



**Youth
Transforming
Narratives**

IMPACT REPORT

YTN IN NUMBERS

2024-2026

A Note from Our Founder

Dear friends and supporters,

Before you dive into our 2-Year Impact Report, I want to pause and say something that numbers and milestones can never fully capture: thank you.

Two years ago, YTN set out with a simple but ambitious belief: that young people can do more than participate in conversations about our world. They must be meaningfully included in peace and security, not only in decision-making, but also in the work of decolonizing the field. Young people must shape decisions, challenge colonial structures, and transform them.



What you'll find in the pages ahead is a collection of numbers, milestones, projects, countries, events, publications, and partnerships. But behind every one of those achievements are the volunteers, young people, mentors, partners, and supporters who made them possible.

We are incredibly proud of what we've built together around a topic that is as important as it is challenging, and even more proud of the community that has grown around it. From the very beginning, YTN has been about transforming narratives, and the story of these past two years is itself proof of what happens when young people are trusted with space, responsibility, and the freedom to imagine something different.

So, as you read this report, we hope you see more than what YTN has achieved. We hope you see what became possible when young people came together, volunteered, engaged, and believed in this vision.

Here's to two years, and to everything still ahead.

In Solidarity and Decolonial Transformation,

Balkis Chaabane

Founder of Youth Transforming Narratives

Executive Summary

In two years, YTN grew from a launch at the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum into a volunteer-led global movement for youth-led work on the decolonization of peace and security, publishing 49 pieces of policy briefs, articles and op-eds, research and advocacy, running programs that drew nearly 1,750 direct participants from over 100 countries, and building a core team of 42 volunteers across 24 countries. We pride ourselves for the wide representation that we offer: roughly 60% of participants are women, and about 90% of engagement comes from the Global Majority, including youth from Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, DR Congo, and a dozen other conflict-affected countries.

By the Numbers



Social media data combined for LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook for August 17, 2025 – August 16, 2026.

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Our Team

YTN is volunteer-led, and in just two years we have experienced an overwhelming, constant positive response reflected in the figures below. This underscores a growing global demand for opportunities in decolonization, youth inclusion in peace and security, and meaningful youth leadership, highlighting YTN's role as a trusted platform and movement for youth-led decolonization in international peace and security.

Meet the Team (as of August 2026)



- **Countries represented:** Sri Lanka, Syria, France, Vietnam, Kenya, Italy, Mexico, Zambia, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Zimbabwe, United States, Bosnia, Nigeria, India, Uganda, Nepal, United Kingdom, Algeria, Australia, and Brazil.
- **Academic excellence:** Alumni and scholars from 58 higher education institutions across 25 countries, including top-ranked global universities across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Africa. Over 61% hold or are pursuing postgraduate degrees (Master's, LLM, or Postgraduate Diploma), with an average qualification level of a Master's degree across 15 core areas of expertise.
- **Specialized expertise:** Core academic profiles span International Relations, Global Development, Political Science, Human Rights & International Law, Geopolitics, Gender Studies, Peace & Conflict Studies, and Strategic Communication, backed by prestigious international joint-degree networks (including 4 Erasmus Mundus Programs and US State Department Scholarships).
- **Linguistic depth:** Together, our team commands 32 languages and dialects. Every member is bilingual, and over half the team is fluent in four or more languages.
- **On-the-ground crisis and field experience:** 14 team members bring direct experience working across conflict zones, fragile border regions, and displacement contexts (including Palestine, Colombia, Kenya, Haiti, Syria, Somalia, and Nepal). Their field impact spans refugee resettlement, post-disaster relief, legal documentation, transitional justice, and conflict mediation.
- **Institutional experience:** Team members have lived, studied, or worked in 42 countries, collaborating across 110 international institutions, including key UN bodies (UNESCO, UNDP, UN Women, UNHCR, UNICEF), regional governance bodies (EU, Council of Europe, African Union, World Bank), and prominent global NGOs (Amnesty International, CARE, WWF, International Crisis Group, IRC).

Applications to Volunteer with YTN

YTN received 1,233 unique applicants over the two-year period: 736 women (59.7%), 462 men (37.5%), and 35 of unknown gender (2.8%), spanning 103 countries and territories.

