

Save the Children (STC) Commitment



Narrative:

At the beginning of 2016, Save the Children began executing our global strategy, Ambition for Children 2030. Through this global strategy we aim to achieve three breakthroughs for children by 2030:

- 1) **Survive:** no child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday
- 2) **Learn:** all children learn from a quality education
- 3) **Be protected:** violence against children is no longer tolerated. Ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights for all is essential to achieving these three breakthroughs.

Through technical assistance, advocacy, humanitarian response, and most importantly, through shifting power to and equal partnerships with communities, adolescent and feminist civil society organizations, and governments, Save the Children will increase access to quality and equitable SRHR information and services; promote gender equality as a key driver of SRHR, and strengthen the ability of all people, particularly those most impacted by inequality and discrimination, to live healthy sexual and reproductive lives.

Specifically, by 2030, we commit to:

1. Accelerate progress on SRHR for adolescents

In 20 countries, Save the Children will partner with adolescents, civil society, and national governments to improve adolescents' comprehensive SRHR knowledge, capabilities, and agency; increase gender equitable and enabling community environments; and increase access to and use of quality and equitable SRHR services. Save the Children will provide technical assistance and capacity development to strengthen implementation of gender-transformative social and behavior change approaches and strengthen the adolescent- responsiveness of health systems to enable 6 million adolescents to access comprehensive sexuality education/SRHR information, and services. We will ensure a focus on adolescents who are most impacted by inequality and discrimination, including younger adolescents, adolescents affected by conflict, and adolescents with disabilities. As part of this commitment, Save the Children will establish equitable partnerships with at least 10 adolescent- and youth-led organizations by 2030. This entails creating partnerships that aligns with the principles of the Global Consensus Statement on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement (i.e., it is rights-based, transparent and informative, free from coercion, respectful of young people's views, backgrounds, and identities, and safe). In addition, we believe that in equitable partnerships, adolescent- and youth-led organizations are funded, and the scope of the partnership and activities are co-developed with young people.

2. Expand access to high-quality and equitable SRHR services

a. In humanitarian settings

Through capacity development of national partners and Save the Children staff, Save the Children will ensure SRHR services are prioritized and provided in all categories one and two¹ emergency responses for Save the Children, in line with the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health and the Interagency Working Groups' Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergency Settings Toolkit. We will adopt evidence-based review mechanisms to update training modules and procedures to optimize the quality of capacity building, develop documentation to consolidate knowledge on SRHR in emergencies, and collect disaggregated data to inform policies on service provision to ensure we meet the needs of adolescents and people

living with disabilities. We will prioritize integration of SRHR with other essential services in the humanitarian context, including routine immunization, nutrition, MNCH, child protection and SGBV prevention and response.

b. Through integration with other health services and other sectors.

In 20 countries, Save the Children will support governments and national partners to integrate contraceptive services with other health services, including immunization, nutrition, and maternal and newborn health services. In 5 countries, Save the Children will integrate SRHR, particularly adolescent SRHR, with education, economic empowerment, child protection, MHPSS, and/or other sectoral approaches to support holistic adolescent and community development.

3. Support advocacy and accountability driven by adolescents, women, and those most impacted by inequality and discrimination for supportive SRHR policies.

In 20 countries, Save the Children will promote budgetary, policy, legal and social change that improves free-at-point-of-use access to contraceptive information and services and the inclusion of comprehensive SRHR in national UHC packages. We will do this by strengthening the advocacy and accountability capacity and leadership of civil society groups, particularly feminist and adolescent-led organizations.

Globally, we will include supportive SRHR policies as a priority in our advocacy and we will continue to work with global partners, like the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) to develop evidence-based policy products that support the need for and urges governments to protect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all people, including adolescents and others impacted by inequality and discrimination.

Outcomes

We have incorporated measurable outcomes into our commitments above. They include:

1. By 2030, Save the Children will have supported comprehensive adolescent SRHR approaches in **20 countries**
2. By 2030, Save the Children will have supported **6 million** adolescents to access SRHR information and services.
3. By 2030, Save the Children will ensure SRHR services are delivered in **all categories one and two** emergency responses.
4. By 2030, Save the Children will support **20 countries** to successfully integrate SRHR services with other health services and with other sectors.
5. By 2030, Save the Children will support advocacy and accountability for supportive SRHR policies in **20 countries** driven by adolescents, women and groups impacted by marginalization.