Background

The Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) is a methodology developed by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) with the continuous support of the British Red Cross, which provides tools to communities to improve their living space, build safe houses and design better communities through a participatory approach geared towards adults. The aim of PASSA is to develop local capacity to reduce shelter-related risks by raising awareness and developing skills in joint analysis, learning and decision-making at community level. There is increasing evidence of success with both the methodology and experiences of implementing PASSA in various parts of the world.

Given the strengths of the methodology and the lack of resources for young people in this field there is interest in expanding PASSA, making it attractive for youth exposed to such risks, who have a great potential to transform their community into one with safer shelters and improved living conditions.

Specific Objectives

1. **Develop PASSA Youth** by reinforcing the element of meaningful youth engagement introducing new tools, methodologies, approaches, or areas of its applicability, based on the results of a feasibility study. This will be done by incorporating collective maps, digital stories, fablabs and other tools that lend themselves to be integrated into the existing methodology.

2. **Pilot the initiative** into selected urban neighbourhoods together with Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and key partners. This will be done in communities where PASSA is already a familiar methodology or where youth programmes are ongoing.

Target Groups

1. **Youth as leaders** who can support the roll out of PASSA Youth as agents of change in their communities.

2. **Youth as RCRC volunteers** who are engaged with programmes where PASSA is already applied and can share the invaluable views on what does indeed work for youth.

3. **Youth as affected community members** living in low-income neighbourhoods who engage as champions applying PASSA Youth in communities they live in, while ensuring their protection and safety.
What Changes to Expect

Incorporation of digital tools

Artist as youth mentor while playing a vital role in the documentation of PASSA

Enrichment of activities

Digital maps, timelines, simulations, data analysis, and more

Artist as facilitator focusing on the incorporation of digital tools

Youth programming their own interactive content and spaces

Digital storytelling

Youth as artists and makers

Global connections

Y.E.S - IFRC Youth Engagement Strategy

Strategic directions and Recommended Actions for:

Youth Education

Opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, skills, competencies and values for a healthy, safe and fulfilling life.

Youth Empowerment

Complements education and includes components that foster decision-making by children, adolescents and young adults.

Creation of Enabling Environments

Focuses on internal organizational matters, such as institutional culture, processes, structures, policies and regulations that promote and support youth engagement and foster intergenerational dialogue and cooperation.

Youth as LEADERS

Youth as VOLUNTEERS

Youth as MEMBERS OF AFFECTED COMMUNITIES