



ADDENDUM TO THE
GFF CIVIL SOCIETY
ENGAGEMENT
STRATEGY:

YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS

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BACKGROUND

1. The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016-30 highlights the importance of adolescent health and well-being as being essential to achieving the SDGs by 2030
2. The GFF Civil Society Engagement Strategy (CSES) and related implementation plan provide a clear framework for civil society organizations' (CSOs) contribution to the improvement of health outcomes through coalition strengthening, meaningful participation in multi-stakeholder country platforms responsible for coordinating health plans and their implementation, and coordinated action in support of the achievement of national sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMNCAH) goals.
3. **This addendum to the CSES outlines a deliberate approach to ensuring youth representation in the processes led by the GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG) to ensure their meaningful and active participation in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their country investment case.**

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE AY ADDENDUM

- 1. Global Representation:** Outlines the role of youth in the GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG), Youth Representation in the CS Steering Group & the Youth Representative to the GFF Investors Group
- 2. Knowledge-Sharing and Capacity Building:** Knowledge-sharing, webinars, periodic mentoring, and a bi-monthly newsletter hosted by the CSCG and partners, with specific attention to youth engagement
- 3. Framework for Integrating Youth in National CSO Action Plans & Coalitions:** Guidance from the CS Steering Committee around the inclusion of youth networks in coalition activities, leadership, and action plans; a proportion of grants from the small grants mechanism supported by PMNCH and the GFF attributed to activities that have a deliberate focus on adolescent health and wellbeing
- 4. Inclusion of Youth in Multi-Stakeholder Country Platforms:** Ensure that implementation of the *Guidance Note: Inclusive Multi-stakeholder Country Platforms in Support of Every Woman Every Child* emphasizes the minimum standard around inclusion of youth.
- 5. Accountability:** CSCG accountability working group will include youth representative(s); will identify youth-led organisations to develop, implement and/or participate in accountability activities, particularly at the country level.

DISSEMINATION AND SENSITIZATION OF THE ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH ADDENDUM

- Share the AY Addendum widely through key civil society and AY networks including:
 - PMNCH AY Constituency, PMNCH CSO Constituency
 - GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group
 - GFF CSO country focal points and CSO coalitions
 - Africa Health Budget Network, Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, Women Deliver
- Align with PMNCH/Women Deliver grants to youth organizations; integrate into the next revision of the Advocating for Change for Adolescents Toolkit
- Leverage the GFF Investors Group and partners to share and promote the AY Addendum



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