

# ACTION YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT-GHANA



## NARATIVE REPORT ON HIV SELF TESTING

IN

KINTAMPO NORTH MUNICIPALITY

THIRD QUARTER, 2024



## HIV SELF-TESTING PROJECT

### Technical/Narrative/Activity Report Template

<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER</b>	<b>ACTION YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT- GHANA</b>	
<b>REGION</b>	<b>BONO EAST REGION</b>	
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>KINTAMPO MUNICIPAL</b>	
<b>REPORTING PERIOD(START - END DATE)</b>	<b>15-Aug-24</b>	<b>30-Sep-24</b>

**1) Overview:** *(Give a general overview of your activities during the reporting period.)*

Action Youth for Development – Ghana (AY4D-GH), is a non-Governmental Organization formed to promote human and environment through advocacy, teamwork and partnership in order to achieve social, economic and general well-being of the society.

AY4D-GH, a bone-fide member and an implementing partner to Ghana HIV and AIDS Network (GHANET). The organization is fortunate again to receive funding from Global Fund GC7 grant through GHANET to carry out Oral Quick Self-Test in the Kintampo Municipality. During the quarter, Action for Development Ghana received 600 Oral Quick Test kits and 2,016 Male Condoms for the project. Three Community Based Volunteers who were trained by GHANET at Koforidua distributed 600 test kits and 2,016 male condoms. Videos of different languages were also shared among interested community members to view and follow same. The volunteers also made follow up to all the community members that received the test kit to ascertain their status. Clients that were deemed reactive were referred by the volunteers to carry out confirmatory test. Sensitization programs were carried at durbar grounds, churches, mosque, and FM station.

## 2) Large Group Activities

### a) Workplace Engagements *(If any, describe workplace sites visited including both formal (corporate) and informal (settings the number of community durbars held during the reporting period.)*

Action Youth for Development –Ghana organized one community durbar at Kyeremankoma. The durbar was held on Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> August, 2024 to educate the community about HIV and AIDS prevention and control. The durbar was graced with dignitaries such as chiefs, queen mothers, Assembly person and the religious leaders. The Executive Director of AY4D-GH, Hon Joseph Nanga Nyindam gave a speech on behalf of the Organization and advised the gathering on HIV and AIDS. According to him, HIV and AIDS is real hence can be prevented through the following.

1. Abstinence from sex
2. Been faithful to your partner
3. The use of condoms.

He added that people with HIV and AIDS are not our enemies hence should not be stigmatized or neglected in the community.

### b) Social Gatherings *(If any, describe community outreaches you organized during the reporting period including churches, mosques, markets, funfairs, games, musical concerts etc.)*

The organization also carried out two **educational sensitization** programs with hairdressers Association, a youth group to sensitize them on HIV prevention and control. It was made known to them that HIV is real but can be prevented through abstinence from sex if not married, been faithful to your partner and the use of condom. However, people living with HIV and AIDS should not be stigmatized. The team lead told the gathering that HIV is not a spiritual disease and should not be treated as such. HIV can only be detected through test and if it is detected it can be treated. The HIV and AIDS test kits are free of charge hence they were encouraged to willingly come for test kits and test at their own comfort zone.

### c) Television/Radio/ Community Information Center *(If any, describe television/ radio/ community information center stations that you were used and topics discussed.)*

The organization also held one radio sensitization program at Kintampo Radio (GBC), Zone FM and Fire for Fire Radio to increase public knowledge understanding on HIV and AIDS Prevention and control. During the sensitization, the following topics were elaborated by the Executive Director Mr. Joseph Nanga Nyindam 1. HIV and AIDS is real 2. Know your status 3. HIV and AIDS can be prevented through; (a) Abstinence from sex (b) Been faithful to your partner (c) Condom use. Also, misconception and stigma against people living with HIV and AIDS was discussed. He did not hesitate to say, the HIV and AIDS test kits is free of charge hence, the community members should make good use of the Oral Quick Self-Test to know their status.

**d) Partnerships and Collaborations** *(If any, describe partnerships you built with other institutions)*

To complement the effort of Ghana Health Service, Action Youth for Development did not work in isolation. The organization collaborated with the Kintampo Municipal Health Directorate, Kintampo Municipal Hospital, Kintampo Municipal Assembly. Letters were served to them of availability of HIV self-testing kits and condoms for distribution. AY4D also collaborated with community leaders such as the Chiefs, Queen mothers, Assembly members, National Youth Authority and the religious leaders.

**3. Success Story** *(If any, describe a positive story that happened in the course of the implementing period)*

1. At my comfort zone, I have been able to know my HIV and AIDS Status without going to the health facility said Kwadwo-Rogers.
2. I am so happy to be HIV and AIDS negative because I'm a food vendor-Grace
3. 331(55.2%) males and 269(44.8%) females received HIV and AIDS test kits willingly and tested.

**4. Key Challenges** *(Describe any issues faced during implementation during the reporting period and detail the strategies and measures taken to address these challenges.)*

1. It is difficult meeting some of the clients during follow-ups and because of their socio-economic activities. The team resort to mobile phone calls and late evening visitation.
2. Female condom requested by some of the community members.
3. Misconception about the HIV test kits. The adopted one on one sensitization during distribution to clear.
4. Volunteers were beating by rain

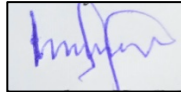
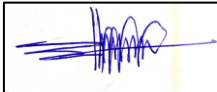
**5. Recommendations** *(Improvements and sustainability: Suggest areas for improvement based on implementation experience and propose strategies for sustaining the initiative in the long term)*

1. Provision of female condom in the subsequence implementation.
2. Provision of raincoats to help volunteers during rainy season.

**6. Conclusion** *(Give a summary of the implemented activities during the reporting period and your plans for future activities.)*

◀ Implemented Activities During the quarter, AY4D implemented the following activities; 1. Held staff orientation meeting 2. Distributed 600 HIV test kits and 2,016 male condoms 3. Conducted Follow ups 4. Organized one community durbar at Kyeremankoma 5. Carried out sensitization programs in one church. 5. Held three radio sensitization programs and finally writing of reports. Implemented Activities ▶

◀ Your plans for future activities The organization will be implementing the following; 1. Review the organization work plan. 2. Organize refresher training for the volunteers 3. Carry sensitization programs in 2 churches, mosques and schools 4. Organize one community durbars. 4. Distribute HIV and AIDS Test Kits and condom. Follow ups and referral service. Carry out three radio sensitization. And finally hold review meeting with staff and volunteers ▶ Your plans for future activities ▶

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*(NB. Please sign and upload in signature fields here.)*

**Appendix:** Attach all relevant supporting documents, including inventory form, attendance sheets and pictures.



An inventory form titled "INVENTORY FORM" with a header logo. The form contains several sections with handwritten text, including a date field and a table with columns for "Item", "Quantity", and "Remarks".



- *Inventory form*
- *Minimum of three or four active field pictures*