

Checklist for minimum standards for a READY youth-friendly Space



Use this checklist to ensure your space meets the minimum standards. Mark items as complete (✓) or in progress (➤).

Accessibility and Inclusivity

- Clear, visible signage in local languages (with pictograms, where helpful)
- Accessible to a diverse range of young people, including those with disabilities
- Safe, clean toilets (gender-sensitive, where possible)
- Flexible service hours that accommodate young people's schedules

Environment

- Basic utilities (running water, good lighting and hygiene)
- Comfortable seating and welcoming layout
- Dedicated recreation and engagement materials (contextually appropriate games, books, art and murals)
- Visible youth-friendly branding and materials
- Warm or neutral colours and decor

Youth Participation and Feedback

- Young people involved in planning, design and decision-making
- Feedback mechanisms available and acted upon (scorecard, suggestion box and advisory group)

Information

- Up-to-date IEC materials on sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV, mental health and rights
- Contact details for helplines or emergency support prominently posted
- Clear instructions on how to ask for help or report concerns

Privacy and Protection

- Private area for confidential consultations
- Clear procedures for safeguarding and protection
- Quiet and breakout areas available
- Clear referral pathways for clinical, psychosocial, community, social and protection services

Services and Supplies

- Consistent availability of sexual and reproductive health supplies and commodities, such as menstrual health products, condoms, contraceptives, self-test kits, pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis
- Mental health support and counselling available

Staff and Conduct

- Staff trained in youth-friendly, non-judgmental communication
- Peer supporters available and actively engaged
- Staff and peer supporters trained in safeguarding, trauma-informed care and cultural sensitivity