Terms of Reference for country advocacy focal persons

Introduction
LVCT Health is partnering with Frontline AIDS to mobilise civil society support for CSE in the EAC region and to strengthen the meaningful engagement of civil society in determining the future of the ESA Ministerial Commitment. This will be done through a range of activities that will both support movement building on CSE and promote participation of civil society and youth advocates in regional and national processes related to the ESA Commitment. The outcome of this work will be a strong movement of CSOs that will be equipped to champion CSE and counter opposition to it in the East Africa region, specifically the EAC countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda, as well as a strong civil society and youth voice in and influence on the outcomes of the ESA Commitment renewal.

LVCT Health is looking for country focal persons from each of the EAC countries (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) to engage in the CSE advocacy and coordinate with other CSOs and AYP groups. This advocacy project will be implemented between June and December 2021.

Criteria for Country Focal Person:
- Good knowledge of the national CSE context/policies
- Well-connected to other civil society partners/networks advocating or working on CSE
- Represent, or work closely with, youth-led networks/organisation advocating for CSE/adolescent SRHR.
- Has good working relationship with government-level decision makers on CSE (i.e. Ministries of Health and Ministries of Education or other relevant stakeholders)

About the role of country focal person
- Be part of the core group working with LVCT Health and Frontline AIDS on CSE advocacy
- This core group will work with staff from Frontline AIDS and LVCT Kenya to select the speakers for both the Civil Society Dialogue and the Regional Consultation hosted by UNESCO
- Shape the agenda for the dialogue event as well as the recommendations of the civil society declaration.
- Organize in-country activities, specifically an event where they will share the civil society declaration with key government stakeholders and lobby them to support its recommendations in the negotiations around the ESA Commitment Renewal. The country focal persons will be allocated a small budget to facilitate advocacy activities.
- Be part of a partnership dedicated to progressing CSE in the region and monitoring and countering opposition.
- A small budget is available to support staff time associated with this role as well as one national advocacy event.

Application criteria
- Submit your curriculum vitae
- A 300-word motivation statement
- Deadline for applications is 28th June 2021
Applications to be sent to jane.nderi@lvcthealth.org

Disclaimer: Only successful candidates will be communicated to for interviews and the finalist will receive official communication on their selection.