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Background

At BRIGHT Tanzania, our understanding of community development continues to evolve with the realities of the people we serve. We recognize that community development means different things to different people, and that effective approaches must be shaped by local needs, culture, and context.

What remains constant is that BRIGHT's work is founded on voluntary participation, shared responsibility, and mutual benefit. Whether it's youth initiating local action, women organizing for change, or young leaders facilitating safe spaces, community development is about people coming together to pursue opportunities and solve challenges collectively .

While our interest in community-led development is not new, we are witnessing a renewed momentum from youth, civil society, schools, and local governments toward inclusive participation and sustainable solutions. With this growing interest, we also observe varied interpretations of what community development should look like.

This handbook offers a shared understanding of youth engagement within the larger framework of community development. Itdoes not prescribe a one-size-fits-all approach , but instead provides flexible tools, stories, templates, and reflections that can be adapted to your own environment. Every community is unique, and so is every youth leader's journey. We invite you to use this resource as a guide, a mirror, and a springboard for action in your community.

Why This Handbook Was Developed

This handbook has been developed by BRIGHT Tanzania to support a deeper understanding and more effective application of youth engagement within the broader scope of community development. Youth engagement is a vital strategy in building thecapacity, leadership, and resilience of communities across Tanzania . We believe that as young people participate meaningfully in development processes, they not only grow as individuals but also contribute to collective transformation.

Youth engagement and community capacity building are closely interrelated while distinct, they reinforce each other. As youth gain confidence, skills, and opportunities to lead, the capacity of communities to solve problems and thrive increases.

This handbook seeks to clarify the concept of youth engagement as part of community development, recognizing that terms such as capacity building , empowerment , and participationare sometimes used interchangeably or misunderstood. It provides tools and reflections to strengthen shared understanding and effective practice.

Who This Handbook Is For

This handbook is intended for youth, youth group leaders, community-based organizations, educators, program staff, and local leaders who are interested in fostering youth-led change at the community level. It serves as an introductory guide for those who may be new to the concepts of youth engagement and community participation, as well as a practical resource for those already working in the field.

 Whether you're a young person looking to create change, or an adult ally seeking to support youth initiatives, this handbook offers flexible and adaptable tools for initiating, managing, and reflecting on youth-led community work.

 For experienced practitioners, it provides an opportunity to revisit foundational ideas, spark new strategies, and support others in their leadership journey. For newcomers, it offers a starting point to understand the why, what, and how of youth engagement as a powerful tool for community development.

1. Introduction

Youth make up a significant portion of Tanzania's population and hold immense potential to shape the country's future. At BRIGHT Tanzania, we recognize that harnessing this potential requires creating deliberate and meaningful opportunities for young people to participate in decisions and actions that affect their lives and communities.

This Youth Engagement Handbook is designed to serve as a practical guide for our staff, partners, volunteers, and youth leaders. It is rooted in our values of inclusion, empowerment, and participatory development. The handbook draws from established international youth engagement models but is simplified and adapted to BRIGHT's grassroots approach and the Tanzanian context.

Through this handbook, we aim to:

- Demystify the concept of youth engagement
- Present easy-to-use tools and strategies that promote active youth participation
- Support staff and partners in embedding youth leadership in programs
- Provide templates, case studies, and real examples to inspire action

Whether you are working with youth clubs, planning campaigns, or facilitating youth dialogues, this handbook will help you design and implement initiatives that empower youth as drivers of change not just beneficiaries of services. By prioritizing youth voices and leadership, BRIGHT is committed to building a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient society.

2. BRIGHT's Vision for Youth Engagement

BRIGHT commits to:

- Creating inclusive spaces for youth participation in all organizational levels from community mobilization to board representation.
- Building youth capacity through leadership development, mentorship, and peer-to-peer learning.
- Institutionalizing youth voices in program planning, policy dialogue, and monitoring and evaluation processes.
- Partnering with schools, communities, and local government to amplify youth-led action and innovation.

Through this vision, BRIGHT aims to nurture a generation of informed, courageous, and capable youth leaders who can drive equitable change and build a more resilient, just society.

3. Core Principles of Youth Engagement

BRIGHT Tanzania's youth engagement work is guided by a strong foundation of values that ensure the involvement of young people is meaningful, transformative, and sustainable. These principles are not just ideals but practical commitments embedded into every phase of our work from community engagement to national advocacy.

RESPECT

Every youth has a unique voice and perspective. We actively listen and value young people's input, creating safe and supportive spaces where their ideas are welcomed and acted upon.

EMPOWERMENT

Engagement is not about symbolic involvement. It is about equipping youth with the knowledge, tools, confidence, and opportunities to make real decisions and lead transformative actions in their communities.

INCLUSION

Youth from diverse backgrounds including gender, disability, economic status, and geography are intentionally included. We work to remove barriers and ensure equitable access to participation for all.

TRANSPARENCY

Young people deserve to understand how and why decisions are made. We ensure open communication about roles, expectations, project goals, and decision-making processes, building trust and accountability.

COLLABORATION

Effective engagement means youth and adults working together as partners. We foster intergenerational dialogue, shared responsibility, and co-leadership across all programs and activities.

Together, these principles reflect BRIGHT's commitment to fostering authentic partnerships with young people as we build a stronger, more just society.

