GFF CSO and Youth Engagement Framework
Background & Approach

- GFF Civil Society Engagement Strategy & Implementation Plan (2017) and Adolescent and Youth Addendum (2018)
  - Helped to strengthen CSO and youth engagement in the GFF at global and country levels
- Continuing challenges limit effective CSO and youth engagement in the GFF partnership
- GFF Trust Fund Committee agreed in April 2020 to review and update the GFF-CSO engagement framework
  - Guided by a taskforce of GFF Investors Group reps and the GFF Secretariat
- Approach:
  - Literature review of key GFF documents and CSO-led analyses/case studies/reports
  - Synthesis of lessons learned from successful engagement examples, and from other GHIs
  - Development of problem statement and set of solutions to inform the updated framework
- The updated framework aims to build upon the GFF Civil Society, Adolescent and Youth Engagement Strategy, by specifically clarifying the role of the GFF Secretariat in supporting implementation of the strategy.
## Current Status & Problem Statement

### Current Status

- GFF CSO and youth engagement has improved since 2015, but challenges remain
- Key strategies, guidelines, and structures exist to facilitate CSO and youth engagement in the GFF (e.g. CSES, AY addendum, MSCP Guidance Note and Minimum Standards, GFF Country Implementation Guidelines)
- 3 main structures provide governance, management, and support to CSOs and youth, including TA and grants (CSCG, small grants mechanism, and the Hub)

### Problem Statement

- CSO and youth engagement highly variable across countries
- Weak implementation of key strategies, guidelines, and recommended structures to support robust CSO and youth engagement
- Disconnect between CSOs and youth engaging at global level and country level
- Complex and cumbersome governance, management, and support structures for CSOs / youth
- Funding to support effective engagement at all levels not to scale for the number of CSOs, youth, and GFF countries
GFF CSO and Youth Engagement Support Framework – Theory of Change

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<td>• Incentivize govts to engage CSO and youth support for IC development, implementation, and monitoring*</td>
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| GFF Support for Multi-Stakeholder Country Engagement | • TA to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement in GFF processes in countries  
  • Implement a series of workshops, consultations, and regular meetings to facilitate joint planning/review/info sharing | CSOs and youth across GFF countries are coordinated, capacitated, and resourced to play their independent role in advocacy & accountability | Financing & systems reforms |
| GFF Secretariat Staff & Systems             | • Strengthen GFF staff/consultants/systems to support effective MSCP & CSO/youth engagement in GFF countries  
  • Improve communications/info sharing/ transparency at global and country levels |                                                                                     | Data for decision-making |
| NGO Host Partner                            | • CSCG/youth/women alignment, knowledge sharing, comms; alignment w/ other GHIs/GAP  
  • TA and capacity building  
  • Support for CSO and youth focal points; and CSO and youth IG reps  
  • Grants for CSOs and youth for advocacy & accountability |                                                                                     | High impact interventions |

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GFF CSO and Youth Engagement: Current Status vs. Proposed Framework

**Current Status**
- Many structures, limited coordination, limited funding and TA for CSOs and youth
- Lack of clarity around roles and responsibilities for TA, support, and coordination

**Challenges with engagement, support, and coordination of CSOs and youth in many countries**

**Proposed Framework**
- Strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement in GFF processes in countries by supporting country governments, MSCP, CSOs, and youth with tools (e.g. RMET), south-south learning, and dedicated TA (e.g. on RBF and health financing)
- Implement a series of workshops, consultations, and regular meetings to strengthen engagement, mutual accountability, and joint action between CSOs, youth, and women’s orgs and GFF country governments
- Strengthen GFF staff, consultants and systems to support more effective MSCP and CSO and youth engagement in GFF countries
- Improve communications, information sharing, transparency, for CSO and youth constituencies, at global and country levels
- CSCG, youth, and women’s groups alignment, coordination with PMNCH, and comm’s; alignment with other GHIs / GAP
- Knowledge management and dissemination, global goods
- Technical assistance, including south-south TA and learning
- Support for CSO and youth focal points; and CSO and youth IG reps
- Capacity building, coalition building
- CSO and youth grants for advocacy, accountability, and coalition building; dedicated portion allocated for youth
- Possible regional hubs/partners

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**Proposed Funding**
- **GFF Secretariat Staff & Systems**
  - TA grants to countries
  - Incentive “top ups” to TF grants
- **Country Govts**
  - GFF staff training & time
- **Regional Hub**
  - Earmark in TF grants
  - Allocate other IC resources
  - Incentivize govt to engage CSO and youth support for IC development, implementation, and monitoring, including for:
    - Representing community voices in planning / IC development
    - Community engagement & demand generation
    - Quality monitoring (including to support RBF)
    - Monitoring, evaluation, review, and learning
    - Service delivery (in fragile settings)
- **Other CSO Partners**
  - Continue to play an important role, in coordination with the NGO Host Partner
- **Possible regional hubs/partners**
  - Other bilateral & private donors to supplement

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For Investors Group Endorsement

• Endorse the proposed GFF CSO and Youth Engagement Framework, which:
  ✓ builds upon the GFF Civil Society, Adolescent and Youth Engagement Strategy,
  ✓ specifically clarifies the role of the GFF Secretariat in supporting implementation of the strategy

• Next steps:
  ✓ Trust Fund Committee will discuss and agree upon a funding envelope to support implementation of the strategy