

HACKING GC8: MOVING FROM "ACTIVITIES" TO "INFLUENCE"

An Operational Guide for the Cameroon Youth Team (2026 Strategy)





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THE ARSENAL WE HAVE BUILT

We Have the Evidence. Now We Must Use It.

Since the First Youth-Led National Consultation at the TOU'NGOU Hotel, we have built a massive, evidence-based arsenal. We are no longer starting from scratch. We are armed with:

-  **The Mapping Directory**
Detailing Youth-led NGOs across the country.
-  **Youth Health Profile Update**
Proving AGYW (15-24) are 3x more likely to be infected (2.7% HIV prev).
-  **Youth Challenges Report**
Highlighting judgmental personnel & restrictive consent laws.
-  **yap.cagead.org**
Our centralized digital hub.



THE GC8 REALITY CHECK



Why We Must Pivot Our Strategy

The Global Fund is launching Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) with tighter financial constraints. The CCM is preparing to write the official Funding Request (Concept Note).

If our documented challenges—stigma, conflict barriers in the NW/SW/Far North, and lack of youth-friendly clinics—are not explicitly funded in the new GC8 budget, our past work was in vain.

Our strategy for 2026 is no longer about creating new tools just to say we did an activity. It is about using the data we already have to forcefully hack the GC8 budget.

WHAT THE GLOBAL FUND ACTUALLY WANTS

The Rules of GC8 Have Changed

The Global Fund is demanding rigor and efficiency. To win funding, our demands must align with their new priorities:



1. Service Integration

We cannot ask for siloed HIV programs. We must demand programs that link HIV testing with SRHR, mental health, and GBV support.



2. Resilient Systems

They want community-led monitoring. This is why scaling our #Uproot scorecards is critical to showing how services are performing in real-time.



3. Co-Financing

We must show how we will hold the Cameroonian government accountable for sustaining these youth programs long-term.

WHAT THE CCM DEMANDS FROM US

"Token Representation is Not Enough"

Based on our CCM Member Recommendations document, decision-makers have explicitly told us how to influence them:



Data Over Emotion

We must use Dr. Che's Country Profile and KJH investigation data to back up our claims. They want hard numbers, not just complaints.



Transparency

We must use our digital tools to track service gaps and share evidence directly with stakeholders.



Leave No Youth Behind

Our advocacy must explicitly include marginalized youth, particularly young women, youth living with HIV, and those in conflict zones.

STRATEGY PIVOT 1: THE DIGITAL

Weaponizing yap.cagead.org

Our \$4,500 investment in the website cannot just be a news blog about past meetings. It must become our **GC8 Command Center**.

ACTION 1

The YAG must host the GC8 Engagement Calendar on the site so every youth NGO knows the deadlines.

ACTION 2

Transform the weekly "Let's Talk" sessions and Quarterly Facebook Lives into strategic briefings to prep our mapped NGOs for the Country Dialogues.



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SMALL GRANTS

Gathering Real-Time Intelligence

We must not train youth on scorecards just for "capacity building." We are deploying these funds to gather real-time intelligence.

Action

Disburse these grants so youth can gather fresh data proving that the barriers identified last year (judgmental services, high costs, lack of confidentiality) are still happening right now.

Output

This hard data becomes the ammunition Luis needs to defend youth priorities inside the CCM.

STRATEGY PIVOT 3: THE CONSULTATIONS

3 Consultations = 3 Formal Submissions (\$8,000)

Our consultations can no longer be general discussions about youth challenges. **They are now Drafting Sessions.**

The Action

In Consultation 1, the YAG and Luis will review the Uproot data, the Youth Challenges Report, and Dr. Valery Che's data.

The Strict Output

**You will draft the "Top 3 Youth Demands for GC8."
Nobody leaves the room until a 1-page Formal
Submission Document is finalized and ready to be
handed directly to the CCM Concept Note Drafting
Committee.**

THE BATTLEFIELD: COUNTRY DIALOGUES

The Official Chronogram (May 2026)

We have the official timeline. This is where the money is decided, and we must infiltrate these spaces:



May 01-07

Field visits for data collection nationwide. (Our mapped NGOs must speak up here).



May 08-11

National Validation Workshop in Kribi. (Luis and YAG MUST be here).



May 17-19

CSO Workshops Phase 1 to review Concept Note Drafts in Ebolowa.



May 28-30

CSO Workshops Phase 2 to finalize Concept Note Drafts in Ebolowa.



The Command Center

Marcel, Kishiana, Laura

Your job is budget execution, logistics, and clearing the path for the advocates.



Timeline Alignment

Ensure the \$8,000 for consultations is spent immediately before May Dialogues.



Resource Access

Secure logistics so Luis and YAG can travel to Kribi and Ebolowa.

You are the directors; you set the stage so the YAG and Luis can perform.

ROLE 2: THE YAG LEADERS

The Strategists & Mobilizers

You are the brains and the loudspeaker of the operation.

ANALYZE

Review the KJH investigations and Dr. Valery Che's data to write the "Top 3 Demands."

MOBILIZE

Use weekly "Let's Talk" sessions to instruct the youth NGOs on what to say during May field visits.

REPORT

Publish quarterly feedback reports to hold the CCM publicly accountable on yap.cagead.org.








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The Inside Agent (Luis)




As discussed in our recent alignment call, you are our voice in the closed-door meetings.

