

Professional Biography: Hwimma Rodrigues

National Coordinator, AfriYAN Angola

Hwimma Rodrigues Mavinga is a distinguished Angolan leader and development economics specialist. She holds a degree in Economics and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work and Social Policy. Her professional background is further distinguished by her status as an alumna of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) in civic leadership and the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA) in Human Rights.

With more than a decade of experience in the field of sexual and reproductive rights, Ms. Rodrigues is a dedicated advocate for human rights, social justice, and the empowerment of young women. As the founder and National Coordinator of AfriYAN Angola, she has been instrumental in spearheading initiatives aimed at enhancing access to information, building community capacity, and ensuring the meaningful inclusion of adolescents and youth in governance and decision-making frameworks.

In addition to her leadership at AfriYAN, she is a co-founder of the Nayuka cooperative, which established the first production coordination for reusable sanitary pads and soap in Angola. Through a professional practice that integrates academic rigor with grassroots intervention, she serves as an influential advocate for the development of inclusive policies and the advancement of an equitable and socially conscious society.