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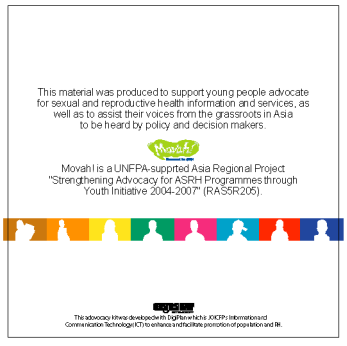
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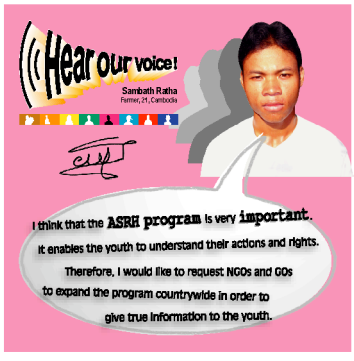
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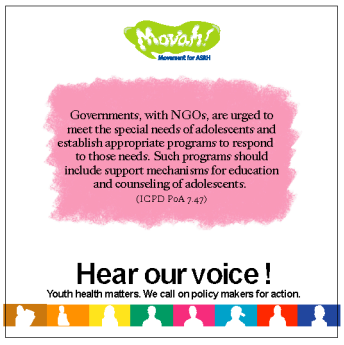
Sambath Ratha
Farmer, 21, Cambodia
I think that the ASRH program is very important.
It enables the youth to understand their actions and rights.
Therefore, I would like to request NGOs and GOs
to expand the program countrywide in order to
give true information to the youth.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Governments, with NGOs, are urged to meet the special needs of adolescents and establish appropriate programs to respond to those needs. Such programs should include support mechanisms for education and counseling of adolescents.
(ICPD PoA 7.47)
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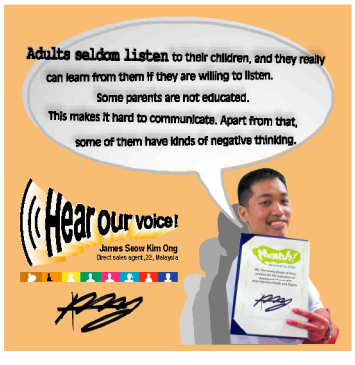
Adults seldom listen to their children, and they really can learn from them if they are willing to listen.
Some parents are not educated.
This makes it hard to communicate. Apart from that,
some of them have kinds of negative thinking.
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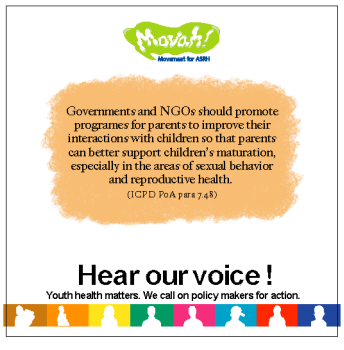
James Seow Kim Ong
Direct sales agent, 22, Malaysia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Governments and NGOs should promote programes for parents to improve their interactions with children so that parents can better support children's maturation, especially in the areas of sexual behavior and reproductive health.
(ICPD PoA para 7.48)
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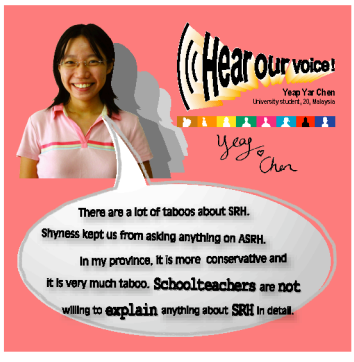
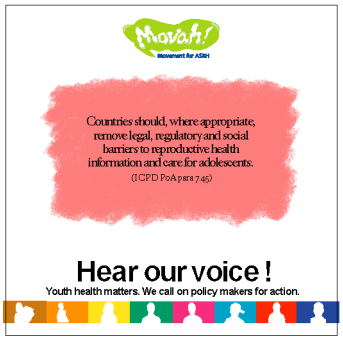