Top 15 applicant countries

#	Country	Applicants	#	Country	Applicants
1	Nigeria	165	9	Italy	30
2	Pakistan	156	10	Sudan	30
3	Kenya	145	11	Uganda	26
4	India	81	12	Malawi	24
5	Tunisia	48	13	South Africa	21
6	Egypt	43	14	United States	20
7	Ethiopia	37	15	Morocco	19
8	Zimbabwe	37			

Full list of all 103 applicant countries and regional breakdowns is in the Appendix I.

Our Reach

Ensuring equitable access and intentional representation is at the heart of YTN's mission. This section offers an overview of our community and our progress across gender equity, inclusion of conflict-affected youth, representation from the Global Majority, and generational diversity.

Women Participants

During our foundational years, 1,052 women engaged in YTN activities — 60.4% of our overall participant base.

- 59.7% of applicants to volunteer at YTN were women (736 women)
- 68.4% of applicants to the Community of Practice (106 women)
- 63.6% of applicants to the YPS Workshop Series (126 women)
- 50.3% of participants in the International Youth Day Event (73 women)
- 100% of the MYE Advocacy Campaign entries (11 women)

Young Women Leaders

139 young women were selected for core leadership, advocacy, and capacity-building programs:

- Community of Practice accepted: 50 female leaders (65.0% of cohort)
- YPS Workshop alumni/trained: 78 female leaders (68.4% of cohort)
- MYE Campaign spotlighted: 11 female leaders (100.0% of cohort)

Participants from Conflict-Affected Contexts

Our programs directly engaged over 100 youth from active or recent conflict and fragile societies, including Sudan, DR Congo, Palestine, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Libya, Chad, Eritrea, Mali, and Burkina Faso.

Country	Engagements
Ethiopia	51
Sudan	45
Somalia	6
Afghanistan	5
DR Congo	5
Iraq	5
Yemen	3

Participants from the Global Majority

About 90% of total engagement comes directly from Global Majority countries — a deliberate footprint that ensures our initiatives reflect the priorities of the communities most impacted by global challenges.

Region	Share	Approx. touchpoints
Sub-Saharan Africa	56.0%	~975
South / SE / Central Asia	24.0%	~418

Region	Share	Approx. touchpoints
MENA	5.0%	~87
Latin America & Caribbean	5.0%	~87
Europe, North America & Oceania	10.0%	~175

Age Distribution

Age range	Participants	Share
Under 18	10	<1.0%
18–24	322	19.4%
25–29	841	50.6%
30–35	343	20.6%
36+	147	8.8%

Over 70% of all participants fall into the 18–29 core young-adult age group; the overall median age is 27.

Our Work and Programs

Over the past two years, we have expanded our network by connecting with passionate youth leaders, advocates, and changemakers across the globe, creating accessible pathways for meaningful engagement, especially for youth from the Global Majority. This section outlines the scale and depth of our reach across volunteer engagement, programming, and partnerships.

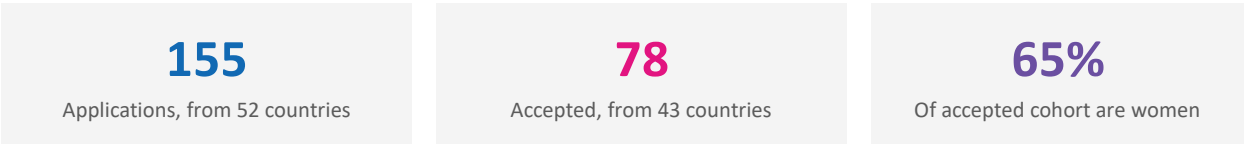
Advocacy & Influence

YTN's advocacy and influence have been driven by an intentional, organization-wide commitment to amplifying youth perspectives in high-level decision-making spaces — guided by our work in decolonization and decoloniality, Youth, Peace & Security agenda, targeted advocacy campaigns, and rigorous knowledge production and policy research.



Community of Practice: Youth in the Decolonization of International Peace & Security

Managed by our Youth, Peace and Security Team, the Community of Practice brings together emerging and established young leaders, peacebuilders, researchers, and activists advancing the decolonization of peace and security. Anchored in a youth-led, Global Majority-centered perspective, it offers an online, safe, collaborative, and interdisciplinary space to critically interrogate colonial legacies within peace and security frameworks and co-create alternative narratives.



