

## **YRN ZAMBIA**

### **1. Beatrice Phiri, 19 years old, female Youth Reporter for Agents of Change in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Lusaka, Zambia**

Bio: Am a Child Ambassador under UNICEF Zambia and my role is to educate young people about HIV and other sexual related diseases. Am also a peer educator at the National Aids Council ,in the council I give information about HIV/AIDS and how young people can access youth friendly health corners. Am also a youth reporter under agents of change foundation and at the foundation I participate in HIV outreach activities. Reduce HIV in Adolescents is a youth network of adolescents in Zambian schools and during my high school time I served as Secretary for the network. I am also strong advocate for the Zambia U-report- an sms based youth information service center aimed at giving young people information on HIV/AIDS and other SRH services through text based referrals and counseling.

### **2. Joseph Mulekwa, 19 years old, male youth reporter for Agents of Change and Children's Radio Foundation, Lusaka, Zambia.**

Bio: Am a youth reporter under Agents Of Change Foundation Zambia (ACF). Agents of change is a youth organization that gives young people skills in basic radio and leadership so that they can speak on issues that matter to them. ACF is currently implementing the Unite for Climate youth radio project in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation (CRF).

Am also a member of Southern Africa Aids Trust, Africa direction (AD) Peer Educator Chairperson and BBC's Media Action "Tikambe" Volunteer. The primary role of the organizations stated above is to give young people an opportunity to have access to information and make informed decisions on their sexual and reproductive health and rights. These organizations use sports, radio, drama and poetry to reach out to adolescents in an effort to give information on HIV/AIDS and STIs. Through this, youths like myself are equipped with necessary information on HIV. I have been actively engaged in these programs since 2012.

### **3. Cleopus Kapembwa Chisanga, 24 years old, male youth reporter for Agents for Change Foundation and Children's Radio Foundation, based in Kitwe, Zambia**

Bio: Am a member of the Prepared Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ), which is a consortium of young people fighting the HIV pandemic through community peer to peer education. I am also a youth reporter for Children's Radio Foundation (CRF) of South Africa. CRF's Unite for Climate youth radio project is implemented in five sites in Zambia through local partnership with the Agents of Change Foundation Zambia (ACF).

My activism is informed by my desire to share my story with other young people living with HIV. And I am someone who wishes to learn from others concerning living a positive and healthy life as a young person who is openly living with HIV. Ultimately, my advocacy endeavours aim to send a powerful message to decision makers about the struggles I face as a young person who is openly living with HIV in Africa.

#### **4. Mutetelewenu Kalama, Young Reporters' facilitator for Agents of Change Foundation Zambia and Children's Radio Foundation, Kitwe, Zambia**

Bio: I am a Youth Facilitator under the Children's Radio Foundation's Unite4Climate Youth Radio initiative and am also a co-founder and Regional Coordinator at a Youth-led radio and leadership organization called Agents of Change Foundation Zambia ([www.agentsofchangefoundationzambia.org](http://www.agentsofchangefoundationzambia.org)). The core mandate of the foundation is to build a generation of ethical young leaders who can solve the world's pressing challenges such as HIV/AIDS and Climate Change. The foundation works in partnership with the Children's Radio Foundation of South Africa in achieving its objectives. Since 2010, I have contributed towards training close to 1,250 young people as child climate ambassadors.

### **FUTURE POSITIVE SOUTH AFRICA**

#### **1. Velisa Jara, 30 years old and lives in Site B Khayelitsha in Cape Town, South Africa. She is lead youth facilitator for the Future Positive project.**

Velisa Jara joined the FP project in March 2014. She is an activist for black lesbian rights in South Africa. Her past experience includes working with Free Gender – a black lesbian support group based in Khayelitsha – since 2008 where she did communications and advocacy work for a number of local cases of hate crimes and 'corrective rape' of young women from her community. She is passionate about photography and addressing the South African justice system's failure to protect the rights of vulnerable groups in South Africa especially black lesbian women. In 2016 Velisa joined the CRF Cape Town team and now she is lead facilitator for a group of youth reporters based in Khayelitsha and Cape Town called, Leaders in Diversity. Velisa's understanding and passion for photography has facilitated her group of young reporters' learning a new form of storytelling i.e. audio slideshows. As a facilitator, her gentle and patient approach, with a firm voice when necessary, are qualities that make her a competent team leader.

