

**This week** underscored the value of community-based outreach and partnership, as FPA Sri Lanka reached youth, communities, and marginalised groups through coordinated awareness, service delivery, and support initiatives.

## Welcoming a New Batch of Psychology Graduate Interns

The first batch of psychology graduate internships for 2026, conducted by the Alokaya Counselling Center at FPA Sri Lanka, officially commenced. Through this internship programme, graduates will gain hands-on experience, strengthen professional competencies, and contribute to the ethical and responsible delivery of psychological services, with a particular focus on supporting marginalized communities.



## Strengthening Youth Knowledge through SRH Awareness

SRH Awareness Programmes for youth were conducted at DVTA Vantharamoolai, VTA Monaragala, and the Vocational Training Centre in Ampara under the IPPF SPRINT Emergency Response Project by the Batticaloa, Monaragala, & Ampara Service Delivery Points. Providing accurate and age-appropriate SRH information plays a critical role in reducing risk, addressing misconceptions, and supporting overall youth well-being.



## Youth Network for Health Nuwara Eliya

The Youth Network for Health Nuwara Eliya, established through the RFSU-funded project, held its first Youth Club meeting. Members reflected on 2025 activities, sharing experiences and lessons from delivering Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) sessions, while also planning future initiatives and reaffirming the roles of the Executive Committee and subcommittees for the year ahead.



## Reaching Communities Where Care Is Needed Most

The Monaragala Service Delivery Point carried out mobile clinics and demand-generation programmes under the IPPF SPRINT Project, reaching approximately 110 community members across rural areas in Badulla and Madulla. By taking services directly to communities, mobile clinics help overcome distance, cost, and access barriers, ensuring timely, confidential, and quality SRH services.



## Community Clinic Launched in Dematagoda to Expand Access to HIV and SRH Services

The Community Clinic was launched by The National STD/AIDS Control Programme under the Ministry of Health in partnership with FPA Sri Lanka and other partner organisations in Colombo.

This project is funded by the Government of Sri Lanka and the Global Fund HIV Grant, strengthening access to essential HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health services in urban underserved settings. Dr Sathya Herath/ Consultant Community Physician from NSACP, is in charge of this activity as the National Coordinator for the KP Programme.

## Inclusive Emergency Response: Supporting Transgender Communities

In line with FPA Sri Lanka's commitment to inclusive emergency response, the IPPF SPRINT Emergency Response Project facilitated the distribution of Transgender Dignity Kits to 18 beneficiaries, in collaboration with Heart to Heart Sri Lanka.



This initiative underscores the importance of targeted support and partnership-driven action in ensuring equitable assistance for marginalised communities.