



# YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & RESILIENCE

## 4 FORMS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

Political civic engagement  
(engagement in political  
components & related leadership of  
communities);



## FACILITATION OF RESILIENCE RESOURCES

Political civic engagement can facilitate "voice" and  
inform allocation of relevant and accessible resources



Social civic engagement  
(engagement in acts of altruism,  
such as volunteering);



Social civic engagement facilitates spaces and places  
that foster a sense of belonging for youth in their  
communities. Political engagement ensures a voice in  
the allocation of such resources.



Economic civic engagement  
(engagement in labour for  
resource gain); and



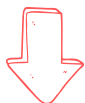
Economic civic engagement reflects a desire on the  
part of youth to make a meaningful contribution to  
the support and wellbeing of their family. This  
contribution furthers individual resilience resources  
such as a sense of competency and self-esteem.  
Engaging youth politically and socially can ensure  
healthy options of economic engagement.



Moral civic engagement  
(engagement in acts that  
further social justice)



Moral civic engagement: ties in with social justice,  
establishing more socially engaging communities  
underpinned by political and economic engagement.



Civic engagement benefits young people living in challenging contexts by:

- Giving them respite from their own problems;
- Reducing a sense of isolation, letting them know that they are not alone and thereby giving them comfort; and
- Establishing a sense of personal value, that they are able to contribute and make a difference.