#### **2. Yolanda Pityoi is 25 years old and lives in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa. She is outreach youth facilitator for the Future Positive project.**

When she joined the project as a young reporter in 2014 Yolanda produced and hosted youth dialogue events at Nolungile Youth Clinic in Site C, Khayelitsha where she and her team transform the clinic space and fill it with music, dance, poetry and peer to peer dialogue and debate. We quickly realised that Yolanda has a talent for hosting and that is the role she confidently took on! This talent has also allowed her to participate in special projects outside of her role at CRF. Now part of the CRF Cape Town team she co-facilitates production meetings with youth reporters once a week to prepare for their monthly events as well as bi-monthly live broadcasts at partner CSO, Radio Zibonele. She is also a lead facilitator and strategic planner in the scale up of Future Positive's expansion program, training youth from Khayelitsha based high schools in the techniques of radio.

#### **3. Thandikhaya Qinisile, is 24 years old and lives in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa. He is technical facilitator for the Future Positive Project**

Thandikhaya has been with Future Positive since 2013 where he first attended weekly sessions at Nolungile Youth Clinic with a group of youth reporters called "Youth Hustle". Here he learnt how to produce, host and technically coordinate live radio booth, and host shows at Radio Zibonele. Thandikhaya is the recipient of The Children's Radio Foundation's "Best Project Support" award in 2015. In 2016 he joined the CRF team as

technical youth facilitator for the Future Positive Project. Thandikhaya manages all aspects of the program that relate to audio and the technology used to record and edit audio. He is a talented sound editor and co facilitates weekly sessions with a group of young reporters.

#### **4. Nolusindiso Mguye is 24 years old and lives in West Bank, Cape Town, South Africa**

In 2013 she became a member of the Médecin Sans Frontières youth clubs where her confidence stood out as a young leader. Nolusindiso has been invited to present at events hosted by MSF where she gives motivational talks to other youth about her experience living with HIV. In 2014 she was invited to speak at World AIDS day and on 16 June 2016 she spoke about her status at the Desmond Tutu Community Hall in Makhaza Khayelitsha.. Nolusindiso is also a trained youth reporter from the Children's Radio Foundation and an excellent group leader.

#### **5. Nosizwe Dumo is 23 years old and lives in Site B Khayelitsha Cape Town, South Africa**

Prior to joining Future Positive in March 2014 she was an active volunteer with the Triangle Project - a nonprofit providing services to protect the rights of LGBTI people. Nosizwe was one of the activists led by the Triangle Project to create community activist hubs and safe spaces where she lived. In March 2014 she joined CRF where she was trained to use radio techniques to create audio stories profiling the lives of LGBTI youth from Khayelitsha. Nosizwe is a spirited youth reporter who connects easily with others and encourages them to share. She is a passionate storyteller and team leader.

### **YOUTH RADIO NETWORK DRC**

#### **1. Glody Yuya Biaka, 20 years old, male youth reporters' mentor for Secteur Média and Children's Radio Foundation, Kinshasa, DRC**

Bio: I am an experienced and passionate young reporter and youth mentor in my community with proven ability to communicate with my peers around complex issues such HIV/AIDS, stigma, LGBT and teenage relationships. I have been trained by the Children's Radio Foundation in partnership with Secteur Média and have been working as a young reporter for the past two years in a very challenging area in Kinshasa. I am part of a reporting group who are homeless and who broadcast from a massive produce market in Kinshasa. Our broadcasts are around bringing awareness to the lives of homeless children and youth as well as their rights. I have the ability to craft impactful radio and get difficult conversations started, both over the airwaves and in outreach activities.

#### **2. Sarah Pambu Konde, 20 years old, female youth reporter for Secteur Média and Children's Radio Foundation, Kinshasa, DRC**

Bio: I am an experienced and passionate young reporter in my community with proven ability to effectively communicate with my peers around complex issues such HIV/AIDS, stigma, LGBTI and teenage relationships. I have been trained by the Children's Radio Foundation in partnership with Secteur Média and have since been working as a young reporter for the past two years in a very challenging area in Kinshasa. I am part of a reporting group who are homeless and who broadcast in massive produce

market in Kinshasa. Our weekly broadcasts are around bringing awareness to the lives of fellow homeless children and youth as well as their rights. I have the ability to craft impactful radio and get difficult conversations started, both over the airwaves and in outreach activities.