4. Levels of Youth Engagement (Adapted Model)

BRIGHT Tanzania uses an adapted ladder model to illustrate the varying degrees of youth engagement. This tool helps programs and facilitators assess how deeply youth are involved in the design, execution, and evaluation of initiatives.

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE FROM BRIGHT
1. Tokenism	Youth are present but not given meaningful roles or voice.	Youth attending events only as decoration or photo ops.
2. Consultation	Youth are asked for opinions but have limited influence in decisions.	Surveys on SRHR needs without follow-up or action.
3. Assigned but Informed	Youth are given roles and understand why and how to carry them out.	Youth mobilizers in HPV outreach trained and guided by staff.
4. Shared Decision-Making	Youth collaborate with adults in planning and implementing activities.	Joint planning of youth dialogues on GBV.
5. Youth-Led Initiatives	Youth initiate and manage activities, with adults in a supportive role.	Youth clubs independently running community awareness events.

This model reinforces the importance of striving for higher levels of youth leadership and influence, especially where youth are not only involved, but are leading change. While not all contexts allow for full youth control, the goal is always to engage youth in ways that are genuine, purposeful, and empowering.

A table outlines 5 levels from Tokenism to Youth-led initiatives, with descriptions and BRIGHT examples.

To enhance the 'Levels of Youth Engagement (Adapted Model)' section of the BRIGHT Tanzania Youth Engagement Handbook, this document integrates Roger Hart's Ladder of Youth Participation. Developed in 1992, Hart's model outlines eight levels of youth participation ranging from non-participation to youth-initiated, shared decision-making with adults. This integration supports BRIGHT's commitment to meaningful, transformative youth engagement.

Hart's Ladder of Youth Participation

1. Manipulation
Youth are used to support causes and pretend that the causes are inspired by them.

2. Decoration
Youth are used to bolster a cause in a relatively indirect way, although adults do not pretend that the cause is inspired by youth.

3. Tokenism
Youth appear to be given a voice, but in fact have little or no choice about what they do or how they participate.

4. Assigned but Informed
Youth are assigned a specific role and informed about how and why they are being involved.

5. Consulted and Informed
Youth give advice on projects or programs designed and run by adults. They are informed about how their input will be used and the outcomes of the decisions made by adults.

6. Adult-Initiated, Shared Decisions with Youth
Projects or programs are initiated by adults, but the decision-making is shared with youth.

7. Youth-Initiated and Directed
Youth initiate and direct a project or program. Adults are involved only in a supportive role.
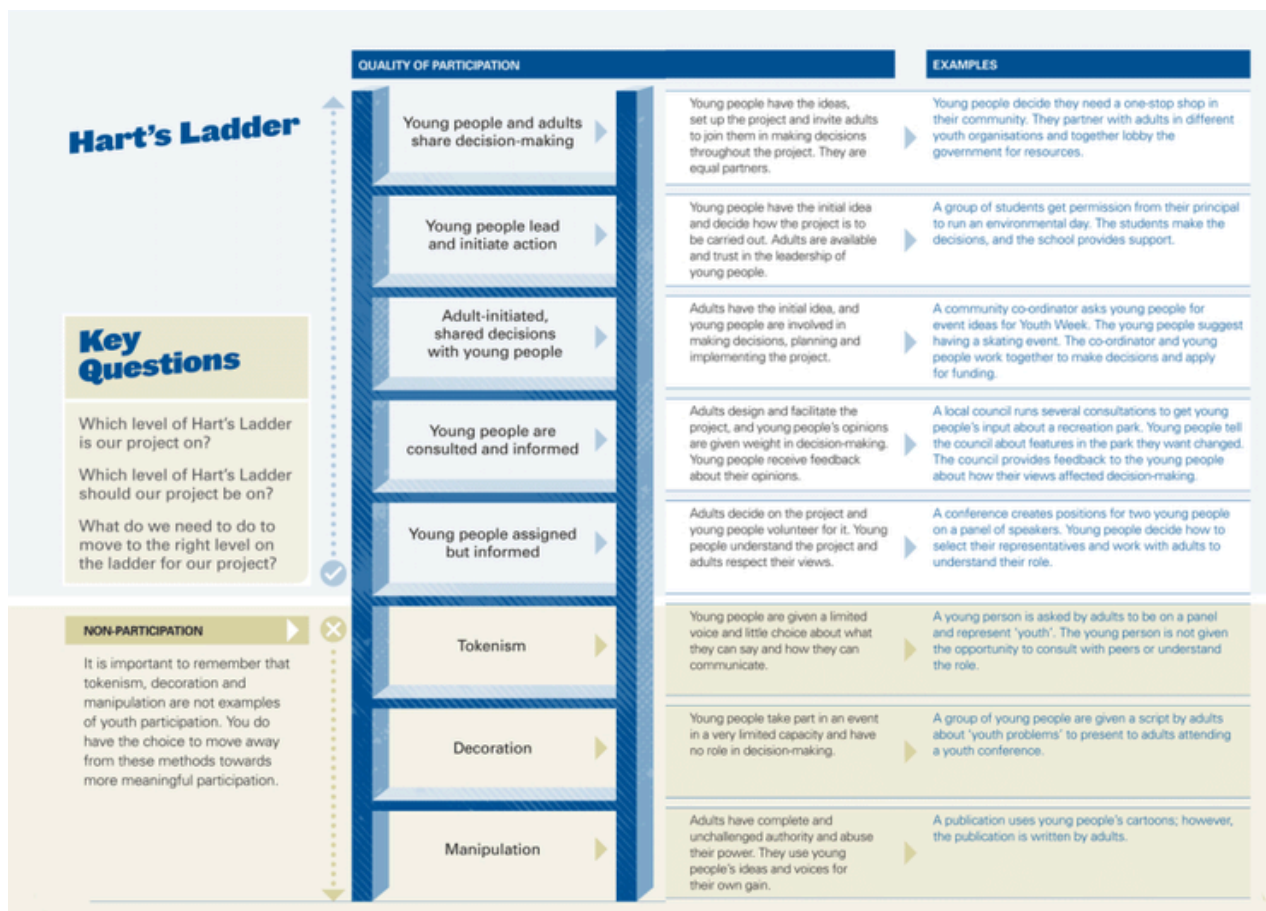
8. Youth-Initiated, Shared Decisions with Adults
Projects or programs are initiated by youth, and decision-making is shared between youth and adults.