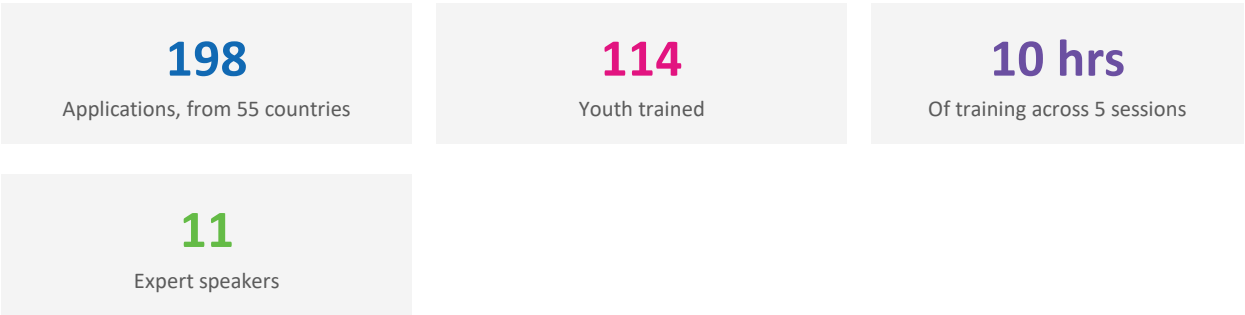
Top applicant countries

#	Country	Applications	#	Country	Applications
1	Pakistan	16	6	Zimbabwe	7
2	Kenya	14	7	Brazil	6
3	Nigeria	12	8	France	6
4	India	11	9	Cameroon	5
5	Italy	9	10	Tanzania	5

YPS In-Depth: A Workshop Series

From May–June 2025, the YPS Team organized “The Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda: Zooming on its Core Pillars.” workshop series, aimed at exploring each YPS agenda pillar in more detail, a gap that the YPS team felt has not been addressed by previous workshops on YPS globally. Over five weeks, YTN invited experts to deliver workshops on each YPS agenda pillar — Participation, Protection, Prevention, Partnerships, and Disengagement — engaging 114 young participants representing 58 nationalities across all five continents (ages 17–44, with almost half under 25).

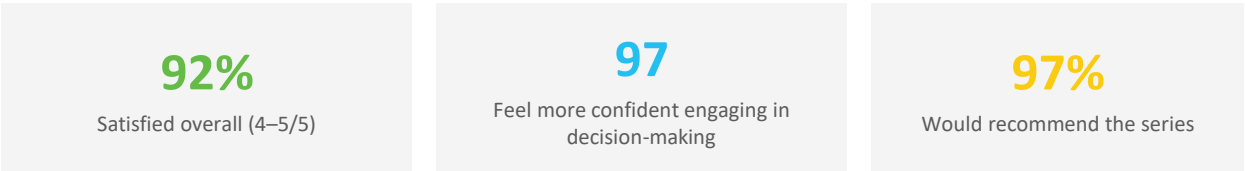
All participants reflected on real-world challenges, exchanged ideas, and explored ways to put the YPS Agenda into action.



Speakers worked across organizations including UNDP, A.L.I.I & Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition of Tanzania, OHCHR, PeaceMentors, IFRC, Search for Common Ground, UNIDIR, and the Mayor’s Office of Pasto (Nariño).

Incoming YPS knowledge	Trainees
Limited	33
Basic	65
Moderate	9
Expert	7

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Open-ended responses reinforce the numbers. Selected takeaways, lightly edited for length:

“The vital role youth play in peacebuilding — not just as beneficiaries, but as active agents driving participation, prevention, and sustainable solutions.”

“The workshop gave me the motivation and tools to take action in my community. I became eager on being the source of a certain change by keeping efforts to participate in peacebuilding activities.”

"I really understand what peacebuilding means, and now I am finalizing my peacebuilding project to be implemented soon."

"The pillar that stood out most to me was partnership. I used to take it a bit for granted, but now I see it's absolutely essential for reaching more people and making peacebuilding efforts more inclusive."

"It's good to engage with people from backgrounds different from mine to have more diversity of opinion."

"We youth have power and ability to steer a change in our communities — it only takes our dedication, resilience, effort and self-motivation."

"We don't need to wait to acquire funding before we can start YPS activities in Uganda."