**3. Bob Matondo Yala, National Coordinator for the DRC Youth Reporters Network, director of Secteur Média, in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Kinshasa, DRC**

Bio: I am a journalist by profession and currently the director of Secteur Média, a local media for development organisation. Secteur Média is the implementing partner for all Children's Radio Foundation (CRF) activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I am the project manager and lead trainer and coordinator for three major projects across the country. In Kinshasa I work with street youth and also a small group of LGBTI youth. In Mbandaka I work with pygmies integrating into city life. In Inga I work with a community displaced by a huge hydroelectric dam, the 'Grand Inga' project. I see myself well versed in youth participatory methodologies as a way to get youth formulating and sharing their own opinions and ideas around this vast topic, HIV/AIDS included.

## **YRN TANZANIA**

**1. Maryam Charles Samwel, 23 years old, female youth reporters facilitator for ZAPHA+ in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Zanzibar, Tanzania**

Bio: I am fully involved as children club facilitator to support the children infected and affected by HIV for almost 10 years under the umbrella of Zanzibar Association of People living with HIV (ZAPHA+). I have been a member of the Tanzania Young Reporters Network (YRN) for more than five years and also Young Reporter facilitator for more than 3 years since 2012. I am currently a young HIV activist through ZAPHA+ using media and social interaction. I am an HIV affected adolescent! My father is HIV positive and I don't remember my mother as she passed away when I was 3. I have been raised and cared for through the great support of ZAPHA+.

I am the main character of the International Aids Society's talk back documentary film captured in Zanzibar and aimed at sharing experiences of my life journey as a young girl affected by HIV and reflecting on my strategies to reach my life dream. Featuring in this film is an opportunity for youth infected/affected and Zanzibari youths in general representing them to express the challenges we do face in HIV prevention through condoms access using films display and face to face interaction so as the struggle continues to find proper solutions.

**2. Maryam Shaaban, 20 years old, female youth reporters' facilitator for Zanzibar Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS ( ZAPHA+) in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Zanzibar, Tanzania**

Bio: I am a young girl living with HIV and enjoys grabbing learning opportunities to better understand the challenges faced by people living with HIV elsewhere, and feel comfortable to create a space where I can share my own experience with others. I am committed to building effective responses based on the

experiences of those who are infected or affected by HIV and at risk groups. As a facilitator of the Young Reporters Network (YRN) in Zanzibar, Tanzania I support the production of HIV radio contents to later share with youth and other listeners in my community.

**3. Msafiri Madanya, 26 years old, young reporter for Mwanza Youth and Children Network (MYCN) in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Mwanza, Tanzania**

Bio: I am a young reporters' facilitator and am especially interested in networking with fellow youth to understand the situation of HIV in their communities and better understand from those living with HIV ways we can help to overcome stigma and discrimination. I support youth reporters produce radio programs on various youth-related key issues to better educate our peers both in the studio and those who listen to our radio programs. HIV/AIDS is an important issue for everyone to understand, but especially young people as we are one of the at risk groups. I also work with the young reporters (below 18) group in Mwanza, assisting them in producing radio and TV programs about HIV/AIDS in relation to children and young people.

**4. Shaban Maganga, National Coordinator for Tanzania Young Reporters Network through Mwanza Youth and Children Network (MYCN) in partnership with Children's Radio Foundation, Mwanza, Tanzania**

Bio: I am the chairperson of the Ilemela Municipal HIV/AIDS committee, under the Tanzania Commissioner for AIDS (TACAIDS). Trained by ARASA on human rights based response to HIV and TB in 2011. A member of the Children's Agenda, a national coalition between government and CSOs and national coordinator of the Young Reporters Network in Tanzania. I endeavour to enhance my understanding, learn from others, share working experience and network with other individuals and organizations to globally fight HIV infection, stigma/discrimination and support the provision of better treatment. I supervise youth reporters from Tanzania to ensure that they produce quality radio pieces and other media formats to be shared with partners across the continent.