

Our Partnership Journey with NCPD.



Date of Activity: 19th January, 2024. **Location:** National Council for Population and Development HQ Offices, Nairobi

We held our very first consultative meeting with the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD) on 19th of January 2024 after forming the Coalition in November 2023. Fresh from our BUILD PHED Leadership training in Lake Elementaita, Nakuru County, we walked into the NCPD offices with a clear mission of **joining the National PHE Network and actively participating in shaping Kenya's PHE (Population, Health, Environment) strategic outcomes.** The NCPD Director General, Dr Mohamed A. Sheikh, welcomed us, alongside the PHE focal person Mr. Ken Lwaki, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator and Programs and Partnerships Coordinator. What followed was the beginning of a transformative partnership that would give young voices a structured space in Kenya's PHE landscape.

What We Achieved



We had a rich conversation covering the overview of PHE programming in Kenya and the real challenges we face on the ground and came out with concrete commitments and a clear path forward. We officially became part of the National PHE Network, with representation at both national and county levels. But here's what made it truly historic: we became Kenya's first-ever National Youth PHE Network. Not just participants, but pioneers.

NCPD opened the door and invited us to the table as equal partners. We agreed to co-create content documenting PHE successes in Kenya, participate in the development and validation of the new PHE Strategic Plan and subsequent stakeholder engagements and collaborate on funding proposals. The partnership would be formalized through an MOU, ensuring our work together would be structured,

sustainable and impactful.

Our Vision Forward

Coming out of that meeting, we had clarity on our next steps: map youth-led organizations working in PHE and SRHR/FP, conduct baseline surveys to understand awareness gaps, build capacity through training sessions and create accessible digital content that speaks to young people in their language.

We also committed to documenting community-level success stories and disseminating them online including social media and Youtube through our channel **Xtra Dialogues**, establishing proper organizational structures and connecting with our East African PHE counterparts for cross-border learning.



Why This Meeting Mattered

This meeting was not only about getting a seat at the table but ensuring that young people, who are most affected by population, health and environment issues, have agency in designing and implementing solutions. It was about making PHE integration not just a policy concept, but a youth-driven movement. Our first meeting with NCPD set the foundation for everything we are building today as the Kenya PHE Youth Coalition. It reminded us that when young leaders come prepared, passionate, and ready to collaborate, institutions listen. And when they listen, real change becomes possible.