By aligning BRIGHT's engagement strategies with Hart's Ladder, we ensure more meaningful and empowering youth participation. This model helps in assessing current engagement levels and setting goals for deeper youth involvement.

For further reference, see the original publication: adapt and present the radar in this manual/ handbook

Hart's Ladder

Key Questions

Which level of Hart's Ladder is our project on?

Which level of Hart's Ladder should our project be on?

What do we need to do to move to the right level on the ladder for our project?

NON-PARTICIPATION

It is important to remember that tokenism, decoration and manipulation are not examples of youth participation. You do have the choice to move away from these methods towards more meaningful participation.

QUALITY OF PARTICIPATION		EXAMPLES
Young people and adults share decision-making	Young people have the ideas, set up the project and invite adults to join them in making decisions throughout the project. They are equal partners.	Young people decide they need a one-stop shop in their community. They partner with adults in different youth organisations and together lobby the government for resources.
Young people lead and initiate action	Young people have the initial idea and decide how the project is to be carried out. Adults are available and trust in the leadership of young people.	A group of students get permission from their principal to run an environmental day. The students make the decisions, and the school provides support.
Adult-initiated, shared decisions with young people	Adults have the initial idea, and young people are involved in making decisions, planning and implementing the project.	A community co-ordinator asks young people for event ideas for Youth Week. The young people suggest having a skating event. The co-ordinator and young people work together to make decisions and apply for funding.
Young people are consulted and informed	Adults design and facilitate the project, and young people's opinions are given weight in decision-making. Young people receive feedback about their opinions.	A local council runs several consultations to get young people's input about a recreation park. Young people tell the council about features in the park they want changed. The council provides feedback to the young people about how their views affected decision-making.
Young people assigned but informed	Adults decide on the project and young people volunteer for it. Young people understand the project and adults respect their views.	A conference creates positions for two young people on a panel of speakers. Young people decide how to select their representatives and work with adults to understand their role.
Tokenism	Young people are given a limited voice and little choice about what they can say and how they can communicate.	A young person is asked by adults to be on a panel and represent 'youth'. The young person is not given the opportunity to consult with peers or understand the role.
Decoration	Young people take part in an event in a very limited capacity and have no role in decision-making.	A group of young people are given a script by adults about 'youth problems' to present to adults attending a youth conference.
Manipulation	Adults have complete and unchallenged authority and abuse their power. They use young people's ideas and voices for their own gain.	A publication uses young people's cartoons; however, the publication is written by adults.

5. BRIGHT Youth Engagement Framework

To ensure that youth engagement is both intentional and impactful, BRIGHT Tanzania has developed a four-stage engagement framework: Identify – Involve – Empower – Lead. This framework is designed to guide programs and staff in systematically integrating youth across all phases of project and organizational development.

Stage 1: Identify
- Definition: Recognizing youth as key stakeholders and potential contributors.
- What it looks like: Mapping youth-led groups, listening sessions, focus group discussions.
- BRIGHT Example: Community mapping exercises to identify active youth influencers before launching awareness campaigns.

Stage 2: Involve
- Definition: Actively including youth in program design and activities.
- What it looks like: Youth participating in consultations, co-design sessions, and community forums.
- BRIGHT Example: Adolescents contributing to the development of SRHR outreach messages through dialogue sessions.

Stage 3: Empower
- Definition: Equipping youth with skills, knowledge, and resources to take on leadership roles.
- What it looks like: Leadership training, mentorship programs, peer educator models.
- BRIGHT Example: Training youth ambassadors on gender-based violence and peer education techniques.

Stage 4: Lead
- Definition: Youth initiate and lead projects with adult support where needed.
- What it looks like: Youth-led initiatives, youth-led M&E, advisory board participation.
- BRIGHT Example: Youth clubs designing and implementing anti-violence campaigns in their communities with minimal staff intervention.

6. Entry Points and Modalities

BRIGHT Tanzania recognizes that youth engagement must happen across multiple platforms to be truly effective. Different youth prefer and access opportunities in different ways depending on their environment, experience, and interests. As such, BRIGHT promotes a flexible and diverse set of engagement entry points and modalities to ensure inclusive participation.

1. Youth Clubs in Schools and Communities

- Provide structured platforms for young people to gather, learn, and organize.
- Promote leadership development and civic awareness.
- Serve as vehicles for youth-led initiatives like awareness campaigns, school debates, and community service.

