

WITH YOUTH, FOR YOUTH

THE POWER OF YOUTH

Invest in Youth-Led Solutions for Gender Equality

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD TODAY,
CREATING THE REALITY OF TOMORROW.

SPEAKING
UP

DRIVING
SOLUTIONS

CREATING
CHANGE

Yet, young people — especially girls and young women —
face barriers to health, rights, and opportunities.

HEALTH



20 MILLION adolescent girls have an unmet need for **modern contraception**;

complications in pregnancy & childbirth are a leading cause of death.



OVER 30% of all new **HIV infections** globally occur among young people aged 15-25.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for adolescents aged 15-19.

RIGHTS

Legal restrictions and stigma contribute to **3.9 million unsafe abortions** annually among girls aged 15-19.



12 MILLION GIRLS are married before the age of 18 every year.

15 MILLION girls aged 15-19 have been **forced** to have sex.

OPPORTUNITY



About **262 MILLION** children and young people are **not in school**.



21% of the world's youth were excluded from **employment, education, or training** in 2018.

In 2018, working youth were **twice as likely** to be living in extreme poverty than adults.



THE SOLUTION:

Meaningfully engage young people in decisions concerning their lives and futures.

POLITICAL



RESERVE space for young people on boards, commissions, and decision-making bodies.

FINANCIAL



INVEST in youth as well as youth-led and serving organizations.

COMPENSATE young people for their work and services.



REPRESENTATION



SHARE platforms and visibility to promote youth voices.



RECOGNIZE the diversity of youth and avoid tokenism.