

EXERCISE

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Youth Act Alliance (YAA) of Malawi Case Study

After reading the case study, form small groups of three to five participants. In your groups, review the list of strengths and weaknesses (below) that have been discussed in this session and circle those that you think apply to the YAA coalition. For each strength or weakness you circle, explain why you think it applies to the YAA. Then, pick one of the weaknesses that you identified and brainstorm a strategy for overcoming that weakness.

Prepare to present your group's findings with the rest of the participants and be ready to explain why your group selected the strengths or weaknesses you did or, if you decided you need more information, what specific things you would like to know about the YAA.

POTENTIAL STRENGTHS (CHOOSE AT LEAST TWO):

A common framing of the issue.

Why?

Trust and belief that peers have a commitment to the common goal.

Why?

Shared incentive and benefit to participation.

Why?

Inclusive membership.

Why?

Ability to mobilize.

Why?

POTENTIAL STRENGTHS (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE):

Lack of clear, identifiable, or achievable mission and goals.

Why?

Not well organized or structured.

Why?

Insufficient maintenance.

Why?

No clear sense of direction.

Why?

Ineffective management.

Why?

Pick one of the weaknesses that you noted above and brainstorm a strategy for overcoming that challenge.