2. Community Forums and Intergenerational Dialogues

- Create safe spaces for youth to share their views and influence community decisions.
- Foster mutual understanding and collaboration between youth, elders, and local leaders.
- Support conflict resolution, co-design of community programs, and policy input.

3. Digital and Social Media Engagement
- Utilize WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok, and other platforms to amplify youth voices.
- Encourage storytelling, advocacy, and real-time feedback on programs.
- Enable youth to create and lead digital campaigns (e.g., HPV awareness, gender equality).

4. Peer-to-Peer Learning and Mentorship
- Youth are trained to support and mentor fellow youth.
- Builds capacity, trust, and ownership within the community.
- Enhances sustainability and promotes the role of youth as change agents.

5. Youth Advisory Panels and Boards
- Formal structures that allow youth to shape organizational strategies.
- Promote accountability and consistent youth leadership in governance processes.
- Ensure youth representation in BRIGHT's planning and evaluation cycles.

6. Events, Competitions, and Campaigns
- Engaging formats such as sports events, music competitions, hackathons, or public debates.

- Used as tools to raise awareness, mobilize youth, and build solidarity around causes.
- Provide recognition and visibility for youth-led innovation.

7. Tools and Templates for Practical Use

To translate youth engagement theory into action, BRIGHT Tanzania has developed practical tools and templates that can be used by staff, volunteers, and youth leaders to design, implement, and assess effective engagement activities. These tools support structured planning, youth-led initiatives, feedback mechanisms, and ongoing monitoring.

1. Youth Activity Planning Template
A one-page form that helps youth plan their own projects or sessions.
- Sections include: Activity title, objectives, target group, timeline, resources, roles, expected outcomes.
- Used by youth clubs and peer leaders to ensure clear and focused planning.

2. Monthly Youth Engagement Tracker
Helps monitor youth involvement across various activities and regions.
- Tracks: Number of youth participants, roles played, decisions made by youth, challenges faced.
- Used by program officers to report and improve youth participation practices.

3. Feedback and Reflection Form
Captures insights and feedback from youth after events, trainings, or engagements.
- Questions focus on what worked well, what could be improved, and youth suggestions.
- Enables continuous learning and adaptation of programs.

4. Youth Mentorship Logbook
A tool for mentors to track sessions, topics covered, progress made, and feedback received.
- Enhances accountability and structure in mentor-mentee relationships.

5. Youth Engagement Checklist
Used during program design and review stages to ensure youth have been meaningfully included.
- Sample items: Were youth consulted during planning? Do they have defined roles? Are feedback loops in place?

6. Role Definition and Responsibility Card
Used to clearly define youth roles in any given activity or initiative.
- Helps reduce tokenism and clarify expectations for youth participants.

These tools are available in both printed and digital formats and can be adapted for school clubs, community groups, or regional campaigns. Staff are encouraged to train youth on how to use them and to regularly review and revise tools based on youth feedback.

8. Roles of Adults in Supporting Youth

Adults play a critical role in shaping the success of youth engagement efforts at BRIGHT Tanzania. While youth are leaders and agents of change, they thrive best in environments where adults serve as allies, mentors, and facilitators rather than gatekeepers. Below are the core adult roles that foster meaningful and equitable youth participation.

1. Mentor
- Provides guidance, encouragement, and support for youth to explore their potential.
- Helps youth reflect on their leadership journey, set goals, and build life and professional skills.
- Offers emotional support while allowing space for independent decision-making.

2. Facilitator
- Ensures youth have the resources, tools, and opportunities to lead.
- Coordinates logistics and helps structure activities without taking over.
- Encourages inclusive participation, especially for shy or marginalized youth.

3. Advocate
- Champions youth inclusion within decision-making spaces.
- Raises awareness among other adults and community leaders about the value of youth voice.
- Helps open doors to opportunities in leadership, training, and representation.

4. Bridge-Builder
- Connects youth to broader networks such as NGOs, funders, media, and policymakers.
- Facilitates intergenerational dialogue to promote collaboration and shared understanding.
- Encourages mutual learning between adults and youth.

5. Co-Creator
- Works alongside youth in designing programs, campaigns, and community solutions.
- Values and respects youth contributions as equal to adult ideas.
- Shares decision-making and learns from youth perspectives.

By embracing these roles, adults help create safe, enabling environments where young people can exercise their rights, grow as leaders, and contribute to community transformation. These roles must be reinforced through training, reflection, and institutional commitment to youth-adult partnership.

The Role of Adult Allies in Youth Leadership

Adult allies play a pivotal role in creating environments where youth can lead with confidence, learn through experience, and grow into their full potential. Their presence is not about control or authority, but about being intentional partners in youth empowerment. True adult allies understand that their role is to guide without dominating, support without overshadowing, and step back when youth are ready to step up.

At BRIGHT Tanzania, we recognize adult allies as mentors, coaches, protectors of safe spaces, and connectors to resources and systems. When adults approach youth leadership with humility, respect, and a learner's mindset, they model the kind of intergenerational collaboration that builds sustainable impact.

