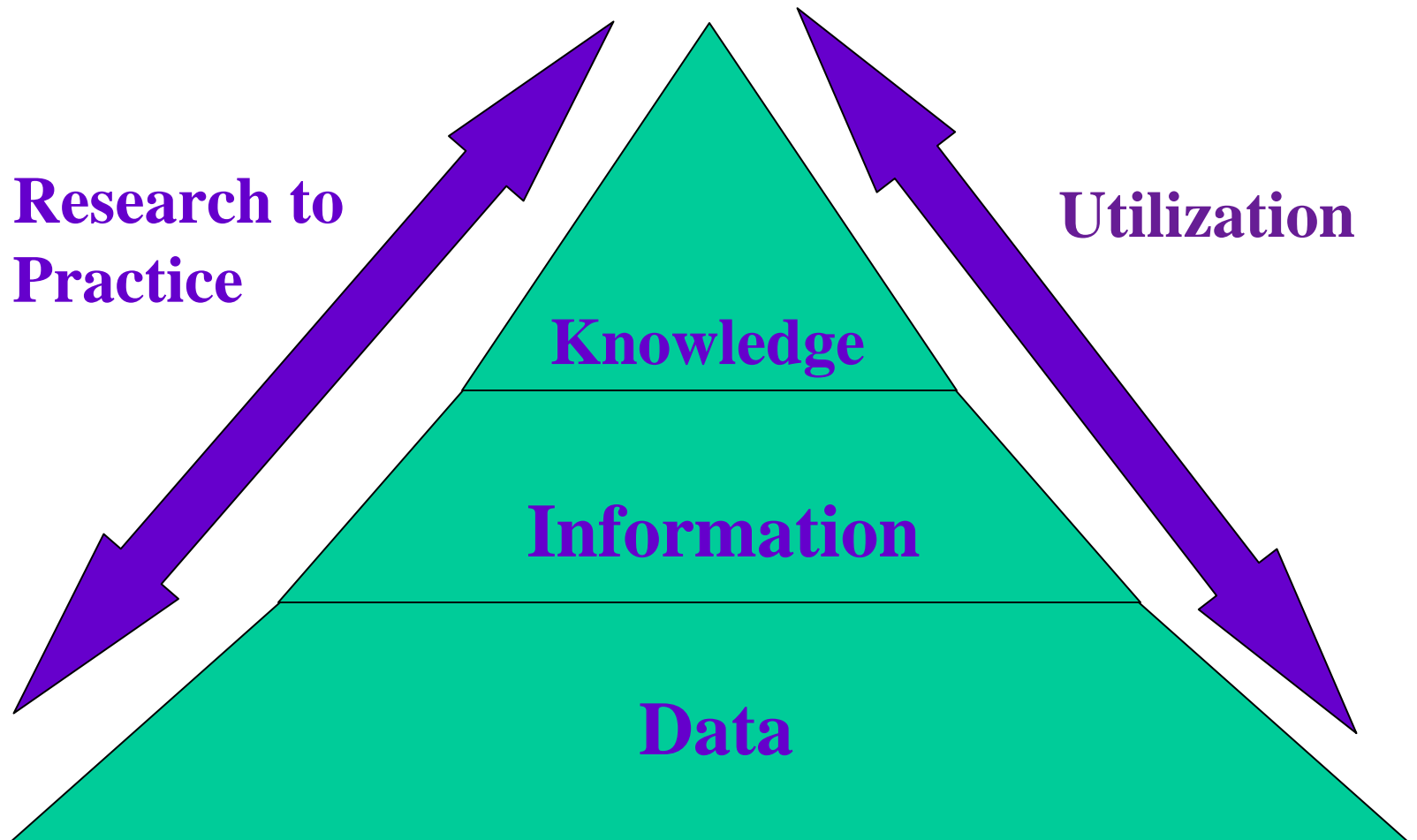




# What People Need to Know: Information about Youth

- Knowledge Management
- Synthesis and Dissemination
- Utilization of Knowledge: Regional Forums
- Sharing of Knowledge: Online Forum
- Sharing of Knowledge: CCYP in Tanzania

# Knowledge Management





# Synthesis and Dissemination

Since ICPD, information on youth increases exponentially

## *Five Publication Series Created to Meet Need*

- YouthLens – research summaries, 18
- Youth Issues Papers – cutting-edge topics, 7
- YouthNet Briefs – YouthNet lessons learned, 18
- Research Working Paper Series – YouthNet research results, 8
- Youth InfoNet – latest resources/research, 28 with more than 600 listings

*Other Electronic Tools – Web, CD ROM*

# Regular Publication Dissemination

- *Electronic Mailings*  
reach up to 100,000 ~ 2/month:  
InfoNet, announcements of  
YouthNet publications with links
- *Print Mailings*  
~ 6,000, YouthLens, YouthNet  
Briefs
- *Targeted Mailings*  
Issues papers, research papers,  
major tools, manuals



YouthNet publications “are of fundamental importance for program directors and will be of use in our daily activities.”

