



COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF 5- DAYS CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS FOR YOUTH IN GHANA, HELD ON AUGUST 9TH - 13TH, 2017 AT TAMALE GIRLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (PAGNAA) IN TAMALE

We young people from five Regions in Ghana; Northern, Greater Accra, Ashanti, Brong Ahafo and Upper East Regions have mobilised each other to the number of 217 within the ages of 15 to 25 years for five days conference on our sexual and reproductive health needs. This conference was organised by NORSAAC in collaboration with government agencies like National Youth Authority, Ghana Health Service and Ghana Education Service and other civil society organisations; Youth Empowerment for Life, and Global Platform Ghana-ActionAid. It was funded by RFSU, OXFAM, SIMAVI, Plan International Ghana and held at Tamale Girls Senior High School (Pagnaa) in Tamale from 9th -13th August 2017. This conference dubbed NORGHA 2017 focused on; comprehensive sexuality education, comprehensive abortion care, Family planning services, youth friendly services and youth literacy in Ghana. The theme for the conference was ***“Promoting peaceful Environment for enhanced Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and service for young people”***. The conference among others aimed at creating a safe space for youth to critically reflect on policy gaps, reflect on youth friendly solutions and to engage service providers on the desired change for enhanced youth friendly services.

Having deliberated on the policy environment and the practice of service delivery for young people reproductive health needs, we draw the attention of his Excellency the President of Ghana through the Northern Regional Minister, Honorable Salifu Saeed on the following issues;

- There is inadequate monitoring, evaluation and supervision of infrastructures available to provide services for young people
- Inability of health providers to understand the health needs of the Physically challenged especially the deaf and dumb due to language barriers
- Teachers skills on comprehensive sexuality education have not been recognised as a relevant course at the teacher training institutions resulting

