



GFF CSO HUB
Advancing Health Equity and Accountability



**Global Civil Society
Coordinating
Group for the GFF**

Civil Society and Youth for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health and Nutrition at the World Bank / IMF Spring Meetings + Civil Society Policy Forum

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Who are we?

We are the [Global Civil Society Coordination Group \(CSCG\)](#) for the Global Financing Facility (GFF), a global network of more than 400 civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth-led organizations (YLOs) advancing sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, children's and adolescents' health and nutrition (SRMNCAH-N).

What is our role in driving progress in SRMNCAH-N?

Meaningful engagement of communities and leadership of CSOs/YLOs is essential to unlocking progress for GFF goals and driving accountability for both human rights and health outcomes. Community monitoring—led by CSOs/YLOs—identifies real-world gaps in health service equity, quality, and access, and generates locally-relevant, innovative, and impactful solutions. CSOs/YLOs have a critical role in ensuring that all people have equitable access to health information and services—especially women, young people and communities facing systematic exclusion and discrimination.

CSOs/YLOs mobilize domestic resources, and push for budget transparency and accountability—including ensuring that funds actually reach affected communities. CSO/YLOs also play a powerful role in bringing together technical and financial stakeholders from different health initiatives (e.g. Gavi, GFTAM) to ensure their investments in health are aligned and serve to strengthen primary health care services (PHC) and universal health coverage (UHC) for women, young people and their communities.

Despite their critical role in driving SRMNCAH-N progress, communities—and the civil society and youth leaders that represent them—face powerful barriers that prevent them from holding country governments and other GFF stakeholders accountable. Sometimes they are excluded from decision-making, including from government-led policy and budget-making processes. Additionally, many CSOs/YLOs don't have adequate funds to facilitate bottom-up, local-to-national feedback loops, or to build and sustain momentum to drive policy and funding changes, track progress over time and push for accountability of all actors.

What are we asking for?

- GFF partners should support incentives and accountabilities to ensure that CSO/YLOs have meaningful leadership roles in decision-making about health policies and budgets, including through multi-stakeholder platforms.
- Governments should institutionalize ongoing, inclusive community-led feedback and CSO/YLO-led monitoring, as a core element of strong and resilient health systems.
- Donors should invest in predictable, multi-year funding for community engagement and to sustain effective civil society- and youth-led advocacy and accountability.

2023 World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings CSPF Sessions Overview

CSCG Leaders at the World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings and Civil Society Policy Forum CSPF

Date	Session Title	Event Details	Sponsors	CSCG Speakers
Tuesday, April 11	World Bank Executive Directors Roundtable with Civil Society	12:30 PM EDT 2:00 PM EDT Room: MC C2-350 (by invitation)	WBG	Roundtable Moderator: Christina Chilimba, RMNCAH-N Youth Coalition, Malawi/Co-Chair, CSCG Capacity Building and Country Engagement Working Group
Wednesday, April 12	Meaningful Civil Society and Community Engagement in the Pandemic Fund (CSPF)	8:30 AM EDT 10:00 AM EDT Room: I 2-250 Watch live	WACI Health CISDI	CSCG panelists: Rosemary Mburu, Executive Director, WACI Health, Kenya Diah Satyani Saminarsih, CEO, CISDI, Indonesia
Friday, April 14	The Critical Role of Community-Led Monitoring to Ensure SRMNCAH+N Equity & Accountability	11:00 AM EDT 12:30 PM EDT Room: I 2-220 Watch live	CITAMPLUS Action Partnership	CSCG Speakers: Xochitl Sanchez, Associate Director, ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership Secretariat, Co-Chair, CSCG Accountability Working Group Cindy Maimbolwa, Policy and Advocacy Officer, CITAM Plus, CSCG Member, Zambia
			Global Civil Society Coordinating Group for the Global Financing Facility (GFF) (CSCG)	Christina Chilimba, Co-Chair, RMNCAH-N Youth Coalition, Malawi-Co-Chair CSCG Capacity Building and Country Engagement Working Group Jackie Katana Executive Chairperson, Faith for Family Health Initiative (3FHI), Uganda, GFF Investors' Group Civil Society Alternate Representative Christina Wegs, Vice-President, Global Programs and Advocacy, PAI, GFF CSO HUB NGO Host / CSCG Coordination Unit
	Accelerate Equality: Unlocking Women and Girl's Empowerment through Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	2:30 PM EDT 4:00 PM EDT Room: MC 13-121 (by invitation)	The Global Financing Facility for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and Nutrition (GFF)	Christina Chilimba, Co-Chair, RMNCAH-N Youth Coalition, Malawi - Co-Chair CSCG capacity Building and Country Engagement Working Group Tasnia Ahmed, Program Manager & Team Lead, SERAC, Bangladesh, CSCG Steering Committee CSO Regional Representative

Want to Join Us?

- Learn about how to get involved in our CSCG 101 webinar on April 25. [Click here to register.](#)
- [Become a CSCG member](#) and be a part of the movement for SRMNCAH-N equity and accountability.
- [Follow us on Twitter](#) and sign up [here for our bi-monthly newsletter on Advancing Health for All: Civil Society and Youth-Led Action for SRMNCAH-N](#) for updates on the leadership of CSO/YLOs in driving equity and accountability at the global and country level.
- Amplify our Messages and Asks at the [2023 Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum](#) ([Click here to access our dedicated Social Media Toolkit](#) and share our tweets below).
- Have any questions or want to share your impact story for SRMNCAH-N? Please contact us at ngohost@pai.org.