Full Impact Summary of the YPS In-Depth Workshop Series in Appendix II..

International Youth Day Event (2024)

On International Youth Day, August 12, 2024, YTN hosted "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Inclusion in Peace and Security for Sustainable Development," gathering keynote speakers from the peacebuilding and youth-empowerment field to discuss trends and bottlenecks in youth inclusion, and to document recommendations for increasing meaningful participation.

145

Participants, from 45 countries

50.3%

Women participants

Campaign on Meaningful Youth Engagement

In 2025, our Advocacy Team delivered a timely campaign exploring what meaningful engagement means and how youth can be more effectively included in peace-and-security decision-making at every level, amplifying youth voices, stories, and reflections on our website.

We received 11 entries from young women across 8 countries: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sudan, and the United States.

Partnerships

Over the past two years, we have established and strengthened strategic partnerships with 4 like-minded organizations:

- Safiya Ibn Garba DTRF
- The New Generation Uniting Nations (NGUN)
- The Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security
- Article 109

We have also counted on the support of 12 professionals and speakers well-placed in organizations across international peace, security, and development. These collaborations have strengthened our organization, offered capacity-building opportunities for youth in our network, and helped scale our initiatives and reach.

Our Digital Footprint

Website & Newsletter

The website is driven primarily by our Research & Policy publications.

25K

Visits

53K

Page views

101

Countries reached

227

Newsletter subscribers

YTN newsletter has not yet been actively promoted or developed, so the current subscriber count represents a significant growth potential.

Top 10 countries by website traffic

#	Country	Share
1	United States	21.0%
2	China	8.55%
3	Germany	6.85%
4	India	4.40%
5	United Kingdom	4.23%
6	Kenya	3.47%
7	Italy	3.38%
8	France	2.94%
9	Switzerland	2.50%
10	Canada	2.46%

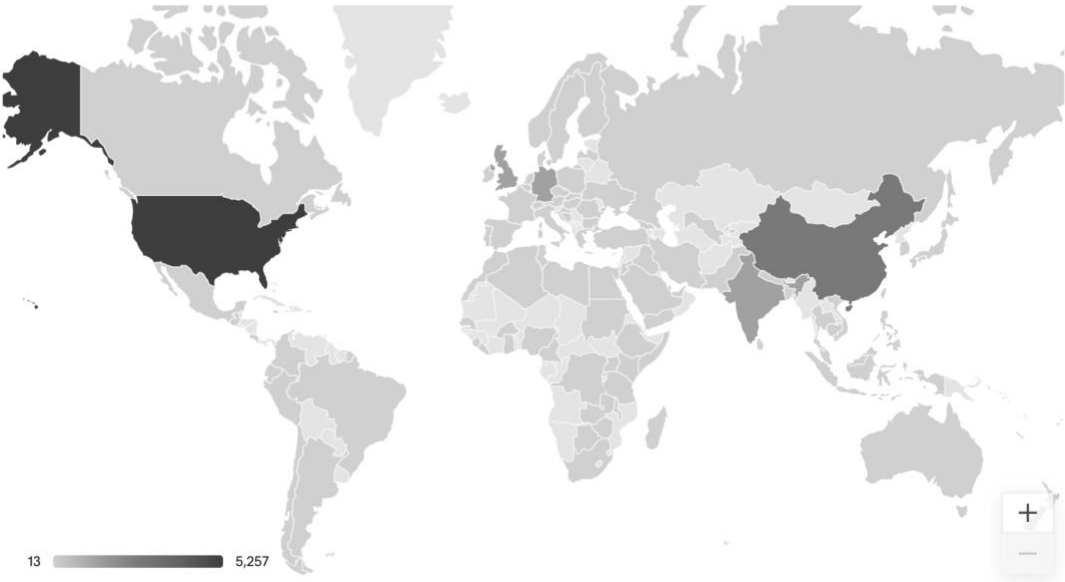
Full list of all 101 countries is in the Appendix I.

