Protection of Young People’s Reproductive Rights in China

Reproductive rights are human rights. Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) issues are featured on the SDG agenda. Along with China’s social and cultural development and opening up, young people’s reproductive health and rights are compromised by increasing reproductive health threats including unwanted pregnancy, abortion, sexual harassment, STIs and HIV/AIDS.

China Family Planning Association (CFPA) took the following actions to protect young people’s reproductive health and rights in China.

1. to promote Comprehensive Sexuality Education in schools, communities and families.
2. to support youth-led peer education and advocacy campaigns on SRHR.
3. to provide youth-friendly SRHR information and services in community youth SRH centers.
4. to improve vulnerable group’s access to quality SRH and maternal and child health service, particularly for the ethnic minorities, migrants, and women living in poverty.
CFPA’s actions are highly appraised by the Chinese government. In recent years, the government asserted young people’s SRH multiple times in national plans including the Healthy China 2030 and the Middle- and Long-term Youth Development Plan (2016-2025), which shows great political commitment and support to youth SRHR in China.