

## Concept Note

### Youth Led and Youth Serving Regional Consultative Meeting

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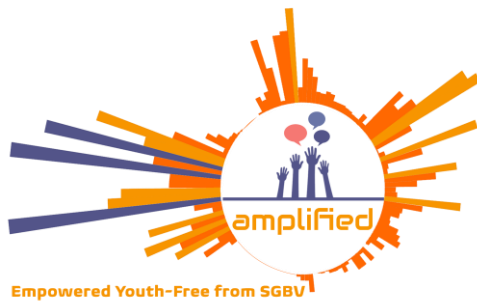
#### 1. Introduction and Background

Regain Trust [T100/15] is a registered non-profit trust with the Master of the High Court. The overall goal of the organization is to contribute towards National efforts to address all forms gender inequalities that pose socio-development challenges in Namibia. The organization implements a variety of projects that address Gender based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Challenges Nationally and specifically across 4 Regions (Komas, Erongo, Oshana, Omusati). Regain Trust attempts to support National efforts by enhancing access to services and acting as an entry point for essential services. The organization offers a multi-levelled and collaborative approach in addressing Gender based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights concerns.

Despite the country being identified as an upper middle-income country, Namibia has exceptionally high levels of inequality. Most of these inequalities disproportionately effect the lives of women and children, particularly **Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW)**. This is evidenced by high incidences of **Sexual and Gender based Violence (SGBV)**, high prevalence of unintended pregnancies and prevailing HIV transmissions amongst AGYW. Notwithstanding the country's progressive legal and policy frameworks, actual enforcement and delivery of preventative, response, mitigating programs and services remain an enormous challenge. Programs and services still tend to be sporadic, isolated, and limited in scope and reach. COVID-19 has significantly increased the risks and vulnerabilities of AGYW towards SGBV, Unintended Pregnancies and HIV transmission. During this period access to **Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)** services such as family planning commodities was hampered, which contributed to an overwhelming number of unintended pregnancies amongst AGYW. Over 5000 cases of GBV have been reported between 2020-2021.

#### 2. Regional Consultative Meetings

It is against this background that Regain Trust plans to convene regional consultative meetings with youth led and youth serving organizations from the Komas, Erongo, Omusati and Oshana Regions. The overall goal of the meetings is to strengthening collaboration and coordination amongst Civil Society Organizations whose primary beneficiaries are Adolescents and Youth. In trying to achieve this overall goal, invited organizations would conduct mapping exercises meant to identify the different types of services offered, identify the specific communities in which these services are offered, explore similarities and differences across the different CSOs. The meetings would also create a space to plan and discuss strategies to strengthen collaboration, coordination and partnerships whilst mitigating duplication of services.



The meetings will take place over one day. The table below outlines the tentative dates and location for the meetings:

Date	Time	Region	Town	Venue (TBC)
20.04.2022	08:30 - 13:00	Khomas	Windhoek	Katutura Youth Centre
22.04.2022	08:30 - 13:00	Erongo	Walvis Bay	Erongo Regional Youth Office
26.04.2022	08:30 - 13:00	Omusati	Outapi	Outapi Youth Centre
27.04.2022	08:30 - 13:00	Oshana	Ondangwa	Ondangwa Youth Health+ Centre

## Draft PROGRAMME

### Regional Youth led and Youth Serving CSO meeting

#### Dates & Place:

**Overall Goal | Strengthening collaboration and coordination amongst Civil Society Organizations with Adolescents and Youth as primary beneficiaries**

Time	Session	Outcome	Facilitator
08:30-08:45	Welcoming, Introductions,	Setting the scene	ALL
08:45-09:00	About Amplified: Progress Report	Introducing participants to Amplified Project	Regain Trust
09:00-10:00	CSOs Presentations	-Brief Org overview -Beneficiaries -Communities -Challenges -Successes -Opportunities for collaboration	Invited CSO's
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Health Break</b>		
10:15-11:15	CSO's Presentation	-Brief Org overview -Beneficiaries -Communities -Challenges -Successes -Opportunities for collaboration	Invited CSO's
11:15-12:15	Strategies to strengthen coordination and collaboration	Group Work Plenary discussion to explore effective strategies	ALL
12:15-13:00	Way Forward and Wrap Up	-Way forward	Regain Trust
13:00-14:00	LIGHT REFRESHMENTS		