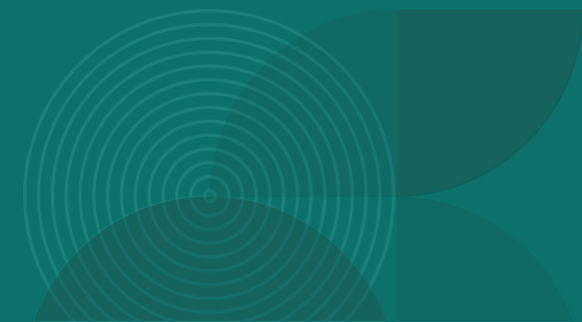




Operationalization of Adolescent SRHR

Technical advisory group – recommendations and commitments

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Country-led efforts to advance FP and SRHR

- By 2030, there will be more than 89 million additional women and adolescents who will need access to contraceptives in GFF eligible countries compared to current levels of access.
- Currently, low-income and lower-middle-income countries rely heavily on out-of-pocket payments and in-kind contributions from donors for contraceptive financing.
- To ensure that these services are delivered in a high-quality and equitable manner, national health systems will need to expand their capacity to address the needs and rights of women and adolescents.

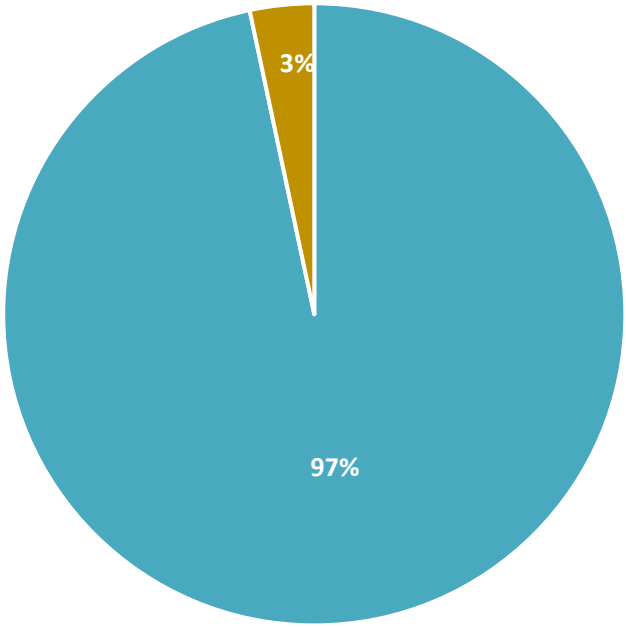
At least 10 million unintended pregnancies among adolescents each year, 5.6 million end in abortion

Adolescent health represents just 2.2% of the total spending on development assistance for health

Meeting the health needs of adolescents has a benefit-cost ratio of 9.9 to 12.6 in LIC and LMICs

GFF partnership has unique potential to facilitate prioritization of A-SRHR in investment cases, budget allocations and legal frameworks

SRHR prioritization in country ICs and GFF grants grew to 97% in 2022 compared to 80% last year



■ IC includes SRHR priorities ■ IC does not include SRHR priorities

Distribution of IDA/GFF resources in co-financed RMNCAH-N projects*:

22% to Reproductive & Maternal Health code

4% to Adolescent Health code

10% of IDA and GFF resources were allocated to the pandemic response code, stemming from increases in FY21 and FY22.

**Note: These percentages are distinct and may not be summed due to potential overlap between OPCS codes.*

GFF approach to SRHR

1. Advance country level coordination and alignment through a joint technical agenda
2. Support legal and policy reforms to create more opportunities for women, girls and adolescents
3. Improve availability of quality assured contraceptives and commodities through a joint reform agenda
4. Orient result-linked financing instruments to SRHR priorities
5. Expand joint investment to enhance data-driven country investment cases and data systems

Increased use of national systems and financing for contraceptive and RH supplies procurement

Increased met-need for modern contraceptives

Increased equitable utilization of high-impact SRHR interventions

Improvements in RMNCAH-N outcomes

SRHR Integration into national systems for advancing UHC

A SRHR Technical advisory group

IG14 Mandate :

1. Recommend opportunities for implementation of the priority investment areas for SRHR outlined in the IG14 SRHR approach paper, taking into account a specific focus on targeting adolescent SRHR.
2. Identify additional ways for increased collaboration for the GFF partnership to support the delivery on these SRHR investment areas, with a specific focus on improving health outcomes for adolescents.

Summary of the TAG discussion :

- Focused on the comparative advantage of GFF as a multi-donor trust fund in the field of A-SRHR and on the added value of the GFF as a partnership.
- Acknowledged the unique position of the GFF to leverage World Bank instruments and financing to advance the SRHR agenda, as well as opportunities to leverage country systems.
- Reaffirmed the importance of supporting access to comprehensive SRHR while recognizing the GFF's principles of country leadership as well as partner countries challenges on the A-SRHR agenda.
- Committed on the importance of coordination and alignment in support of existing processes and partner efforts
- Stressed the need to advance the generation of research and data on the countries' environments, approaches, and gaps on A-SRHR

