

GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH ACTION PLAN

GOAL

A unified group of young people working to see that the Global Financing Facility (GFF) works to advance the health and well-being of adolescents and youth living in GFF countries.

OBJECTIVES

- Involve young people and youth-led organizations in the design, planning, implementation and monitoring of the GFF, including GFF financing decisions

- Build the capacity of youth representatives to participate in policy design, development, implementation and monitoring at all levels

- Leverage existing country-level structures to engage with young people to ensure inclusiveness and accountability

- Strengthen existing adolescent and youth (AY) coalitions to better coordinate with a collective, cohesive voice for advocacy and accountability

- Enhance communication among young people in the GFF at and between the global and country levels, for better alignment and improved implementation at country level

- Leverage social innovations (technology), especially with respect to AY sexual and reproductive health and rights, to ensure youth-friendly service delivery and access for adolescents and young people

- Improve private sector engagement in the GFF as it related to AY at country level

KEY PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2019

- Mapping and coalition building
- Advocacy for youth representation and meaningful engagement at global and country levels
- Capacity building on civic engagement, coalition building, accountability and budget advocacy
- Budget tracking activities and health financing advocacy

Global / Country	Action	Description	Responsible Persons	Timeline	Resources Needed
Global Representation and Engagement					
Global Level	<p>Advocacy with the Investment Group (IG): Advocate to the IG for youth representation (seat) on the IG; and endorsement of the AY Addendum to the Civil Society Engagement Strategy</p> <p>Outcome: Youth seat and alternate seat on the IG; AY Addendum officially endorsed and disseminated to countries</p>	<p>Civil society and youth alternate representatives, together with the Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG) coordinator, will work with the GFF Secretariat and IG members to communicate the evidence and value add for youth representation and an aligned AY strategy. Follow up with a dissemination plan for ensuring the AY Addendum is shared with country governments, GFF Liaison Officers and civil society organizations (CSOs)</p>	<p>Youth IG alternate representative (Kosi), CSO representatives and alternate (Moussa, Pauline, Suzanna Dennis), CSCG Coordinator (Kadi)</p>	<p>April 2019</p>	<p>Technical assistance</p>
Global Level	<p>Communication and Coordination: Set up a listserv under an existing platform (e.g. CSCG, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health AY constituency) to create an independent but non-duplicative platform for youth engaging in the GFF, including regular communication, updates, consultation and follow-up</p> <p>Outcome: The youth IG representative can meaningfully engage in global platforms by communicating with and soliciting input from a broader network of youth in GFF countries</p>	<p>Set up a GFF Youth Google Group, with regular cross-information sharing and membership with the CSCG and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) AY constituency (AYC)</p>	<p>Youth IG alternate representative (Kosi), CSCG Coordinator (Kadi), PMNCH AYC coordinator (Mimi)</p>	<p>February 2019</p>	<p>Technical support</p>
Global Level	<p>CSCG Engagement: Youth representatives will be part of all existing working groups under the CSCG, i.e. Health Financing, Capacity Building and Country Engagement and Accountability</p> <p>Outcome: Working groups are enhanced with diverse inputs that include the voices of young people in GFF countries</p>	<p>CSCG working group leads should actively recruit youth participants from GFF countries to join, and follow the principles of meaningful youth engagement to support their participation and ensure their voices are heard</p>	<p>Youth representatives from the GFF countries</p>	<p>On a rolling basis as the opportunity presents itself</p>	<p>Technical support and information sharing</p>

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Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building					
Global and Country Levels	<p>Capacity Building: Establish training opportunities to build the capacity of young people engaged in the GFF on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Civic engagement b) Coalition building c) Accountability d) Budget tracking and health financing advocacy <p>Outcome: Improved capacity for youth representatives in GFF countries in key areas; strengthened youth coalitions</p>	<p>Explore opportunities with donors and partners to support capacity building in select countries and through global fora (e.g. conferences and webinars)</p> <p>Engage youth representatives who are actively engaged in the GFF process in their countries, including: Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Cameroon, Tanzania, Malawi, Senegal, Nigeria and Uganda. Support step-down training of youth trained at the global level to share with country-level youth partners</p>	TBD	TBD	Technical and financial support
Global Level	<p>Knowledge-sharing and Cross-country Learning: Use the GFF Youth Google Group, biannual webinars, and a biannual GFF youth blog to share information, disseminate best practices and lessons based on country implementation related to AY engagement and issues</p> <p>Outcome: Young people in GFF countries are equipped with the key information and tools they need to engage in the GFF and support implementation and accountability</p>	Each country will take turns to write a blog on youth engagement and findings which include youth participation and accountability on the GFF	Youth IG alternate representative (Kosi) with support from CSCG Coordinator (Kadi), GFF Oslo youth constituency, SC members and other partners	Biannual, ongoing	Leverage internal strengths of youth and CSO constituency
Integrating Youth in National CSO Coalitions and Action Plans					
Global and Country Levels	<p>Youth Mapping: In GFF countries, identify existing youth networks, organizations and groups working around reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH+N), including private sector</p> <p>Outcome: There exists a database of youth organizations working on the GFF at the national level (this will feed into a global database)</p>	This is a mapping exercise that will enable country representatives to identify youth groups who work around the GFF thematic areas to bring them together and create synergy	Leverage CSCG, the Hub and country-level relationships for support and collaboration	Phase 1 (Nigeria, Malawi, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya and Senegal)	Technical and financial support

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Country Level	<p>Country GFF Youth Workplans: Develop a plan for engaging youth networks, CSOs and private sector on the GFF planning, implementation and monitoring; outline clear roles and activities for youth and youth-led organizations. These action plans should include a section on advocacy for formalized youth representation on the country platforms as well as outline advocacy to shape investment case (IC) content and advocacy and accountability efforts in support of the achievement of IC goals</p> <p>Outcome: Youth in GFF countries have a strategy/ workplan that stands alone but is connected to/ aligned with in-country CSO GFF workplan</p>	This will be an engagement plan to enable in-country youth representatives to work with all partners on RMNCAH+N for adolescents and young people, in relation to the GFF	TBD	TBD	Technical and financial support

Building an Evidence Base on Youth Engagement in the GFF

Global Level	<p>Paper on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement (MAYE) in the GFF: Develop a paper that examines youth engagement in the GFF to-date, synthesizes key lessons from GFF countries and MAYE in other initiatives and platforms and makes recommendations for improved MAYE</p> <p>Outcome: Advocates have an evidence base to support advocacy efforts to strengthen MAYE at global and country levels</p>	This will be a research exercise using key informant interviews to ascertain the level of youth engagement in GFF countries	With support from PMNCH	April 2019	Technical support
Country Level	<p>Case Studies: Track and document country processes, lessons and outcomes from MAYE in the GFF</p> <p>Outcome: Country case studies provide lessons on MAYE and evidence of results from MAYE that support GFF and country RMNCAH+N goals</p>	Country representatives and youth CSOs will document their experiences	TBD	TBD	Technical and financial support