Country Spotlight:
Asociación GOJoven Honduras

About GOJoven:
GOJoven is a pioneer in youth leadership development and mobilization. The GOJoven model is youth-led, local, diverse, and inclusive. Since 2004, GOJoven has been building the capacity of young leaders and organizations to create positive change in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) programs, policies, and services in Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, and Quintana Roo, Mexico.

In 2013 the GOJoven Honduras Fellows established Asociación GOJoven Honduras, a new youth-led and youth-serving organization.

Mission:
GOJoven Honduras promotes comprehensive development to improve the quality of life of adolescents and youth through capacity-building, collective advocacy and a focus on guaranteeing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all youth in Honduras.

Vision:
GOJoven Honduras strives to be a nationally and internationally recognized organization that drives cutting edge and evidence-based political, social, and cultural transformation, with emphasis on promoting sexual and reproductive rights to guarantee comprehensive development for the diverse populations of Honduras.

Strategic Focus:
Comprehensive Development: Train, inform, and educate youth and adolescents about SRHR, employment, professionalism, public safety, and the environment.

Institutional Strengthening: Build organizational capacity in order to respond to the social demands of youth and adolescents in Honduras.

Advocacy: Advocate for compliance with national and international development policies, with particular emphasis on youth and SRHR.

Resource Mobilization: Obtain financial, human, and logistical resources to amplify coverage of GOJoven Honduras initiatives.

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Where We Work:

The seven departments where GOJoven Honduras operates:

- Choluteca
- Colón
- Comayagua
- Copán
- Francisco Morazán
- Yoro
- Olancho

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Achievements of GOJoven Honduras:

- Reached over 20,000 youth and adolescents throughout Honduras with SRHR trainings and information to reduce adolescent pregnancy, HIV transmission and sexually transmitted infections, through workshops, health fairs and action campaigns.
- Opened youth friendly spaces and clinics to meet the SRH needs of thousands of adolescents and youth, and developed radio and television programming to inform thousands of youth of their SRHR.
- Created two Departmental Youth Platforms and one National Youth Platform, made up of 75 youth from 5 departments who were trained by GOJoven Honduras.
- Joined the Technical Working Group on Adolescent Pregnancy, the reform process for the National Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy, and the monitoring process for the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration “Preventing through Education”, among other spaces where they worked in partnership with the Ministries of Health and Education, Members of Congress, the First Lady of Honduras, the National Women’s Institute (INAM), local governments and municipal women’s offices to address priority ASRH topics.
- Led advocacy campaigns for legalizing Emergency Contraception (EC) in Honduras and participated in the Strategic Group for EC Legalization (GE-PAE), working alongside Members of Congress from across the country to improve public opinion and acceptance among decision-makers.
- Advocated alongside local and international coalitions to ensure that comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) is part of secondary school curricula, created interactive training tools to offer expanded SRH education, and trained teachers to provide CSE especially in rural areas.
- Leveraged grant funding to create and implement innovative initiatives to reduce HIV transmission in LGBTQI youth and gender-based violence in public and private spheres.
- Worked in partnership with Creative Associates International –USAID, ASHONPLAFA, CARE, Plan International Honduras, PAHO, UNFPA, UN Women, AJEM, Public Health Institute and the Summit Foundation, among others.

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