

Global Financing Facility

Civil Society and Youth-led Organization Landscape Assessment

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Country Report: Mauritania

Number of respondents: 1

PAI conducted an open consultation in February and March 2023 inviting civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth-led organizations (YLOs) to share their perspectives about civil society and youth engagement in country-level policy processes as well as global health financing fora, including those related to the Global Financing Facility (GFF). The survey, which was publicly available in both English and French, received a total of 150 responses from 33 GFF focus countries. The survey elicited feedback on the CSO/YLO landscape in each GFF partner country, including strengths, gaps and challenges faced by CSO/YLOs in their work and engagement in GFF processes. The findings from the consultation will be used to define opportunities to strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration, including increasing meaningful CSO/YLO engagement GFF



processes at the country level. The survey is also intended to identify priorities and opportunities to strengthen CSO/YLO networks to ensure they are positioned, resourced, and equipped to act as advocates to advance sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (SRMNCAH-N).

Overview

One respondent to the 2023 CSO/YLO Community Survey reported working in Mauritania and identified themselves as an international non-governmental organization (INGO) that works in multiple countries, as well as Mauritania. This respondent was unsure if their organization had received funding from PAI from any program area in the past.

This respondent reported working in health and nutrition (including SRMNCAH-N), education, gender equality and governance. Within the health and nutrition sector, the respondent focuses on the following areas: maternal health, adolescent health and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), including malaria.

The respondent also predominately conducts the following activities:

- Advocacy
- Research
- Accountability and monitoring
- Civic engagement
- Youth engagement
- Health financing
- Policy development
- Technical assistance
- Service delivery

The respondent that works in Mauritania categorized their significant accomplishments or “wins” as follows:

- Mobilized domestic resources for health and/or nutrition
- Supported policy development
- Supported a specific policy win
- Implemented high-impact programs
- Effectively carried out civic engagement
- Effectively carried out youth engagement
- Conducted impactful research

Given the breadth of this respondent’s geographical focus and the lack of data from other CSO/YLOs that work in Mauritania, there are not enough survey data to present country-specific findings that reflect the broad range of experiences of organizations that work in this country. To better understand the CSO/YLO landscape in Mauritania, future outreach to CSO/YLOs who are active in this country should inquire as to their awareness of and engagement with GFF processes in Mauritania, as well as factors that enable or hinder their participation in these processes.