✅ Do's for Adult Allies

- Create safe and inclusive spaces where all young people regardless of background feel respected, heard, and free to express their views and identities.
- Mentor without overpowering. Offer your experience and insight as a guide, not a directive. Let youth shape their path.
- Respect youth perspectives as valid and insightful, even when they challenge traditional ways of thinking. Youth bring creativity, lived experience, and fresh solutions.
- Provide honest, constructive feedback that builds skills and confidence. Celebrate progress while helping youth grow through setbacks.
- Open doors. Share your networks, resources, and platforms to help young people expand their reach and credibility.
- Ask, don't assume. Check in with youth to understand how they prefer to be supported. Empower them to define the support they need.
- Model values. Demonstrate integrity, patience, and equity in your interactions youth will mirror what they experience.

🚫 Don'ts for Adult Allies

- Do not speak for youth when they can speak for themselves. Even in high-level spaces, let youth present their own stories, solutions, and analysis.
- Avoid making unilateral decisions about youth-led projects or activities. Collaboration requires shared power.
- Do not underestimate youth due to age or perceived inexperience. Often, what youth lack in years they make up for in passion, insight, and proximity to the issues.
- Avoid tokenism. Inviting youth to meetings or events just for appearance without meaningful roles is harmful. Participation must be purposeful.
- Don't dismiss or minimize youth ideas or concerns. Instead, engage with curiosity and a desire to understand their viewpoint.
- Refrain from over-correcting or rescuing. Allow room for youth to take risks, make decisions, and learn through trial and reflection.

🤝 When Adults and Youth Lead Together

When adult allies and young people collaborate as equals, they cultivate:
- Mutual trust
- Respectful dialogue
- Shared accountability
- Stronger and more inclusive outcomes

This intergenerational partnership is essential for lasting change. Adults must recognize that meaningful youth engagement is not about giving youth a seat at the table it's about redesigning the table together.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation of Youth Engagement

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of youth engagement ensures that BRIGHT Tanzania is continuously learning, adapting, and holding itself accountable to young people. It helps assess the quality, depth, and effectiveness of youth participation across programs and projects. BRIGHT promotes participatory M&E approaches that involve youth as both contributors and evaluators.

Objectives of M&E for Youth Engagement

- Assess how meaningfully youth are engaged in different phases of the project cycle.
- Identify successes and gaps in youth participation.
- Inform program adjustments and improve future engagement practices.
- Amplify youth voices through participatory reflection and documentation.

Key Indicators to Track

- Number and percentage of activities that include youth from the planning stage.
- Youth satisfaction and perceived influence, collected through post-activity feedback.
- Number of youth-led initiatives supported.
- Representation of youth in decision-making structures.
- Frequency and quality of youth-adult collaboration.

Participatory Tools for M&E

- Youth Reflection Circles – Safe spaces for collective feedback after events.
- Engagement Scorecards – Simple tools where youth rate their experience and suggest improvements.
- Most Significant Change Stories – Collection of real-life stories showing the impact of youth participation.
- Youth Surveys and Polls – Regular check-ins via paper or digital tools like WhatsApp.

Roles of Youth in M&E

- Youth serve as peer evaluators and community researchers.
- Youth co-design evaluation tools and support data collection.
- Youth participate in debriefing and learning sessions to analyze results.

Integrating youth into monitoring and evaluation empowers them further and strengthens BRIGHT's commitment to transparency and accountability. All M&E data should be disaggregated by age, gender, and location to ensure equity and inclusiveness.

10. Sustaining Engagement and Leadership Pipelines

For youth engagement to remain meaningful and impactful, it must be sustained beyond one-time activities or short-term projects. BRIGHT Tanzania is committed to developing long-term systems and leadership pipelines that allow young people to grow, contribute, and lead within the organization and their communities.

Key Strategies for Sustaining Engagement

1. Integrate Youth into Long-Term Planning
Ensure youth representatives are involved in developing BRIGHT's strategic and operational plans. Include youth voices in annual reviews and project evaluations to inform future directions.

2. Establish and Support Youth Leadership Structures
Maintain Youth Advisory Boards and school/community-based youth clubs with clear mandates. Provide consistent support, capacity building, and resources to ensure these structures are active and effective.

3. Provide Continuous Capacity Development
Offer ongoing training on leadership, advocacy, financial literacy, digital skills, and project management. Create peer-to-peer learning opportunities and mentorship pathways.

4. Promote Recognition and Visibility of Youth Contributions
Publicly acknowledge outstanding youth efforts through awards, media features, and events. Showcase success stories in reports, social media, and donor updates to elevate youth leadership.

5. Create Pathways from Participation to Employment and Leadership
Support transitioning youth from volunteer roles to paid internships or employment. Engage alumni of youth programs as trainers, ambassadors, or board members.

6. Foster Ownership and Accountability
Give youth real decision-making power in areas that affect them. Encourage youth to lead monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of their own initiatives.

By implementing these strategies, BRIGHT strengthens the sustainability of its youth engagement efforts and cultivates a generation of capable, confident leaders prepared to drive long-term change across Tanzania.

11. Case Studies from BRIGHT Tanzania

BRIGHT Tanzania's commitment to youth engagement is not just theoretical — it's visible in the work happening across communities. Below are selected case studies that showcase the power of youth-led action, youth-adult partnerships, and sustained engagement in transforming lives and driving social change.