-- Martha Isabel Icaza, UNFPA program director, Panama

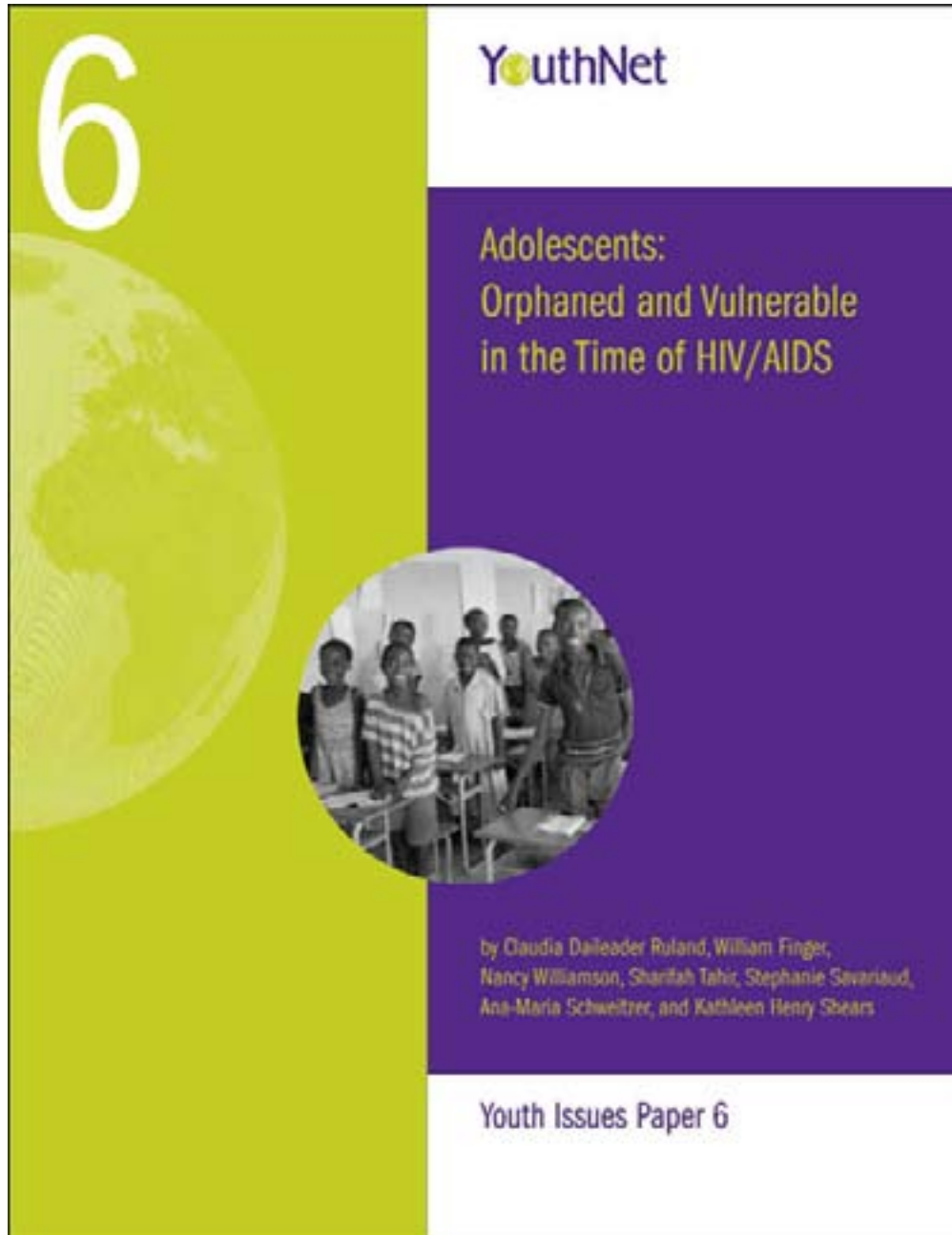
# YouthLens

- Synthesis of existing research, evaluated programs
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Key topics for youth
- Series to continue in through new USAID Interagency Youth Working Group

*“We have been able to use YouthLens issues to reach out to in-school and out-of-school Youth in Mombasa.”*

*-- Masila Syengo, Youth Coordinator, Centre for Reproductive Health, Kenya*





# Youth Issues Papers

Fill gap in literature/field needs

- No. 4. Out of School Youth
- No. 5. Global Media
- No. 6. Orphaned and Vulnerable Adolescents
- No. 7. Peer Education

“I would like to request copies Youth Issues Papers 1-4. We are developing a youth strategy and would like to learn from your practical experiences.”

