



Reflections from Simunye Country Club, Eswatini.



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READY Academy 2024: Empowering Youth Across Africa

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READY Academy
(2.0) 2024
Sharing
ideas, Youth
experience
and
Learning.





What is READY Academy?

- A transformative platform for youth engagement focused on unlocking young people's potential which emphasizes meaningful and ethical youth participation, builds skills, confidence, and leadership.

Objectives of the 2024 READY Academy

- Build capacity of young people on SRHR, leadership, and advocacy
- Create a safe and inclusive space for sharing experiences
- Promote peer learning and youth-driven solutions
- Encourage collaboration through team building and networking
- Provide opportunities to compete for seed grants to implement youth-led initiatives.



READY Academy
building and networking.



Diverse Participation

- Young people from over 10 countries represented bringing unique perspectives and local experiences.
- Strengthened regional solidarity among youth leaders which built a pan-African community of changemakers.

Learning & Knowledge Exchange

- Interactive workshops on SRHR, gender, and youth rights.
- Sessions on advocacy, project design, and resource mobilization.
- Participants shared lived realities and country-level insights.
- Engaged with expert facilitators and mentors.



Team Building



Team Building & Networking



- Outdoor activities that fostered trust, collaboration, and leadership through group challenges that built problem-solving skills.
- Social evenings and cultural showcases which formed strong bonds across countries.

Sharing Experiences

- Storytelling sessions highlighting personal journeys and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange.
- Cross-border learning on successful youth-led interventions.
- Discussions on challenges and solutions in youth engagement.



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Seed Grant



Seed Grant Competition

- Youth pitched innovative project ideas for community impact emphasizing on creativity, sustainability, and youth leadership.
- A highly competitive process with inspiring proposals which led to 5 seed grant winners, 4 individuals and 1 team Tanzania to implement different Youth initiatives.



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Participant Testimonials

“READY Academy changed how I see my role in society.” – Ishmael, Malawi.

“I made lifelong friends and gained practical skills I can use.” – Sulix, Uganda.

“Winning the grant has given us the power to start real change.” – Team Tanzania, Seed Grant Winners.



A BIG THANK YOU READY ACADEMY

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