

Conclusion

This strategy is one critical step in building a world where everyone, everywhere, can make their own decisions about pregnancy. By ensuring this fundamental human right for youth and adolescents, they're able to control their own lives and livelihood, which has a lasting impact on them, on the families they may choose to form, and our greater ability to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Empowering young people to make their own decisions about their fertility - with the information and resources they need - is all of our responsibility and is directly tied to the world's ability to meet the SDGs.

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- *Focal point is an individual who serves as the point of contact representing, at a minimum, civil society, youth, donors, and a government agency, often the equivalent of the Ministry of Health. Collectively, Focal Points work together to advance the rights of people everywhere to access reproductive health services and on their terms.

FP2030 Adolescent & Youth Strategy



FP2030 commits to ensuring that adolescents and youth are equipped to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health, supported by a dynamic and responsive ecosystem that prioritizes their needs and rights. Through innovative service delivery, data-driven strategies, prioritization of policies that center on adolescents and youth, championing youth leadership, and sustainable partnerships, we aim to significantly reduce unintended pregnancies and the unmet need for family planning, and to enhance the overall wellbeing of adolescents and youth worldwide.

Understanding the Context

In a world inhabited by over 1.9 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24, growing most rapidly in lower income nations, the need to address their sexual and reproductive health and rights is more pressing than ever. Within this demographic, there are sexual and reproductive health challenges faced by youth of all genders, but adolescent girls have unique needs, aspirations, and compounding challenges.

Investing in the sexual and reproductive health needs of young people as they are developing their behaviors and attitudes during adolescence will have a longterm impact on the adults they will become and the families they may ultimately form.



The Imperative for Action

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is imperative to meet the sexual and reproductive health needs of adolescents and youth. Despite extensive efforts, substantial unmet needs persist among adolescents and youth, especially in terms of contraception. According to the Guttmacher Institute, adolescents aged 15–19 years in LMICs had an estimated 21 million pregnancies each year, of which approximately 50% were unintended and which resulted in an estimated 12 million births. FP2030 commits to addressing these needs with a multi-faceted approach. This strategy ensures that the voices, needs, and preferences of adolescents and youth are at the forefront of our actions, emphasizing inclusivity, empowerment, and progress.

Vision and Guiding Principles

Our vision is to ensure adolescents and youth are equipped to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health, supported by a dynamic and responsive ecosystem that prioritizes their needs.

Guiding Principles

The following values and principles will guide the FP2030 approach, preventing ad-hoc or poor-quality partnerships with young people and instead building sustainable partnerships and a more effective movement.

- **FP2030 will be intentional in collaborating with adolescents and youth as equal partners:**
Adolescents and youth remain at the heart of our strategy, actively participating in decision-making processes that affect their lives.
- **FP2030 will build open, collaborative, and transparent relationships:**
FP2030 will transparently share any information needed for young people to lead or collaborate in decision making.
- **Our work will build on foundations of equity and human rights:** FP2030 aims to ensure that every individual, regardless of background, age, sexual orientation, marital status, physical ability, or any other identity, has equitable access to reproductive health services. This is the bedrock of our approach.
- **Our approach is intentionally gender-responsive,** acknowledging and addressing gender-specific challenges to equitable youth leadership and in accessing sexual and reproductive health services
- **Our strategy is rooted in evidence-based approaches,** grounded in research and empirical insights to drive meaningful change.
- **FP2030 will hold itself and our partners accountable for family planning and related programs' quality.** This will be done through deep relationships with youth-led organizations and Civil Society Organizations broadly and self-reporting systems.
- **FP2030 will build a more inclusive and diverse network of commitment makers and other partners,** with an eye toward race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, educational attainment, socioeconomic status, language, physical ability, age, religious background, or political perspective.

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Five Pillars of Action

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Showcasing High-Impact Service Delivery Models: FP2030 will identify, disseminate, and advocate for innovative service delivery models tailored to AY SRHR needs. By building alliances with governments, civil society organizations, and youth-led organizations, and sharing high impact practices (HIPs), we aim to enhance service quality and delivery across the globe.

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Prioritize Adolescents and Youths in Country Commitments, Programs, and Policies: We will ensure AY receive priority in global, regional, and national FP/SRHR commitments and programs. By engaging with stakeholders, governments, and youth-led organizations, we intend to effect change at multiple levels, with youth participating in policy development and implementation.

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Data-Driven Decision-Making: Data is at the core of our strategy. FP2030 will promote innovative data collection models, analysis, and utilization to inform policies and initiatives. We will also encourage data disaggregation to ensure that age-specific and essential AY indicators are considered.

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Championing Youth Leadership: FP2030 is committed to fostering leadership for young people in advocacy, accountability, and youth-inclusive programming. Through skill-building initiatives, mentorship programs, and the amplification of grassroots voices, we will harness the power of youth.

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Building Allies for Adolescents and Youth in Decision-Making Spaces: FP2030 acknowledges that AY may not always be present at every decision-making table. However, the commitment to invest in and support their well-being is unwavering. By forging alliances with various stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organizations, and international bodies, we aim to create youth-focused ambassadors, who prioritize the needs of AY even if young people themselves are not physically present in every discussion.



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