



Volunteer Role Profile: Youth Leaders for Health

"Freedom is meaningless if people cannot put food in their stomachs, if they have no shelter, if illiteracy and disease continue to dog them."

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow"

"To the youth of today, I also have a wish to make: Be the script writers of your destiny and feature yourselves as stars that showed the way towards a brighter future. "

- Nelson Mandela

The issue

After 15 years of consistent declines in malaria cases and deaths, the last 3 years have seen progress slowing, with many countries now experiencing a challenging increase in malaria cases. There are many reasons for this increase, including a reduction in funding to reduce malaria, less urgency about the impact of malaria within affected countries and increased anti-malaria drug resistance.

The best way to ensure malaria cases are adequately handled is with a strong healthcare system that can diagnose and treat malaria cases as quickly as possible.

However, for too many people around the world, access to this life-saving service is blocked by hospital fees or a lack of facilities to diagnose symptoms rapidly.

People have a right to the healthcare they need without incurring financial hardship. Citizens should have a say in how services are provided, and people advocating for health in their communities can be powerful agents of change

Thankfully there are global efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and countries around the world are increasingly turning their attention to strengthening their health systems, so that infectious diseases like malaria can be tackled more effectively.

Why we want you

We know what it takes to tackle malaria and strengthen health systems, but we need politicians, businesses and citizens to put it at the top of their to-do list.

That's where you come in!

We are looking for passionate campaigners to make tackling malaria and strengthening health systems a priority in your country and beyond. You do not need to be an expert – all we need is your enthusiasm and time.

As part of the programme you will be involved in a variety of advocacy activities like potentially developing and launching a Universal Health Coverage campaign during the election period in your country or talking to world leaders at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Rwanda.



With your help, we will be one step closer to making the end of malaria and UHC by 2030 a reality.

Who are we?

RESULTS UK are working alongside Hope for Future Generations (Ghana), CISMAT-SL (Sierra Leone), Health Promotion Tanzania- HDT and WACI Health to run the one-year Youth Leaders for Health programme in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Tanzania.

We will train and support a group of highly engaged and skilled youth leaders in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Tanzania that are passionate about health and healthcare systems to advocate for policy change at key national, regional and global advocacy moments. Our youth leaders will be influencing decision-makers during key moments such as national elections and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting to try and end the malaria epidemic, achieve universal health coverage (UHC) and create lasting impact.

What will Youth Leaders do?

This one-year leadership development programme will support 25 young campaigners based in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Tanzania to develop the skills and knowledge needed to help accelerate progress to end malaria and strengthen health systems in these countries and globally. The role will include:

- Attending a global advocacy training workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to develop new skills, hear from experts and learn more about malaria and health system strengthening. This will enable participants to become leaders in advocacy for improved access to health.
- Putting your newly developed skills into practice by meeting decision makers at international gatherings and summits such as the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda as well as other national, regional and global events.
- Developing your own campaign and running campaigning activities such as hosting events attended by politicians and decision-makers, petitions to national Governments and speaking to the media to increase support for eradicating malaria and universal health coverage both in your country and globally.
- Making links with local decision makers such as parliamentarians and local government officials to advocate for change.
- Working with other young people in your community to pass on your skills and knowledge and help them become champions for better access to health
- Monthly online meetings with other young people in the three countries to share your ideas and improve your campaigns.

What are the benefits of becoming a Youth Leader for Health?

- A full training programme delivered by experts in advocacy, campaigning and international development.
- Gaining or deepening the knowledge, skills, and experience in advocacy, campaigning, media and communications needed to become a future leader.
- Additional opportunities to take part in regional and global events throughout the year to continue using your campaigning skills and to influence political processes.
- Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be covered, and small financial grants will be available to support your campaigning.
- Being part of a global movement of young people advocating for a better and healthier future generation.



What you need

- Age 18-35
- Available from 23rd-31st January to travel to Addis Ababa for the training workshop and African Union Heads of State Summit.
- A valid passport.
- You will already be involved with campaigning or community development organisations promoting health in your community
- A reference from this organisation, confirming their support for your application (see more information under 'references & supporting organisation').
- Confident, clear English speaker and happy to speak publicly at large events. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications from non-English speakers.
- Interested in issues linked to development and injustice; you don't have to be an expert in malaria and wider health issues but you must be interested in learning more
- Committed to participating in or running campaigning activities locally, nationally, regionally and/or globally following your training.
- Interested in meeting and working in partnership with new people from many countries around the world.

Applications will be selected based on the above criteria, along with ensuring diversity (e.g. gender, nationality).

We actively encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds, and we are committed to supporting accessibility requirements for successful candidates.

References & the Supporting Organisation

All applicants must have a reference from an organisation you are affiliated with, for example a local civil society organisation.

The lead partner organisation in each of the focus countries will commit to providing a supporting role throughout the programme. This includes:

- Providing access to IT services (e.g. Skype), to enable the applicant's participation in webinars and teleconferences
- Supporting the applicant in preparing for the training in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January
- Supporting the applicant, as required, in travelling to/from airport in a timely manner
- Providing guidance and support to the applicant with the implementation of their campaign plan
- Identifying opportunities for the applicant to continue using their skills
- Ensuring links between the applicant's campaign plans and the plans of the member organisation
- Managing a grant on behalf of the applicant to deliver campaigning activities, if required.

Safeguarding:

We are committed to protecting and keeping our volunteers and campaigners safe. All partners have safeguarding policies and procedures in place to address any safeguarding incidents that might arise. We select, check and manage our applicants to make sure that we are able to do this.



About the organisations

RESULTS UK

RESULTS UK is a non-profit advocacy organisation that works to create the public and political will to end extreme poverty. RESULTS' focus is on educating and empowering people - whether they are ordinary citizens or key decision-makers – to bring about policy changes that will improve the lives of the world's poorest people. Our advocacy focuses on areas that have the most potential to make a difference. RESULTS UK has a track record of expertise in education, global health and economic opportunity. RESULTS UK is a partner of the ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership.

Civil Society Movement Against Tuberculosis-Sierra Leone (CISMAT-SL)

Civil Society Movement Against Tuberculosis-Sierra Leone (CISMAT-SL) is a coalition of diverse groups ranging from community-based to faith-based organisations working on the promotion of civil society involvement in TB issues with the bid to re-invigorate advocacy efforts for the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of TB. CISMAT-SL was formed as a result of the exclusion by the national government of the civil society from the development of policies and programmes aimed at TB patients.

Health Promotion Tanzania- HDT

Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT) is a national NGO working to see a responsible and healthy society and envisages to achieve this through promoting innovative community-based systems and standards that deliver sustainable impact. Health Promotion Tanzania has three program areas, namely policy monitoring and advocacy, community system strengthening, and knowledge and innovation.

Hope For Future Generations

Hope for Future Generations is a Ghanaian community rights-based organisation that works with communities to improve the health, education and socioeconomic status of women, children and young people. through community mobilization, empowerment, capacity building, advocacy, rights-based approaches and innovative, participatory strategies

WACI Health

WACI Health is a regional advocacy organization committed to creating political will to end life-threatening epidemics and improve health for all in Africa.