Case Study 1: Youth Clubs Leading GBV Dialogues – Njombe Region

In 2024, BRIGHT established youth clubs in several wards of Njombe to tackle gender-based violence (GBV) through peer-led community dialogues. These clubs trained 45 youth leaders, ages 16–24, on gender rights, safe reporting pathways, and facilitation techniques. Within six months:

- Over 25 public dialogue sessions were held with parents, village leaders, and adolescents.
- Youth documented local GBV concerns and presented them to ward councils.
- One village instituted a community safety committee that included two youth representatives.

This initiative not only raised awareness but also positioned youth as credible advocates for safer communities.

Case Study 2: HPV Champions in Schools – Shinyanga Region

Under the Mwanzo Mwema initiative, BRIGHT partnered with schools to train students as HPV vaccination champions. The peer education model empowered adolescents to educate others about HPV, cervical cancer, and the importance of the vaccine.
- 36 peer educators were trained in 12 schools.
- They reached over 1,500 students with age-appropriate information and storytelling sessions.
- Vaccine uptake increased by 28% in the targeted schools.

The project demonstrated the effectiveness of youth voices in combating vaccine hesitancy and misinformation.

Case Study 3: Digital Campaigners Against Misinformation – Lindi Region

In response to low awareness about health and gender issues, BRIGHT mobilized youth in Lindi to lead a digital campaign using WhatsApp and Instagram. Youth received training on content creation, fact-checking, and safe online engagement.

- The campaign reached over 10,000 youth with positive messaging on immunization, gender equality, and mental health.
- Youth used videos, voice notes, and infographics to drive conversation and answer peer questions in real-time.
- Several influencers from the community joined the campaign, increasing its credibility and reach.

This case shows the power of integrating digital media into youth-led advocacy.

Case Study 4: Youth in Budget Advocacy – Kigoma Region

In Kigoma, BRIGHT piloted a participatory budgeting approach involving youth in discussions about community development priorities. Youth were trained to analyze local budgets and facilitate community input sessions.

- Youth presented their priorities to ward development committees.
- One ward redirected part of its health allocation to establish a youth-friendly service corner in the local dispensary.
- The project increased community awareness of inclusive governance and accountability.

This case reflects how BRIGHT empowers youth to engage not only socially, but also politically and economically.

12. Annexes

Annex 1: Youth Engagement Checklist
A tool to assess whether youth have been meaningfully involved in the planning and implementation of any activity.
 Includes prompts like: Were youth consulted? Were their ideas incorporated? Were feedback mechanisms in place?

Annex 2: Youth Activity Planning Template
Used by youth clubs and peer leaders to outline their initiatives.
 Includes: Title, Objective, Target Group, Timeline, Resources Needed, Roles, and Expected Results.

Annex 3: Feedback and Reflection Form
Captures youth perspectives after an event or training. Questions include: What did you enjoy? What was unclear?
 What suggestions do you have? What would you do differently?

Annex 4: Monthly Youth Engagement Tracker
Used by program staff to track youth involvement and leadership in various activities by region.
Includes metrics like: No. of youth involved, nature of role, engagement level, challenges, follow-up needed.

Annex 5: Youth Mentorship Logbook
Helps mentors track sessions held with mentees, topics covered, goals set, progress observed, and challenges.
 Includes a signature space for both mentor and mentee.

Annex 6: Role Definition and Responsibility Card
Clarifies youth roles in any activity to prevent tokenism and ensure mutual accountability.
 Includes: Role Title, Description, Duration, Support Needed, and Expected Contribution.

Annex 1: Youth Engagement Checklist

This checklist helps ensure that youth are meaningfully involved in the design, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs or activities.

Instructions:

Please mark ✓ Yes, ✗ No, or ? Not Sure for each question. Use the notes section to elaborate where necessary.

Checklist Item	Response (✓/✗/?)	Notes/Comments
Were youth consulted during the planning of the activity or program?		
Did youth participate in decision-making (not just implementation)?		
Were the roles of youth clearly defined and agreed upon in advance?		
Was there flexibility to incorporate youth ideas and feedback during implementation?		
Were any youth from marginalized or underrepresented groups included (e.g., girls, youth with disabilities)?		
Were youth provided with the necessary resources, training, or tools to participate meaningfully?		
Did the activity ensure a safe, inclusive, and respectful space for youth?		
Was there a mechanism to receive and act on youth feedback during or after the activity?		
Did youth help evaluate the activity or reflect on lessons learned?		
Do youth feel that their contribution was valued and impactful?		

Annex 2: Youth Activity Planning Template

This form is designed to help youth plan and organize meaningful activities. Please complete all sections.

Activity Title:

Activity Date(s):

Location:

Prepared By (Names/Group):

Objective(s) of the Activity:

Target Group (e.g., in-school youth, young mothers):

Estimated Number of Participants:

Description of the Activity (What will happen?):

Key Roles and Responsibilities (List team members and tasks):

Resources Needed (materials, equipment, budget):

Partners/Support Required (e.g., school, LGA, CBO):

Expected Outcomes:

Monitoring Plan (how will you track the success of the activity?):

Follow-Up Actions (if any):

Approval (if required – name and position of person approving):

Annex 3: Youth Feedback and Reflection Form

Use this form to collect feedback from youth participants after a training, event, or engagement session. The goal is to improve future sessions and ensure youth voices are heard and valued.