Traffic by region (UN M49 classification)

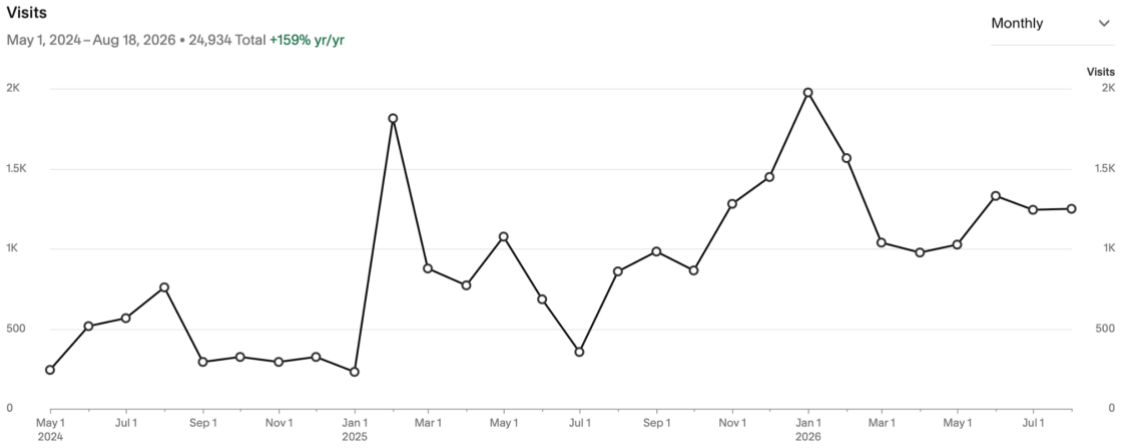
Region	Visits	Share
Europe	7,527	30.12%
Americas	6,889	27.56%
Asia	5,447	21.79%
Africa	4,335	17.34%
Oceania	169	0.68%
Other / Unknown	626	2.51%

Visits by Country

May 1, 2024 – Aug 18, 2026 • 24,993 Total

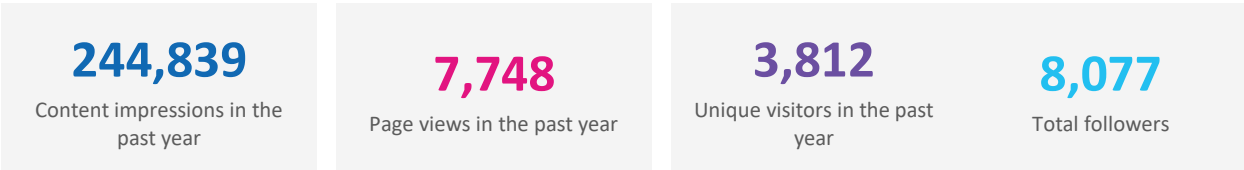


VISITS	BOUNCE RATE	UNIQUE VISITORS	PAGEVIEWS
25K	69.39%	19K	53K
↗ 159% YoY	↗ 16% YoY	↗ 177% YoY	↗ 117% YoY



LinkedIn

Over the past two years, LinkedIn has served as our primary digital platform, playing a pivotal role in solidifying our presence and amplifying our mission. Through tailored content and strategic engagement, we have catalyzed critical discussions that position Youth Transforming Narratives (YTN) as a pioneering, relevant youth-led movement driving the decolonization of international peace and security.

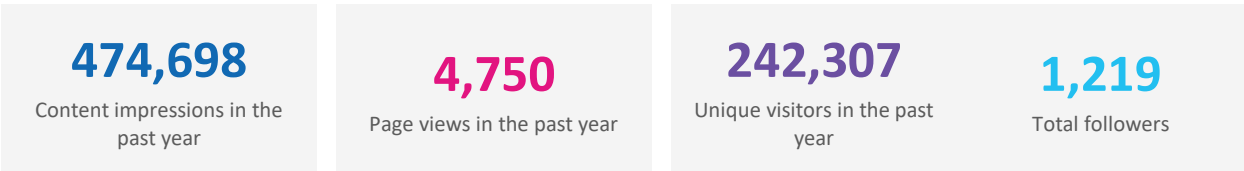


Data for August 17, 2025 – August 16, 2026.

Our reach is truly worldwide, with visitor and follower demographics spanning a vast global network across: Italy, France, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the Philippines, Poland, Cameroon, the Netherlands, Belgium, India, the United States, Kenya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Nigeria, Uganda, Spain, Pakistan, Canada, Portugal, Türkiye, South Africa, Morocco, Indonesia, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Zambia, Mexico, Denmark, Vietnam, Palestine, Ireland, Qatar, Zimbabwe, Austria, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Malaysia, Argentina, Australia, Algeria, Sweden, Hungary, Nepal, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Romania, Libya, China, Ecuador, Greece, Burkina Faso, and Singapore.