-  **The Mission**
Take Formal Submissions drafted by YAG and walk into National Validation in Kribi (May 8-11).
-  **The Strategy**
Use the CCM's own recommendations against them. Remind them they asked for data-driven participation.
-  **The Demand**
Demand that the CN Drafting Committee includes the Top 3 Demands in the final budget.

WORKING SMARTER: SIMPLIFIED REPORTING

Less Paperwork, More Advocacy

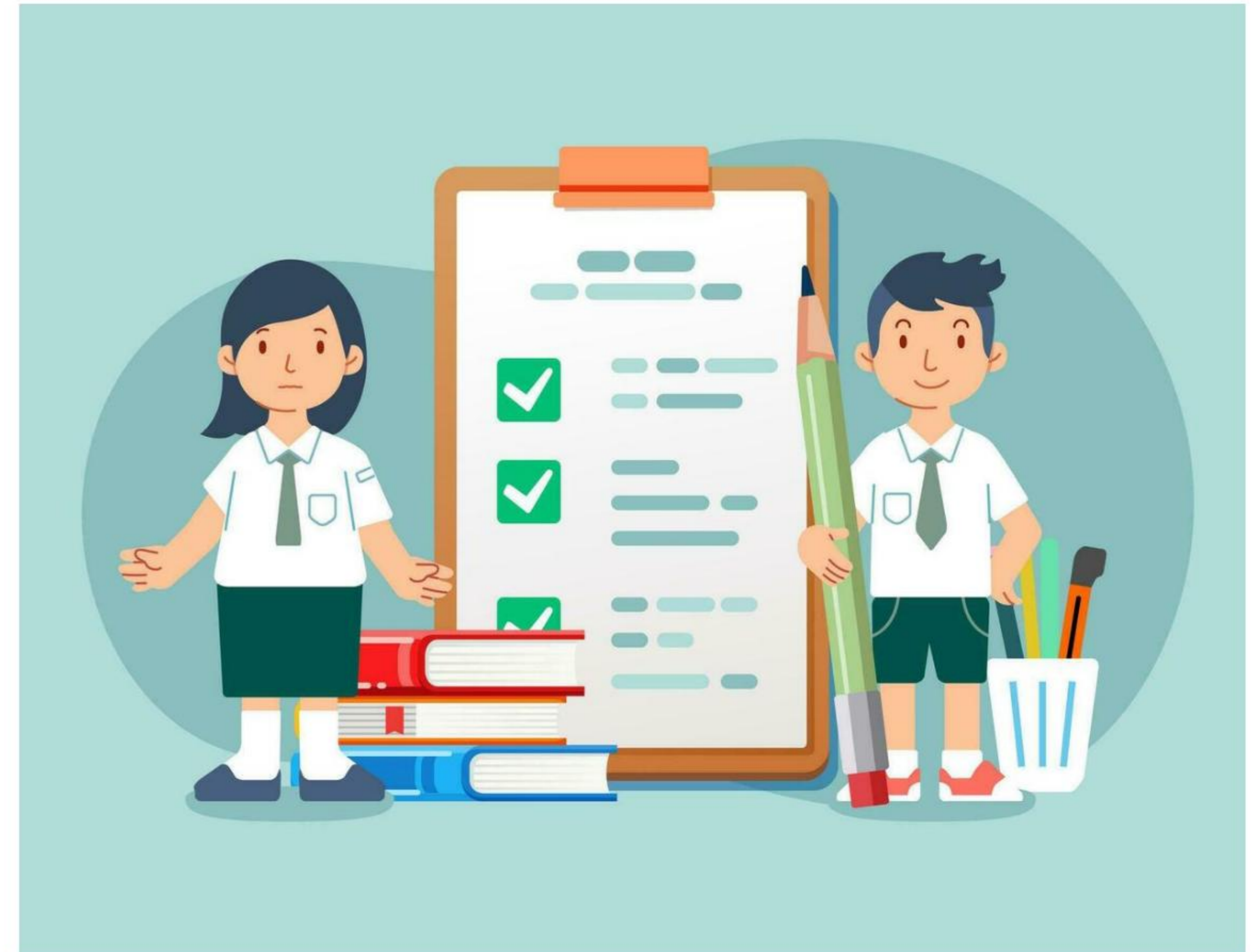
We are eliminating heavy narrative Word documents so you can focus on the Country Dialogues!

-  **1. Only Two Reports**
You will only submit a Mid-Year Report (July 15) and an End-of-Year Report (Dec 15).
-  **2. Survey Format**
These will be submitted via a fast, streamlined online survey.
-  **3. Focus on Impact**
We will ask you what changed (*e.g.*, "Did the CCM include our SRHR demand in Draft 1 of the Concept Note?"), not just what you did.

IMMEDIATE ACTION CHECKLIST (APRIL/MAY)

The Countdown to Kribi Begins

- Managers:** Disburse the \$3,000 Uproot Small Grants immediately for rapid data collection.
- Managers:** Schedule the 1st Consultative Meeting to happen before May 1st to finalize demands.
- YAG:** Update yap.cagead.org with the Country Dialogue Chronogram and host a "Let's Talk" session.
- Luis:** Prepare your arguments using Dr. Valery Che's profile to take to the Kribi Validation Workshop.



Questions & Next Steps

The building phase is over. We have the data, we have the tools, and we have the timeline.

Let's review the Chronogram and ensure everyone is clear on their immediate tasks to secure this funding.

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