

# AGIP AGAC IYD 2025 WEBINAR SUMMARY

Adolescent Girls  
Investment Plan



On International Youth Day, AGIP and its Girl Advisors hosted a girl-led event titled '**Girls' Leadership in Action: Celebrations and Lessons from AGIP's First Adolescent Girls Advisory Committee**' to celebrate intergenerational leadership and inspire action toward shifting power to adolescent girls.

Co-facilitated by AGIP Girl Advisor Bui Y Nhi and AGIP's Youth Engagement & Advocacy Specialist Pooja Singh, the webinar spotlighted lessons, successes, and actionable recommendations from AGIP's Adolescent Girls Advisory Committee (AGAC). Speakers included Anya Gass (Plan International), Gloria Micheni (AMPLIFY Girls), Joy Zawadi (Akili Dada & AGIP Co-chair), and Girl Advisors Luisa Guzmán, Rushna Zubair, and Sharly Misati.

The key highlight of the event was the launch of the **AGAC Handbook**, co-created with AGIP's first cohort of Girl Advisors. The handbook captures two years of reflections, lessons, and recommendations for organisations embedding girl advisory bodies in their decision-making.

You can watch the webinar recording [here](#), and find out more about AGIP's AGAC [here](#).



*Launching the AGAC Handbook, especially on International Youth Day, is special for me. We distilled two years of our journey into just a few pages, not only sharing practical dos and don'ts, but also our lived experiences. I hope it inspires and informs you as much as creating it inspired us.*

— Nhi, AGIP Girl Advisor



# KEY MESSAGES AND INSIGHTS



Speakers made powerful interventions on the key takeaways from the handbook, the experience and value of co-creation, and actions organisations can take to amplify intergenerational leadership. Here are some of the highlights:

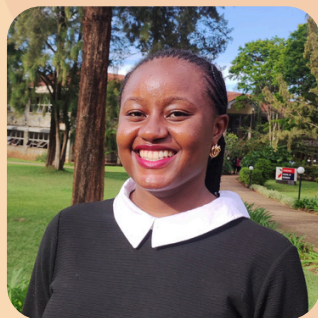


*It is important to acknowledge and appreciate that transfer of knowledge is not only from the older to the younger, it flows across generations. Everybody brings unique experience, perspectives, strengths — we must listen, create space for that. We need to also recognize that in the next 50 years, a lot of the older generation will not be here, so we need to make sure that we entrust the generation that will be here to actually lead.*

— Joy Zawadi, AGIP Co-chair & Executive Director, Akili Dada

*The reality is that decision-making processes - whether at the global or local level - are not built for young people. So, we need to both change our ways of working as organizations and influence the structures around us so that girls and young people can meaningfully engage and have an impact.*

— Anya Gass, Policy & Advocacy Lead - Meaningful Youth Engagement, Plan International



*We congratulate AGIP for completing its first cohort of AGAC and for launching the handbook which is very useful! We are also working on promoting intergenerational leadership through the implementation of agency-building programming. In this context, agency is defined as the ability of a girl to advocate for change in her life and in her community. Agency-building programs ensure that girls are not just beneficiaries, but active participants and leaders in the decisions that affect their lives.*

— Gloria Micheni, Partner Learning Associate, AMPLIFY Girls

*Co-creation invites us to break out of isolation and build collective solutions for greater impact. It also involves valuing diversity, because the best ideas come when we bring together different, even contradictory, perspectives. We saw a clear example of this in our handbook. It wasn't just about contributing different ideas, but about giving meaning and coherence to the work we had done over the years.*

— Luisa Fernanda, AGIP Girl Advisor





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*Invest in girls' capacity, not just their presence. It's not enough to invite us into the room. Equip us with skills, resources, and opportunities to lead. Invest and fund solutions led by girls. Have faith in our ability to lead. To truly include girls is to move from presence to power, from being heard to being resourced, from participation to influence. AGAC is showing us what that looks like. I truly hope that we this becomes the norm, not the exception.*

— Sharly Misati, AGIP Girl Advisor

*We started with a broad plan of sharing decision-making power with girls and co-creation was at the centre of it. The AGAC model shows that when girls have space, voice, and influence, they help shape stronger policies, programs, and advocacy. Sure, this work takes time, resources, and commitment, but the impact is long-lasting, not just for the girls, for also for the organizations they work with, and for the communities they serve.*

— Pooja Singh, AGIP Youth Engagement & Advocacy Specialist



The webinar drew participation from over 35 girl-centered organisations and received strong appreciation for the Girl Advisors' interventions as well as the practical lessons shared in the AGAC Handbook. French and Spanish versions of the handbook will be available soon.

**AGAC HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD!**



**DOWNLOAD LINK: [TINYURL.COM/AGACHANDBOOK](https://tinyurl.com/AGACHANDBOOK)**

# LOOKING AHEAD



At the end of the webinar, AGIP announced that the applications are now open for AGAC's second cohort of Girl Advisors (ages 10–24) ! An information session will be held on 24 August. You can find more information on Cohort 2 applications [here](#) and register for the information session [here](#).

*My advice to the next cohort is to step into this space with confidence and a willingness to grow. AGIP is your platform to share power in decision-making, learn, and support one another. I hope this journey helps you realise the impact of your voice, uncover the innovative ideas within you, and carry them forward as representatives of adolescent girls—growing AGAC's legacy as a whole.*

— Rushna Zubair, AGIP Girl Advisor



We encourage all colleagues working in meaningful girl and youth engagement to take a look and share the AGAC Handbook and applications with their girl-centred networks!

Have more questions? Write to Pooja Singh, AGIP's Youth Engagement and Advocacy Specialist via [psingh-consultant@icrw.org](mailto:psingh-consultant@icrw.org)

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**ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION HERE:  
[TINYURL.COM/AGACCOHORT2INFO](https://tinyurl.com/agac-cohort2-info)**

12 August  
2025  
Applications  
open!

24 August  
2025  
Information  
session!

2 September  
2025  
Applications  
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