Hear our voice!
Yeap Yar Chen
University student, 20, Malaysia
There are a lot of taboos about SRH.
Shyness kept us from asking anything on ASRH.
In my province, it is more conservative and
it is very much taboo. Schoolteachers are not
willing to explain anything about SRH in detail.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Countries should, where appropriate, remove legal, regulatory and social barriers to reproductive health information and care for adolescents.
(ICPD PoA para 7.45)
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I hate that I got married at an early age
as I faced a lot of problems.
Although I could keep up with my husband's family,
I told my cousins not to get married early.
Early marriage is painful.
Adults seldom listen
Hear our voice!
Afsana Begum
Housewife, 16, Bangladesh

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Governments should enforce laws so that marriage occurs only with the free and full consent of spouses. They should also enforce laws on the minimum legal age of consent and marriage, and raise the minimum age where necessary.
(ICPD PoA para 4.21)
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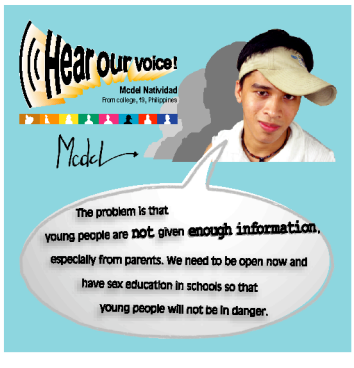
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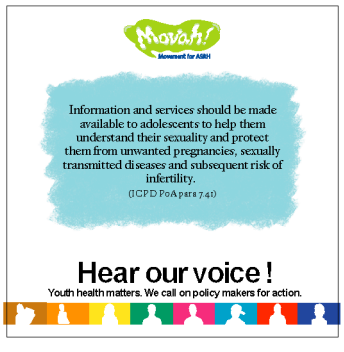
The problem is that
young people are not given enough information,
especially from parents. We need to be open now and
have sex education in schools so that
young people will not be in danger.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Information and services should be made available to adolescents to help them understand their sexuality and protect them from unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and subsequent risk of infertility.
(ICPD PoA para 7.41)
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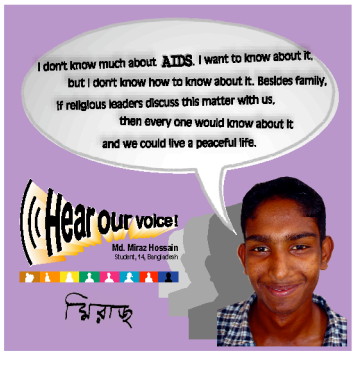
I don't know much about AIDS. I want to know about it.
but I don't know how to know about it. Besides family,
if religious leaders discuss this matter with us,
then every one would know about it
and we could live a peaceful life.
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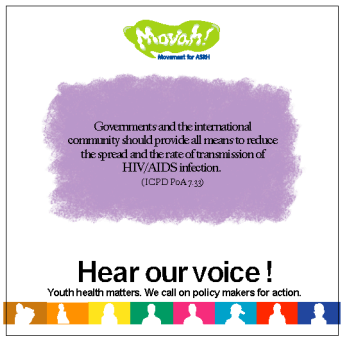
Md. Miraz Hossain
Student, 14, Bangladesh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Governments and the international community should provide all means to reduce the spread and the rate of transmission of HIV/AIDS infection.
(ICPD PoA 7.39)
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My friend told me that a man took her
to a place he claimed to be his house.
He made her drink something that caused her to feel dizzy
and he took advantage of her. A criminal
case was filed against the man and now he's in jail.
Hear our voice!
Michelle Cueto
Sales staff, 19, Philippines

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Countries should take full measures to eliminate all forms of exploitation, abuse, harassment, and violence against women, adolescents, and children.
(ICPD PoA para 4.9)
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Tang Srey chen
Farmer, 20, Cambodia
In my village, there have been many women
who had an early pregancy,
and they always face problems during delivery.
Early pregnancy is due to lack of
understanding of sexual and reproductive health.

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Countries, with the support of the international community, should protect and promote the rights of adolescents to reproductive health education, information, and care, and greatly reduce the number of adolescent pregnancies.
(ICPD PoA para 7.46)
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The following young people in Asia send their views and opinions to this advocacy kit, "Hear our voice!"
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