

INVEST IN ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

TODAY'S GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS THE **LARGEST IN HISTORY.**

HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION TODAY—OVER 3.5 BILLION PEOPLE—IS UNDER 30, MOSTLY LIVING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

1.2 BILLION OF THOSE ARE ADOLESCENTS AGES 10 TO 19.

Their choices and opportunities define the present and future of our world.

...YET YOUNG PEOPLE, AND SPECIFICALLY **YOUNG WOMEN**, FACE BARRIERS TO FULLY REALIZING THEIR RIGHTS.

In developing countries where **1 in 3 girls** is married by 18, child marriage creates a barrier to education.



Complications in pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death among girls 15-19.



Girls and women ages 15 to 24 constitute **60%** (2.3 million) of all young people living with HIV.



In the developing world, **23 million adolescent girls** ages 15 to 19 have an unmet need for contraception.



HOW CAN WE CHANGE THIS?

GUARANTEE ACCESS TO:



Meaningful youth participation



Education, including comprehensive sexuality education



Youth-friendly health services



Sexual and reproductive health and rights

OUR GOAL:

To remove the structural barriers young people face and ensure they are involved in decision-making and that they have the information, services, and opportunities needed to live to their full potential

OUR ASKS:

- Promote effective, equitable, accessible, youth-friendly services and comprehensive sexuality education
- Meaningfully include young people in developing, implementing, and evaluating programs and policies that affect their lives
- Eliminate gender-based violence and harmful practices such as child early and forced marriage, and female genital mutilation
- Increase employment and educational opportunities for all young people

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