



GFF CSO HUB  
Advancing Health Equity and Accountability



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# CSCG Call to Action

**Invest in Community-Led Monitoring and Civil Society and Youth Leadership to Advance Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition**

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## What is the CSCG?

The Global Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG) for the Global Financing Facility (GFF) is a global network of more than 500 civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth-led organizations (YLOs) advancing sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (SRMNCAH-N).

## What is our role in driving progress for 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 universal and equitable access to health information and services.

CSOs/YLOs mobilize domestic resources and push for budget transparency and accountability, including ensuring that funds actually reach affected communities. CSOs/YLOs also play a powerful role in bringing together technical and financial stakeholders from different health initiatives (e.g., Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) to ensure their investments in health are aligned and serve to strengthen primary health care services and universal health coverage 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 initiatives that create incentives and accountabilities to ensure that CSOs/YLOs have meaningful leadership roles in decision-making processes about health policies and budgets, including through multistakeholder 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, multiyear funding for community engagement and to sustain effective civil society- and youth-led advocacy and accountability.

## Want to join us and share your impact?

- Learn about how to get involved during our CSCG Pre-IG16 webinar on July 17. [Register here](#).
- Join our movement for SRMNCAH-N equity and accountability: [Become a CSCG member](#) and [subscribe to our newsletter](#), Advancing Health for All: Civil Society and Youth-Led Action for SRMNCAH-N.
- Follow us on [Twitter](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).
- Amplify our [Constituency Voices and Impacts](#) for the [2023 GFF Deliver the Future Campaign](#). [Click here](#) to access the dedicated social media toolkit.
- Have any questions on how to share your impact story or support for SRMNCAH-N? Contact us at [ngohost@pai.org](mailto:ngohost@pai.org).