

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS ACCELERATION PLAN

A multi-partner initiative to double down on efforts that improve women, girls and adolescents access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

WHAT IS THE GFF SRHR ACCELERATION PLAN AND WHAT IT WILL ACHIEVE:

At the Generation Equality Forum, SRHR champions announced their support to a joint effort to accelerate women, girls and adolescents access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Implemented by the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents, a multi-stakeholder partnership hosted by the World Bank, the GFF SRHR acceleration plan will advance commitments made to the Generation Equality Forum SRHR Action Coalition.

OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, THE GFF SRHR ACCELERATION PLAN WILL:

- **Expand access to family planning** through an increase to the quality, accessibility, availability and acceptability to contraceptive services for more than 25 million additional adolescents, girls and women¹;
- **Integrate comprehensive SRHR services** as a core part of national health systems in at least 20 additional countries and catalyze increased and more efficient financing for SRHR;
- **Advance legal and policy reforms in 10 countries** to create more opportunities for women, girls and adolescents to access SRHR services and information and promote and protect bodily autonomy by creating an enabling environment to advance SRHR and improve health outcomes;
- **Increase support to women and youth-led organisations** networks and movements at country level to promote and protect bodily autonomy and SRHR capacities by increased funding to CSO and youth engagement with at least 3 million USD per year.

¹ This commitment scenario forecasts the target number of users that could be reached in 2025 using a probabilistic method and using the upper 80 percentile confidence interval for mCP from UNPD's model in 36 GFF countries. A linear trend between the 2020 baseline mCP (median) and the 2025 goal (80th percentile) was used to generate an estimate for additional users.

WHY AN ACCELERATION PLAN UNDER THE GFF PARTNERSHIP:

Since 2015, the GFF has been working together with partner countries to ensure that SRHR is prioritized in national health plans—an area that has been historically underfunded. While countries were making important progress, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic these gains are at risk as a secondary health crisis rages in many lower income countries. Due to severe disruptions in essential health services, GFF partner countries saw up to a 25% drop in coverage of lifesaving health interventions in 2020 as compared to pre-pandemic levels.

The crisis underlines the urgent need for a gender transformative approach in response and recovery efforts that addresses persistent inequalities in access to quality healthcare and overall health outcomes. As governments plan to build back better and make their health systems more resilient, there is an opportunity to incentivize more sustainable financing and build an enabling environment for SRHR and gender equality and ensure that access to an essential package of SRHR is a core part of a functional, equitable and responsive health system.

The GFF's mandate is to support countries as they chart equitable and increasingly self-sufficient pathways to universal health coverage, securing SRHR for women and adolescents is core to this agenda. Services like comprehensive sexuality education, access to contraception, prevention and treatment for reproductive tract infections, antenatal care, emergency obstetric care and post-natal care services are critical for improving women's health and well-being.

Not only is SRHR an important priority for the GFF's partner countries, these interventions are critical for shaping an inclusive, equitable and sustainable global recovery.

HOW

To accelerate access for women, girls and adolescents to sexual and reproductive health and rights services and information, the GFF SRHR acceleration plan will leverage the GFF partnership through:

- **New contributions to the GFF Trust Fund**, which urgently requires 1.2 billion USD before the end of 2021 to implement measures to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women, girls and adolescents, and ensure improvements for sexual and reproductive health and rights for girls and women to get back on track towards the SDGs.
- **Co-financing and/or greater alignment of partners around GFF country investment cases** to increase donors and partners alignment, coordination around a country-driven framework focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights for girls and women.
- **Country-level and regional joint-advocacy and policy dialogue** in support of an enabling environment for the achievement of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights for girls, adolescents and women.

WHILE EXPANDING ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF SRHR INTERVENTIONS, THIS PLAN SEEKS TO SPECIFICALLY:

1 Expand access to family planning to 25 million more adolescents, girls and women by increasing the integration of SRHR services into primary and community healthcare and investing in the systems needed to ensure quality, accessibility, availability and acceptability of contraceptive services. Going forward, the GFF acceleration plan will:

- Seek to support an integrated policy dialogue focused on the adequate financing and capacities needed to improve access to quality RMNCAH commodities, including contraceptives.
- Leverage GFF participation in a multi-partner initiative to improve last-mile distribution of essential health commodities and improve the efficiency of supply chains, including through distribution innovations.
- Utilize World Bank financing instruments, including the use of DLIs and other performance triggers, to create incentives for governments to adequately resource FP and other essential SRHR commodities.

2 Integrate essential SRHR services and information as a core part of national health systems in at least 20 additional countries and catalyse increased and more efficient financing for SRHR. The GFF acceleration plan will leverage the GFF country-led model to:

- Strengthen data systems and the use of SRHR data, including expanding the availability of client-experience metrics and sex and age disaggregated data and analytics and gender-responsive monitoring.
- Support health benefits packages that include essential SRHR services and information as well as health coverage mechanisms and social protection systems that are equitable and gender and age responsive.
- Improve the quality of SRHR services and health outcomes through re-organization of care and service delivery design, including self-care, strengthened capacity of frontline health workers on SRHR services and information and supply chain.
- Create incentives at national and subnational levels to drive SRHR funding to the frontlines.

3 Advance legal and policy reforms in 10 countries to create more opportunities for women, girls and adolescents in all their diversity to access SRHR services and information and to create an enabling environment to advance SRHR and improve health outcomes. The GFF SRHR acceleration plan will:

- Conduct country-specific analysis of national opportunities for legal reforms and policy dialogue for SRHR.
- Leverage GFF supported country platforms and WB instruments to tie financing to policy dialogue and legal reforms for SRHR and gender equality.
- Support the scale-up of large social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) campaigns that target men and boys, religious and traditional leaders to shift socio-cultural barriers and empower women, girls and adolescents to enjoy their SRHR.

4 Increase support to women and youth-led organizations networks and movements at country level to promote and protect bodily autonomy and SRHR capacities by increasing funding by 3 million USD per year. The GFF SRHR acceleration plan will:

- Increase funding to women and youth-led organizations, including to strengthen accountability and advocacy efforts of women and youth-led organizations through increased participation in country-led dialogue and investment case monitoring and accountability.