Participant Details

Name: _____

Age:_____ Gender: _____

Region/District:_____

Activity Name:_____

Date: _____

Reflection Questions

1. What did you enjoy most about this session/event?

2. What did you learn that was new or useful to you?

3. Was there anything unclear or difficult to understand?

4. What could be improved in future sessions?

5. Do you feel your opinions and contributions were valued?

6. How would you rate the facilitation? (Tick one)

   □ Excellent □ Good□ Fair □ Poor

7. Any other comments or suggestions?

Optional: Would you like to be contacted for future youth activities?

□ Yes □ No

If yes, please provide your phone number or email:_____

Annex 4: Monthly Youth Engagement Tracker

Use this form to document youth engagement across BRIGHT Tanzania activities on a monthly basis. This tool supports consistent reporting and learning.

Date	Region/ District	Activity Name	Number of Youth Involved	Type of Role (e.g., Facilitator, Organizer, Participant)	Level of Engagement (Low / Medium / High)	Remarks / Follow-Up Needed

Notes:
•Use one row per activity per region.
•'Level of Engagement' refers to how active the youth were: 'Low' = passive, 'Medium' = partially involved, 'High' = led or co-led the activity.
•Submit this tracker monthly to the M&E Officer.

Annex 5: Youth Mentorship Logbook

This logbook is used by mentors and mentees to record mentorship sessions, track progress, and identify areas for further development.

Date	Session Topic	Key Discussion Points	Goals Set / Actions Agreed	Progress Observed	Mentor/Mentee Comments

Mentor Name: _____ Signature: _____

Mentee Name: _____ Signature: _____

Annex 6: Role Definition and Responsibility Card

This card is used to define youth roles in any activity or program, ensuring clarity and accountability.

Role Title: _____

Assigned To: _____

Project/Activity Name: _____

Region/District: _____

Duration of Role (Start - End Date): _____

Main Responsibilities:

_____

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Expected Contribution / Deliverables:

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Support Needed (from staff or peers):

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Supervisor/Support Person: _____

Youth Signature: _____Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annex 7: Youth Participation Ladder

The Youth Participation Ladder is a self-assessment tool to evaluate the level of youth involvement in any program, project, or decision-making process. Each step represents a different form of participation, from manipulation to full youth-led initiatives. This editable form allows project teams to reflect and identify current levels, gaps, and desired improvements.

Ladder Step	Description	Your Notes / Reflections
1. Manipulation	Youth are used to support causes and pretend to have a voice, but actually have no influence.	
2. Decoration	Youth are used in activities but have no real understanding or input.	
3. Tokenism	Youth are asked for opinions but have limited opportunity to influence decisions.	
4. Assigned but Informed	Youth are assigned roles and understand the purpose and how their input will be used.	
5. Consulted and Informed	Youth are consulted and informed about how their input will influence decisions.	
6. Adult-Initiated, Shared Decisions	Adults initiate activities, but decision-making is shared with youth.	
7. Youth-Initiated, Shared Decisions	Youth initiate projects and share decision-making with adults.	
8. Youth-Led	Youth have full autonomy and lead projects with adults in a supportive role only.	

Annex 8: Roles of Adult Allies and Facilitators

This editable form is designed to help define and agree upon the responsibilities of adult allies and facilitators supporting youth-led initiatives.

Section A: Personal Information

Name of Adult Ally/Facilitator: _____

Organization/Role: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Section B: Role and Responsibilities

1. What specific role will you play in supporting youth activities?

_____

_____

2. What support will you provide to youth participants? (e.g., technical, emotional, logistical)

_____

_____

3. How will you ensure youth voices lead the process while providing guidance?

_____

_____

Section C: Accountability and Communication

4. How often will you meet or check-in with the youth team?

_____

5. What steps will you take if conflicts or concerns arise?

_____

Section D: Commitment and Signatures

I commit to supporting youth leadership respectfully and constructively in line with BRIGHT Tanzania's principles of meaningful youth engagement.

Signature of Adult Ally/Facilitator: _____ Date:_____

Signature of Youth Representative: _____ Date: _____

Annex 10: Youth Rights and Protection

This form is designed to help BRIGHT Tanzania and its partners ensure that youth involved in its programs understand their rights and are protected throughout their engagement.

Participants and staff should review this document together at the beginning of any youth-related program or activity.

Section 1: Youth Rights Acknowledgement

As a participating youth, I understand that I have the right to:

□ Be treated with respect and dignity at all times.
□ Participate voluntarily in programs and have my views heard.
□ Receive clear information about the activity and my role.
□ Say no to anything I feel uncomfortable with.
□ Access appropriate support or referrals if I feel unsafe.
□ Have my personal information kept private and secure.

Youth Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 2: Staff Commitment to Youth Protection

As a staff member, I commit to:

□ Creating a safe and inclusive environment for all youth.
□ Reporting any safeguarding concerns or violations immediately.
□ Respecting youth opinions and promoting their leadership.
□ Upholding confidentiality and child protection policies.
□ Avoiding any form of harassment, coercion, or abuse.

Staff Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 3: Emergency Contact and Reporting

In case of any emergency or safeguarding concern, contact the designated focal person:

Name of Focal Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reporting Reference Number (if applicable): _____

Annex 11: Do No Harm and Safe Participation Guidelines

These guidelines aim to ensure that all BRIGHT Tanzania youth engagement activities are conducted safely, ethically, and inclusively. They are grounded in the principles of dignity, equity, and protection of all participants especially vulnerable groups.