Facebook & Instagram

In parallel, over the past two years we have also expanded our presence on Facebook and Instagram to further broaden our reach.



Combined data for Facebook and Instagram for August 17, 2025 – August 16, 2026.

Our footprint across Facebook and Instagram has significantly broadened our community-level engagement across Pakistan, Tunisia, Egypt, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, the Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, Brazil, the United States, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom.

Our Milestones

June 2024

- ★ YTN launched a YouTube series, “Getting Personal: Sharing Tips & Tricks,” short episodes where young professionals shared real experiences and practical advice on pressing issues in international affairs and peace & security.

October 2024

- ★ YTN was present at the Geneva Peace Talks, the 10th International Youth Conference, Geneva Peace Week, in Geneva and the Global Gateway High-Level Youth Event in Brussels.

February 2025

- ★ YTN launched its first advocacy campaign on Meaningful Youth Engagement — a global awareness campaign combining multimedia storytelling, interactive webinars, and cross-sector collaboration with NGOs, plus an open call for youth to share their experiences of participation in decision-making.

April 2024

- ★ YTN launched at the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum at the UN HQ in NYC.

July 2024

- ★ YTN was represented at the OHCHR Youth Rights Academy in Geneva (with Education Above All Foundation); two YTN volunteers were competitively selected to participate. YTN also partnered with DCAF, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, to design and deliver a training session on the YPS agenda as part of the Academy.

November 2024

- ★ YTN published its first research articles on the website.

March 2025

April 2025

- ★ *Led a New Generation Webinar (NOW) with New Generation Uniting Nations on Youth's Role in Decolonizing Human Rights.*

October 2025

- ★ *YTN launched the Community of Practice (CoP) — the first-ever global space on the theme of “Youth and Decoloniality.”*
- ★ *YTN was present at the World Food Forum in Rome, Italy.*

January 2026

- ★ *YTN was present at the UN Youth Compass — Making Meaningful Youth Engagement the Norm — in Paris, France.*

- ★ *YTN published the policy brief “Navigating Decolonisation Landscapes and Youth-Led Movements: Current Practices and Challenges.”*

May 2025

- ★ *YTN became a member of the Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security (GCYPS), a UN–civil society partnership advancing #Youth4Peace.*
- ★ *YTN ran a series of 5 workshops with 12 speakers exploring each YPS agenda pillar, then published the “Zooming In” readabout series breaking the five pillars into accessible, youth-friendly content.*

November 2025

- ★ *YTN's research team published “Reframing, Renaming, Reclaiming: A Comprehensive Youth Toolkit for Decolonizing Language in International Peace and Security.”*

March 2026

- ★ *YTN participated in CSW70 at the UN in New York (sponsored by YouthBuild, Sierra Leone), contributing youth-led perspectives*

on gender equality, justice, and women's rights.

June 2026

- ★ *YTN received a small grant from Zasto Ne (a civic organization working on government accountability and technology based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) to implement a new initiative within our Community of Practice: Voices from the Global Majority explores how technology can strengthen locally-led democratic participation without reproducing colonial power structures, anchored in YPS agenda pillars.*

August 2026

- ★ *YTN launched its second policy brief, "Funding and Power at the UN: A Decolonial Contextualization of UN80 and the UN Funding Architecture."*

Appendix I — Full Country Data

Volunteer Applicants by Country (all 103)

