



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR AIDS - TACAIDS



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

THE MULTISECTORAL ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 2026.

"Integrating Science and Innovation to Addressing the HIV-SRH Syndemic and Promote Well-being Toward Tanzania's Development Vision 2050"

**Science in Action. Youth in Focus.
The Future is Now.**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

April 3, 2026

EVENT DATE:

April 29-30, 2026

LOCATION:

Morena Hotel - Dodoma, Tanzania

ABOUT A SYMPOSIUM

Prime Minister's Office through Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), in collaboration with President Office – Youth Development, Prime Minister's Office – RALG, Ministries of Health; Community Development, Women, Gender and Special groups; Education, Science and Technology and Development Partners; NGOs and CSOs is organizing National Multisectoral Adolescent and Youth Symposium 2026. The aim of the Symposium is to enhance Tanzania's integrated, multisectoral response to HIV/AIDS and SRH within a holistic, inclusive, and equitable adolescent and youth well-being framework, aligned with the Tanzania Development Vision 2050.

THEMATIC AREAS

The National Multisectoral Adolescents and Youth Symposium Task Force calls for your abstract submission for scientific papers/ best practices based on the following thematic areas,

HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

- HIV epidemiology, trends, and risk factors among adolescents and young people
- Prevention strategies, testing, treatment, and retention in care
- Sustainable financing for adolescent and youth interventions
- Application of ICT and AI in HIV prevention, testing, treatment adherence and retention in care

Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

- Adolescent pregnancy, contraception, and comprehensive sexuality education
- Access to youth-friendly SRH services
- Youth-based approaches to SRH programming
- Menstrual hygiene management
- Digital platforms for SRHR education, service navigation and youth-friendly information dissemination

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- Adolescent pregnancy, contraception, and comprehensive sexuality education
- Access to youth-friendly SRH services
- Youth-based approaches to SRH programming
- Menstrual hygiene management
- Digital platforms for SRHR education, service navigation, and youth-friendly information dissemination

Safe and Supportive Learning Environment

- School re-entry and retention
- Gender equality and inclusion in education
- Safe and friendly learning environments
- Educational financing in higher learning institutions

Nutrition and Food Security

- Nutritional status of adolescents and youth (undernutrition, overweight, micronutrient deficiencies – challenges, opportunities, innovations)
- Innovative strategies to address the dual burden of malnutrition and promote healthy lifestyles
- Integration of nutrition, HIV, and SRH services for resilient youth

Social and Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods

- Economic resilience for HIV & SRH – addressing poverty and financial dependency through economic strengthening
- Social contracting for youth-friendly services expanding access to stigma-free HIV and SRH services
- Digital livelihoods & gig economy – promoting safe income generation for marginalized youth, including those living with HIV
- Cash transfers and savings groups – supporting economic empowerment of vulnerable youth

Mental Health and Psychological Support

- Mental health status, drivers, and psychosocial wellbeing of young people
- Integration of mental health services into HIV, SRHR, and GBV programmes
- Community-, school-, and digital-based mental health interventions
- AI-powered mental health screening, counselling, crisis response and referral tools

ABSTRACTS CRITERIA

- Should have a maximum of 300 words.
- Should be as informative as possible and truly represent the intended presentation
- Should be adolescents and youth related
- Should also contain recipient's email address for feedback
- Should have youth friendly language (presentations will be done in Swahili or English regardless of the language used to prepare the presentation)

ABSTRACT FORMAT

- A title
- An introduction
- Objectives
- Methodology (+/-)
- Results/findings
- Conclusion/ recommendations

NB, If the abstract is for best practices methodology can be excluded. Each heading should be CAPITALIZED and bolded

NOTIFICATION FOR ACCEPTANCE AND NON - ACCEPTANCE

All notification acceptance and non-acceptance will be sent by email. It is submitter's responsibility to ensure his/her email is current and correct. All submitters will be asked to confirm receipt of their notification and officially accept the invitation to present their abstract. Submitters will be notified if they will have to prepare either oral or poster presentation.

Acceptance notifications will be made by 17th April 2026. Any presenter who is unable to attend should arrange for another qualified individual to present the paper/poster in question. If such change is necessary, please notify the organizing committee

If you do not receive a notification email by 20th April 2026, contact the organizing committee immediately to confirm.

HOW TO SUBMIT

METHOD: EMAIL

Send to: abstracts@tacaid.go.tz
Subject: [ABSTRACT SUBMISSION]
[Last Name] - [Short Title]

SPECIAL NOTE

Youth led and youth focused groups from all stakeholders, implementors are encouraged to participate.
Abstract submission deadline;
03rd April 2026.

BENEFITS FOR PRESENTERS

- ▶ Platform with 400-500 influential stakeholders
- ▶ Certificate of Presentation
- ▶ Access to all symposium sessions
- ▶ Networking with experts
- ▶ Media exposure & coverage
- ▶ Partnership opportunities
- ▶ Youth recognition awards

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