1. Basic Principles

- Respect the dignity and autonomy of every participant.
- Prioritize physical and emotional safety in all activities.
- Do not engage in or tolerate discrimination, harassment, or abuse.
- Be sensitive to cultural norms without compromising human rights.
- Always seek informed consent before participation or documentation (e.g., photos, stories).

2. Youth-Friendly Safe Space Checklist

□ The venue is accessible, safe, and inclusive for all (including PWDs).
□ There is a private space available for participants who may need it.
□ Emergency contacts and a first aid kit are available on site.
□ There is a clear system to report complaints or concerns.
□ Activities do not expose participants to unnecessary risk or emotional distress.

3. Consent and Safety Confirmation

All participants (or guardians for minors) must sign below to confirm they have understood the safety guidelines and give consent to participate.

Full Name	Signature	Date	Guardian Consent (if under 18)

4. Notes or Incidents (if any)

Use the space below to document any issues or concerns raised during the activity. Staff must follow up in accordance with BRIGHT Tanzania's safeguarding procedures.

Annex 13: Sample Meeting Agenda Template for Youth Groups

This template provides a suggested format for organizing structured and inclusive youth group meetings. It helps ensure meetings are productive, participatory, and action-oriented.

Youth Group Meeting Agenda Template

1. Meeting Details:
   - Date: _____
   - Time: _____
   - Venue: _____
   - Facilitator/Chair: _____
   - Minute Taker: _____

2. Welcome and Opening (5–10 mins)
   - Greetings and attendance
   - Icebreaker or energizer activity

3. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes (5–10 mins)
   - Highlights and follow-up on action items

4. Updates and Announcements (10–15 mins)
   - Program or project updates
   - Member achievements or community news

5. Main Discussion Topics (20–30 mins)
   - Topic 1: _____
   - Topic 2: _____
   - Topic 3: _____

6. Group Reflections and Feedback (10 mins)
   - What worked well? What can be improved?

7. Action Planning (10 mins)
   - Tasks to be completed and assigned roles
   - Next steps and deadlines

8. Any Other Business (AOB) (5 mins)

9. Closing Remarks and Next Meeting Date
- Date: _____
- Time: _____
- Venue: _____

10. Signatures:
- Facilitator: _____
- Minute Taker: _____

Annex 14: Leadership Skills Self-Assessment Tool

This self-assessment tool helps youth reflect on their leadership strengths and areas for growth. It is intended to guide personal development and support mentorship or training programs.

Instructions:

Read each statement and rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 based on how true it is for you.
 1 = Not at all | 2 = Rarely| 3 = Sometimes | 4 = Often | 5 = Always

Leadership Competencies

1. I speak confidently in front of a group. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

2. I listen actively and respectfully to others' opinions. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

3. I take initiative to start new projects or solve problems. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

4. I work well in a team and help bring people together. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

5. I can resolve conflicts fairly and calmly. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

6. I manage my time and responsibilities effectively. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

7. I encourage and support others to reach their goals. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

8. I communicate clearly and professionally. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

9. I stay calm and focused under pressure. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

10. I reflect on my actions and learn from feedback. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

Scoring and Reflection

Add up your total score and review your strengths and areas for improvement.

 Total Score: _____ / 50

 1–20: You are just beginning your leadership journey great time to seek mentorship and practice new skills.
 21–35: You are developing well identify areas for growth and continue learning.
36–50: You are a strong leader keep building on your strengths and supporting others.

Reflection Questions:
 - What are your top 2 leadership strengths?
 - What is one area you want to improve?
 - What support or opportunities would help you grow as a leader?

Annex 15: Monthly Report Template for Youth Club Leads

This template supports youth club leaders in documenting monthly activities, participation, outcomes, and challenges. It helps maintain transparency, track progress, and support coordination with BRIGHT Tanzania staff.

1. Basic Information

Youth Club Name: _____

Region/District: _____

Reporting Month: _____

Club Leader Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

2. Summary of Activities Conducted

Provide a list of the key activities conducted during the month.

Activity 1: _____

Date: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Description: _____

Outcomes: _____

Repeat for additional activities as needed.

3. Participation Summary

- Total Number of Participants:
- Female Youth: _____ Male Youth: _____
- People with Disabilities: _____
- Out-of-School Youth: _____

4. Challenges Encountered

_____

_____

_____

5. Lessons Learned and Recommendations

_____

_____

6. Support or Follow-Up Required from BRIGHT Team

_____

_____

7. Report Submitted By

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annex 16: 'My Leadership Journey' Reflection Log

This reflection log is designed to help youth leaders track their personal growth, leadership experiences, and lessons learned throughout their engagement with BRIGHT Tanzania. It encourages critical thinking, goal setting, and self-awareness.

Part 1: My Leadership Identity

1. What does leadership mean to me?

_____

2. What strengths do I bring as a leader?

_____

3. What values guide my actions as a leader?

_____

Part 2: My Leadership Experiences

4. Describe one leadership activity or role you participated in this month:

_____

5. What challenges did you face and how did you handle them

_____

6. What skills did you use or develop? (e.g., communication, teamwork, decision-making)

_____

Part 3: Learning and Growth

7. What is one thing you are proud of this month?

_____

8. What feedback have you received and how will you apply it?

_____

9. What would you do differently next time?

_____

Part 4: Looking Ahead

10. What is one goal you want to achieve in your leadership journey next month?

_____

11. What support do you need to reach this goal?

_____

12. Personal reflections or notes:

_____