-- Chinyere Udonsi, ActionAid International, Nigeria



# Youth InfoNet

*Only regular global synthesis of youth focused resources*

The screenshot shows the Youth InfoNet website. At the top left is the FHI logo (Family Health International) with a red arc above the letters 'fhi'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, Youth, YouthNet, YouthNet Publications, Youth InfoNet, and a list of Youth InfoNet numbers from 26 down to 16. The main header area includes a search bar for 'fhi.org', a 'Go' button, and links for 'Browse by topic', 'Advanced search', 'Site map', and 'Help'. Below the search bar is a banner with the text 'Improving lives, knowledge, and understanding' and a row of six small photos of diverse people. A purple banner below the header contains the 'YouthNet' logo and the tagline 'Partners in Reproductive Health & HIV Prevention'. The main content area is titled 'Youth InfoNet' and contains the following text: 'Youth InfoNet is a one-stop electronic source for new publications and information on youth reproductive health and HIV prevention, presented in two parts: Part I. Program Resources. Summaries of tools, curricula, program reports, unpublished research findings, and other items that may be useful for youth programming. Part II: Research Articles. Summaries of peer-reviewed research papers published in the last month on developing country research.' To the right of the main text are two icons: a printer icon labeled 'Print-friendly' and an envelope icon labeled 'Email this to a friend'. At the bottom right is a box titled 'What's New on fhi.org' containing a link for 'New Paediatric AIDS Resource in French' and an 'Also:' section with links for 'Visit the online QVC toolkit', 'See our Ethical Training curriculum', and 'VCT and Youth'.



# YouthNet Briefs

## *Research Results (6)*

- Iringa survey
- Ghana peer education research
- PMTCT research in Kenya

## *Country Projects (6)*

- CFLE for youth/Namibia
- Si Mchezo!/Tanzania
- Youth week/Tanzania

## *Technical Leadership (6)*

- youth-policy.com Web site
- Peer education tool kit
- HIV counseling/testing manual



# Research Working Papers



- Iringa, Tz Survey
- Sex/HIV Education
- Peer Education
- PMTCT
- VCT
- PAC
- Be Faithful
- Sexual Coercion





# YouthNet/Tanzania

## *YouthNet Briefs/Tanzania (9) and Success Stories*

- Research, VCT/RH Integration
- Sports Teams/RH-HIV Education
- Faith Groups/RH-HIV Education
- Participatory Learning and Action
- Research: Iringa Survey
- Si Mchezo! Magazine
- Youth Week Education
- VCT Counseling/Testing Manual
- Peer Education Toolkit





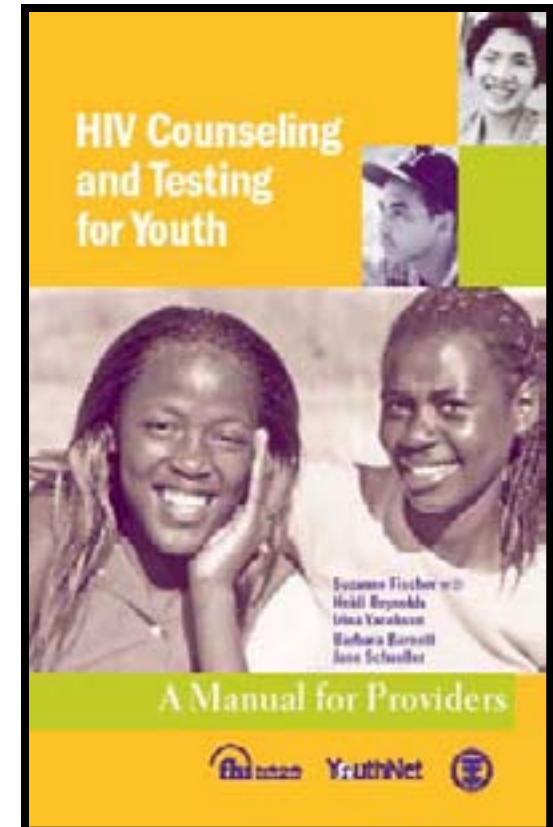
# Electronic Resources

- *CD-ROM of YouthNet Publications, 2002-2006*  
Youth Participation Guide (E/S), HIV Counseling and Testing Manual, Reproductive Health Module (E/F/S), Peer Education Toolkit, Family Life Education curricula for Christian and Muslim audiences, all YouthNet series publications, and more
- *Web-Based Guides to Youth Topics*  
New/updates: program area pages on abstinence, community involvement, gender, orphans/vulnerable youth, sex ed, youth friendly services
- *Youth-Policy.com Web Site (with Policy Project)*  
Updates: database of policy documents, resources on policy elements, making policy

# Filling Gaps with Major Tools, Manuals, Curricula



- Peer Education Toolkit
- Faith-based FLE Series
- Youth Participation Guide
- Counseling/Testing Manual
- Community Involvement Resources
- Sex Ed Standards





# Results of Electronic Survey

## *Selected Findings*

- 207 respondents/49 countries (38 developing countries), mid-2005
- YouthLens, InfoNet, Issues Papers, Web
- 2 of 5 shared YNet pubs with others
- 2/3's – InfoNet “highly useful”
- Sex Ed, VCT, HIV+ YLens most popular
- 1 of 4 in developing countries accessed YouthNet Web site once/week

# Conclusions



- InfoNet reaches large numbers and is often passed along, providing a valuable service of synthesis and dissemination
- YouthLens provides a useful summary of latest research in easy-to-use format
- Increasingly, people in developing countries access information from the Web
- Utilization is key, yet challenging – as next three presentations discuss