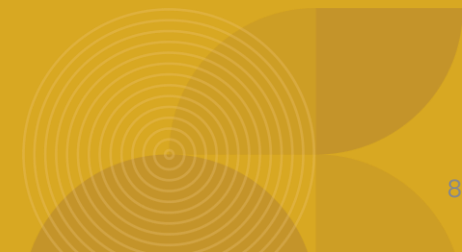
Recommendations

Proposed Recommendations

Recommendations for further operationalization of the priority investment areas (PIA) for SRHR , particularly A-SRHR, through the GFF partnership:

1. GFF Secretariat will ensure the organization of three curated technical deep dives during 2023 on lessons learned, challenges and opportunities for partner countries on rights-based approach to comprehensive SRHR and the operationalization of the SRHR PIAs, particularly A-SRHR and the link with the SRHR acceleration plan;
2. The IG agrees to an operationalization of the SRHR AP and the PIAs, including the enhanced focus on A-SRHR, for a period of 18 months followed by a stock take of progress to the IG18 and potential adaptations;
3. The GFF Secretariat will undertake annual tracking based on available methodology and report back to the IG of the share of IDA going towards adolescent health to measure progress in financing.

Commitments



PIA1: Advance country level coordination and alignment through a joint technical agenda

Strengthen focus on A-SRHR in coordination mechanisms and technical assistance

- Continued support to the **CSO youth framework**
- Leveraging the GFF's ADLAB initiative to support implementation **research** on the scale-up of adolescent health interventions, in **partnership with adolescents**
- Roll-out of SRHR-gender fellows' program in Africa.
- Continue analytical work and evidence generation to bring **other sectors** onboard.

Leverage existing partnerships and entry points to strengthen coordination and alignment on A-SRHR at country level

- **UN:** produce analysis of entry points on how the H6 and SDG3 GAP collaboration can be leveraged.
- **CSO-Youth:** Support joint coordination platforms for engagement of adolescents and grassroot communities
- **Donors, multilaterals, private sector:**
 - Galvanize multisectoral partnerships and ensure alignment and buy-in;
 - Map, reach out and form SRHR-focused alliances with broad stakeholders.

PIA2: Support legal and policy reforms to create more opportunities for women, girls and adolescents

Continued leveraging of the World Bank's Development Policy Financing (DPF) instrument for A-SRHR reforms

- Continued TA in **policy development to integrate SRHR reforms** with focus on adolescents.
- Knowledge products **linkages between legal changes and impact at community level.**
- Advance activities to promote **value clarification** and address **service provider**-level confusion, stigma and fear.

Support partnerships, including with CSOs, in GFF supported countries in a targeted way to promote legal and policy reforms down to community level

- **UN:** Support policy processes and implementation of SRHR reform.
- **CSO-Youth:** Identify concrete actions to ensure awareness of the legal and policy changes.
- **Donors, multilaterals, private sector:** Fund policy processes and implementation of SRHR reforms

PIA3: Improve availability of quality assured contraceptives and commodities through a joint reform agenda

Contributing to addressing gaps on contraceptive financing and promotion of contraceptive choice,

- **Strategic use of GFF/WB co financing** for essential health commodities, including contraceptives.
- Support countries on **transition financing plans** for reproductive health and other health commodities.
- Supporting **local and regional regulatory institutions** for quality assurance, regulatory authorization, and product registration.
- Support and promote **public-private partnerships** for improved choice of methods and expanded service delivery points.

Support safeguarding supplies of contraceptives and commodities

- **UN (UNFPA):** UNFPA Supplies transition strategy and match-funding pilot.
- **CSO-Youth:** Enhance participation in country-level conversations on commodities.
- **Donors, multilaterals, private sector:**
 - Create linkages with initiatives aimed at regional pooled procurement
 - Facilitate and finance local manufacturing of SRH commodities.

PIA4 : Orient result-linked financing instruments to SRHR priorities

Increase interventions to leverage financing for results to improve adolescent SRHR

- Leverage **Program for Results** (P4R) operations
- Integrate A-SRHR components into **strategic purchasing**.
- Build more evidence to support analysis of **comparative cost-effectiveness of A-SRHR interventions**.
- Increase the **interlinkages of A-SRHR investments with key demographic dividend** outcomes and projects.

Join forces and align support for a results-linked financing that comprises SRHR and adolescents

- **CSO-Youth:** Advocate at country level for greater inclusion of adolescents in strategic purchasing, including through social accountability.
- **Donors, UN, multilaterals, private sector:**
 - Strengthen alignment of investments in and better leverage the full potential of CHWs;
 - Increase investments in organizational and institutional capacity building of public and non-public sector actors.

PIA5: Expand joint investment to enhance data driven country investment cases and to strengthen monitoring and data use

Enable improved SRHR indicators through the Monitoring & Action for Gender & Equity (MAGE) project

- Continue to support **national health information systems** and data use.
- Support countries and global frameworks in the **measurement of rights-based issues**, such as choice of contraceptive methods and policy changes.
- Through the ADLAB initiative, **increase the generation of evidence and analytics** on adolescent SRHR that **target policy makers**.

Connect with other data initiatives that implement data disaggregation to build on GFF partnership

- **UN:** Align in addressing shortcomings in administrative data systems and increase the focus on quality adolescent and comprehensive SRHR services.
- **CSO-Youth:** Advocate at country level for available data disaggregation on A-SRHR.
- **Donors, multilaterals, private sector:** Support local institutions on effective communication of A-SRHR research findings and ensure full ownership that contributes to the GFF process in-country.



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