





The Youth Solidarity Fund (YSF) from the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) supports youth-led organizations that foster peaceful and inclusive societies. Seed funding is given to projects that demonstrate innovative and effective approaches to intercultural or interfaith dialogue.

The funded projects are youth-led and youth-focused but have an impact on entire communities, often involving religious or political leaders, policy-makers, educational institutions and media organizations.

To strengthen the implementation of funded projects, UNAOC additionally offers technical support and capacity building to youth-led organizations chosen as YSF recipients.



Established in 2008, YSF responded to calls for action made by youth-led organizations around the world on the importance of establishing funding mechanisms for youth.

The Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, noted in United Nations Security Council Resolution 2419 (2018), recommended investing in the capacities, agency and leadership of young people, such that they could be viewed as equal and essential partners for peace.

This demonstrates that YSF is more relevant than ever, as the global agenda increasingly speaks of youth's participation and contribution to peace, development and security.





Since 2008:

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"We're training youth in Nakivale refugee settlement and surrounding Ugandan communities in peacebuilding. They are taught how they can come together, understand and respect each other, regardless of them coming from different countries, having different religions, and being from different cultures. Thanks to the funding we received, we've now seen that youth have now started cooperating, regardless of having those differences. There are reduced cases of fights, hatred and violence."

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