#	Country	N	#	Country	N
1	Nigeria	165	53	Yemen	4
2	Pakistan	156	54	Georgia	3
3	Kenya	145	55	Ireland	3
4	India	81	56	Japan	3
5	Tunisia	48	57	Malaysia	3
6	Egypt	43	58	Romania	3
7	Ethiopia	37	59	Russia	3
8	Zimbabwe	37	60	Australia	2
9	Italy	30	61	Belgium	2
10	Sudan	30	62	Guatemala	2
11	Uganda	26	63	Guinea-Bissau	2
12	Malawi	24	64	Guyana	2
13	South Africa	21	65	Indonesia	2
14	United States	20	66	Kazakhstan	2
15	Morocco	19	67	Kuwait	2
16	Cameroon	18	68	Lesotho	2
17	Ghana	15	69	Myanmar	2
18	Bangladesh	14	70	Namibia	2
19	Zambia	13	71	Poland	2
20	Brazil	12	72	Portugal	2
21	Sri Lanka	12	73	Singapore	2
22	Tanzania	12	74	Albania	1
23	Colombia	11	75	Antigua and Barbuda	1
24	Mexico	11	76	Bolivia	1
25	Nepal	11	77	Botswana	1
26	Spain	11	78	Burkina Faso	1
27	Turkey	11	79	Burundi	1
28	DR Congo	10	80	Chile	1
29	France	10	81	Costa Rica	1
30	Afghanistan	9	82	Côte d'Ivoire	1
31	Argentina	9	83	Dominica	1
32	Peru	8	84	Finland	1
33	Rwanda	8	85	Honduras	1
34	Syria	8	86	Hungary	1
35	United Kingdom	8	87	Jamaica	1

#	Country	N	#	Country	N
36	Algeria	7	88	Liberia	1
37	Greece	7	89	Madagascar	1
38	Iraq	7	90	Mongolia	1
39	Lebanon	7	91	Mozambique	1
40	Libya	7	92	Netherlands	1
41	Philippines	7	93	Niger	1
42	Saudi Arabia	7	94	North Macedonia	1
43	Sierra Leone	7	95	Norway	1
44	Somalia	7	96	Qatar	1
45	Canada	6	97	Senegal	1
46	Germany	6	98	Sweden	1
47	Ecuador	5	99	Switzerland	1
48	Jordan	5	100	Thailand	1
49	South Sudan	5	101	Togo	1
50	Vietnam	5	102	United Arab Emirates	1
51	Benin	4	103	Uzbekistan	1
52	Palestine	4			

Website Visitors by Country (top 76 of 101)

#	Country	N	#	Country	N
1	United States	21.0%	40	Zambia	0.44%
2	China	8.55%	41	Portugal	0.43%
3	Germany	6.85%	42	Mexico	0.42%
4	India	4.40%	43	Colombia	0.40%
5	United Kingdom	4.23%	44	Lebanon	0.36%
6	Kenya	3.47%	45	Finland	0.36%
7	Italy	3.38%	46	Hong Kong	0.35%
8	France	2.94%	47	Vietnam	0.34%
9	Switzerland	2.50%	48	Jordan	0.34%
10	Canada	2.46%	49	UAE	0.31%
11	Belgium	2.31%	50	Tanzania	0.30%
12	Brazil	2.22%	51	Singapore	0.29%
13	Tunisia	2.21%	52	Malaysia	0.28%
14	Spain	1.90%	53	Denmark	0.26%
15	Pakistan	1.90%	54	Japan	0.25%
16	Nigeria	1.81%	55	Argentina	0.23%
17	Netherlands	1.70%	56	Greece	0.23%
18	Others	1.54%	57	Poland	0.22%
19	Egypt	1.46%	58	Romania	0.22%
20	South Africa	1.10%	59	Saudi Arabia	0.20%
21	Zimbabwe	0.98%	60	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.20%
22	Unknown	0.97%	61	Cambodia	0.19%
23	Morocco	0.74%	62	Palestine	0.18%
24	Uganda	0.71%	63	Russia	0.17%
25	Ethiopia	0.69%	64	Norway	0.16%
26	Ghana	0.68%	65	Thailand	0.16%
27	Malawi	0.65%	66	Algeria	0.14%
28	Turkey	0.62%	67	Czechia	0.14%
29	Australia	0.60%	68	Iraq	0.14%
30	Ireland	0.58%	69	Madagascar	0.13%
31	Philippines	0.57%	70	Nepal	0.13%
32	Sri Lanka	0.55%	71	Ukraine	0.12%
33	Bangladesh	0.54%	72	Congo	0.12%
34	Somalia	0.48%	73	Rwanda	0.12%
35	Sweden	0.46%	74	Sudan	0.12%
36	Indonesia	0.46%	75	Ecuador	0.10%
37	Austria	0.45%	76	Libya	0.10%
38	Cameroon	0.45%	77	Mauritius	0.10%

#	Country	N	#	Country	N
39	Peru	0.44%			

Remaining 25 countries each account for 0.09% or less of total traffic; full list available on request from the analytics dashboard.

