

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Andi Rabaj	Executive Director- Youth Voice Network of Organizations (Ongoing)		
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Medicine, Tirana Faculty of Medicine,	Bachelor's degree	October 2011-July 2014	Public Health
University of Medicine, Tirana Faculty of Medicine,	Master's degree (MSc)	March 2017	Public health
University of Tirana Faculty of Social Science	Master's degree	October 2016-April 2018	Social Work

### A. PERSONAL STATEMENT

As an experienced professional in Public Health, I possess strong managerial and coordination skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office Programs, and expertise in SPSS25. Over the past 9 years, I have excelled in roles such as Executive Director and program manager/assistant, sharpening my organizational and communicative abilities. Collaborating with central, local, and international institutions has enhanced my organizational and collaboration skills.

In addition, I have expanded my expertise in research over the years. Recently I have been lecturing on sexual and reproductive health at two universities in Tirana. As an international expert for various organizations, I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.

With a deep understanding of community-based approaches and extensive work with policymakers and decision-makers, I have developed strong organizational skills that enable me to manage complex projects and achieve sustainable outcomes.

In addition to my managerial and coordination skills, I am proficient in utilizing Microsoft Office Programs for streamlined processes and maximizing productivity. Furthermore, my command of the SPSS25 program allows me to analyze data and provide evidence-based insights.

As I embark on the next career phase, I am eager to leverage my diverse skill set, passion for public health, and commitment to making a positive impact. With a proven track record and dedication to excellence, I am confident in contributing significantly to advancing public health initiatives.

### B. POSITIONS AND HONOURS

#### Employment:

<b>Dates</b> Occupation or position held	January 2016- Ongoing Executive Director
Name and address of employer Type of business or sector	Youth Voice Network of Organizations Non-Profit Organisation
<b>Dates</b> Occupation or position held	May 2018- Ongoing Project Coordinator- Albanian Centre for Population and Development
Name and address of employer Type of business or sector	Bruna Hylviu <a href="mailto:bhylviu@acpd.org.al">bhylviu@acpd.org.al</a> Non-Profit organisation
<b>Dates</b> Occupation or position held	September 2015- September 2018 Focal Point in Charge of National Youth PEER Education Network, Y-PEER Albania part of UNFPA Albania Youth Program.
Name and address of employer Type of business or sector	Elida Nuri <a href="mailto:enuri@unfpa.org">enuri@unfpa.org</a> Tirana 0692029952 United Nation Agency in Albania
<b>Dates</b> Occupation or position held	April 2016-May 2017 Program Manager- Observatory for the Children and Youth Rights
Name and address of employer Type of business or sector	Elma Tershana <a href="mailto:etershana@yahoo.com">etershana@yahoo.com</a> 0698304533 Executive Director Non-Profit organisation

#### Honours

#### PUBLICATIONS

My most recent paper as a co-author in the field of public health has been published in the Bulletin of the Institute of Public Health, "First results from the implementation of the cervical cancer screening program in Albania". In 2017, I spoke at the International Public Health Conference on "Partnerships for healthier communities: Youth Voice Network<sup>ii</sup>."

My most important work in the field of scientific health research is the two-year National Study on "Knowledge, Behaviors and Attitudes of the Population of Urban Women on breast cancer in 16 cities of Albania<sup>iii</sup>". This was the winning topic of the National Medical Conference among Young Health Researchers, organised by the University of Medicine, Tirana, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Sports, in April 2014. I was also a lecturer at the first National Medical Conference, organised by Tirana University of Medicine, with the topic "Problem-based learning in the field of Public Health". During the pandemic, I designed and implemented the research project "Health of Young People during the Social and Physical Isolation Caused by COVID-19<sup>iv</sup>".

Also, I am finishing two other studies on Gender Transformative Approach and Menstrual Health management in Albania.

## RESEARCH, RESEARCH SUPPORT AND DISSEMINATION

- Knowledge, Behaviors, and attitudes about breast cancer of the Albanian women who live in the Urban area
- Knowledge of young people about HIV
- Factors Influencing women's decision-making about their reproductive health in Albania (part of the research team)
- The first results from the implementation of the Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Albania
- Participatory-observation-research about "Constructively Dealing with the Past" (RYCO)

### Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Albanian**

Other languages (s) **English and Italian**

European level (\*)

Language

		Understanding		Speaking		Writing	
		Listening	Reading	Spoken Interaction	Spoken production		
ENG	B2		B2	B2	B2	B2	
ITA	B2		B1	B1	B1	A2	

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

### Social skills and competences

My persistent and full-time commitment to fulfilling all tasks and achieving the intended results characterises me at work. During these eight years of work, I have focused mainly on the field of public health and issues related to Sexual and Reproductive Health, Mental Health, Youth Health, Infectious Diseases, Quality Assurance in the health sector, but also Human Rights, Gender Equality, Volunteerism, Youth Peace and Security, etc.

My work experience has been professionally richer thanks to the position held as the National Focal Point for the Network of Peer Educators, as well as the engagements in the establishment of the first medical student organization near the University of Medicine. Later, I established the most significant and only network dedicated to youth and sexual and reproductive health, which I led. I am a youth expert at the national and international levels. This experience has helped me sharpen my skills and knowledge in the field of public health

An essential part of my commitments is related to the contribution to drafting National Strategies and Action Plans in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health. I own strong competencies in out-of-school CSE.

### Organisation Skills and competences

Positions held over the past eight years as Executive Director, program manager/program assistant, leader and coordinator of a youth network focused on youth health have helped me sharpen my organizational, leadership and communication skills at all levels. I have acquired strong management and leadership skills, skills in public speaking and preparing strategic documents. Cooperation with institutions at the central and local levels and international institutions has helped me gain more organizational skills.

### IT skills and competences

Good skills in Microsoft Office 2019, Internet Explorer, IBM SPSS 24, Photoshop

### Other skills and competences

Other skills gained during my studies and experience as a volunteer and team member are excellent communication skills, working under pressure, confidence, sustainability in work processes, good writing skills, critical analysis, management skills, and the ability to make difficult situations.

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<sup>ii</sup> [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjOuqm-p9X0AhVRSvEDHUFTAUYQFnoECAwQAQ&url=http%3A%2F%2Fishp.gov.al%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2017%2F04%2FConference\\_Programme-.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2Vgcj9JurdccCTIBMUS4jn](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjOuqm-p9X0AhVRSvEDHUFTAUYQFnoECAwQAQ&url=http%3A%2F%2Fishp.gov.al%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2017%2F04%2FConference_Programme-.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2Vgcj9JurdccCTIBMUS4jn)

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.slideshare.net/AndiRabijaj21/kanceri-i-gjirit-njohurit-sjelljet-dhe-qendrimet-e-femrave-shqiptare-te-zonave-urbane-ne-shqiperi-knowledge-attidhh>

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