



THE YOUTH-FRIENDLINESS PROJECT

- In 2016, the Ministry of Health came up with the National Guidelines on Clinical Adolescent and Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Provision. Facilities are sensitized on YFSRH service provision and a checklist.
- CHIEDZA is based on youth-friendly service provision.
- Not much is known about whether the 'youth-friendliness' that is in the guidelines or in CHIEDZA's manual of operations actually translates into young people's youth-friendliness when put into practise.

AIM

To investigate young people's experiences of CHIEDZA.

OBJECTIVES

- To explore young people's perceptions about CHIEDZA's youth friendliness.
- To describe young people's understanding of comprehensive health services.

METHODS/APPROACH

Qualitative data collection:

- 1 month of doing interviews with young people (16-24 years old) at CHIEDZA sites in Harare (Warren Park, Tafara, Hatcliffe and Budiro) as well as in non-CHIEDZA communities.
- 1 month set aside for descriptive Thematic Analysis.
- We have started developing a topic guide as a tool for data collection.
- Researcher Diaries.

SIGNIFICANCE

- The study will contribute to the knowledge base of Youth Friendly Service Provision in Zimbabwe.
- It will inform relevant stakeholders and decision makers on youth's perspectives of youth friendliness thus making an impact on future programming.
- Our study will promote the uptake of services by youth as they encourage each other to access services, thus ensuring a new healthy and informed generation and increase the life expectancy.

RISKS and THREATS

- Not everyone will agree to talk to the researchers.
- Despite having reached the age of consent, some participants might feel the need to consult their parents first thus taking a lot of time or even missing the interview.