Appendix II — YPS Workshop Series Impact Summary

Post-Workshop Evaluation Results

Source: Post-Workshop Evaluation Form, n = 39 respondents.

Overview

Across all five pillars of the Youth, Peace & Security (YPS) Agenda — Participation, Protection, Prevention, Partnerships, and Disengagement & Reintegration — the workshop series delivered consistently strong results. Thirty-nine young peacebuilders completed the post-workshop evaluation, and their responses point to a program that not only built knowledge, but shifted how participants see their own role in peace and security work.

Every single evaluation statement scored above 4.4 out of 5 on average, and no statement fell below a 90% "agree or strongly agree" rate. This consistency across five distinct thematic sessions, each with different facilitators and content, is a strong signal of program quality, not a one-off high score.

Satisfaction & Learning Outcomes

Participants rated the series highly on both delivery and substance:

Evaluation statement	Avg / 5	Rated 4 or 5
Overall satisfaction with the workshop series	4.44	92%
Effectiveness of facilitators	4.54	92%
Improved knowledge of the YPS Agenda	4.49	90%
Understanding of meaningful youth participation	4.49	92%
Understanding of youth protection	4.49	95%
Understanding of youth-led violence prevention	4.51	95%
Understanding of cross-sector partnerships	4.56	97%
Understanding of disengagement & reintegration	4.46	95%

Facilitator effectiveness was the single highest-rated element of the program (4.54/5, 92% rating it 4 or 5), and understanding of cross-sector partnerships was the strongest single learning outcome (97% rating it 4 or 5).

From Knowledge to Confidence and Action

The series' impact goes beyond knowledge transfer. Participants reported concrete shifts in confidence and intent to act:

- 97% (38/39) feel more confident engaging with or influencing decision-making spaces in their community or country.
- 77% (30/39) already plan specific actions or initiatives based on what they learned; a further 23% are considering it.
- 85% (33/39) would “definitely” recommend the series to other youth peacebuilders, and 97% would recommend it overall.
- Livelihood support and job creation was identified as the most effective lever for preventing youth involvement in conflict (chosen by 15/39), followed by dialogue/mediation platforms and peace education.

Strategic Priorities & Community Application

Beyond ratings, participants pointed to specific priorities for turning YPS learning into local impact.

Most effective mechanisms for preventing youth involvement in conflict

- Livelihood support & job creation — 38% (15/39), the top priority overall.
- Dialogue & mediation platforms — 23% (9/39).
- Peace education — 23% (9/39).

Critical supports for youth reintegration: When asked what youth affected by armed conflict most need to reintegrate successfully (select up to three), participants prioritized:

- Psychosocial support — 85% (33/39).
- Access to education & skills training — 69% (27/39).
- Employment & income-generating opportunities — 64% (25/39).
- Safe community reintegration — 62% (24/39).

Partnerships participants want to build: To scale their local impact, participants named the partners they most want to work with (select up to two):

- NGOs & grassroots organizations — 74% (29/39).
- UN agencies & international organizations — 56% (22/39).
- Local government structures — 54% (21/39).
- Schools & educational institutions — 49% (19/39).

What Participants Valued Most

When asked which pillar was most impactful, responses were spread across all five — a sign that the series is genuinely well-balanced rather than carried by a single strong session. Participation and Reintegration were mentioned most often, with participants citing lived-experience storytelling and practical, actionable frameworks as the most memorable elements. Several respondents noted they found it "unfair to choose one," describing the pillars as complementary pieces of the same picture.

Where Participants Want More

Feedback was constructive and specific, and points to clear next steps for future iterations rather than dissatisfaction with the current format:

- More interactive elements: breakout discussions, role-plays, and real-world case studies were the most frequent request.
- Follow-up and mentorship: several participants asked for post-series mentorship or an alumni network to sustain momentum.
- More time for peer exchange and Q&A within sessions.
- Language accessibility and shared post-session materials (slides, recordings) for participants across time zones.

Summary

With 39 respondents, 92% overall satisfaction, and 97% reporting greater confidence to engage in decision-making spaces, this workshop series demonstrates measurable impact on both the knowledge and the agency of the young peacebuilders it reached. The feedback also gives a clear, low-cost roadmap — more interactivity and follow-up support — for making the next iteration even stronger.