Supporting youth-led solutions - the importance of youth SRHR advocacy

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Youth and SRHR

The investment case
Investments to yield a triple dividend

1) Better health and wellbeing today

2) Stronger foundation for a healthier and more prosperous future

3) More robust head start for the next generation
Supporting Youth-Led Solutions

Defining and practicing meaningful youth engagement
What is meaningful? Results from a youth engagement consultation

5 Core Elements:

1) Young people provide input at all stages of decision-making, implementation, and monitoring of programs and policies
2) No judgment, stigma, discrimination, or threat of violence
3) Integration of young people from marginalized populations
4) Power-sharing realized across all ages; young people’s expertise given equal weight
5) Robust support & resources for youth civil society
Defining the investment - 5 Key Areas

1) Acceptance & trust of young people at the decision-making table
2) Intergenerational partnership and dialogue
3) Data, evidence, youth-friendly research
4) Media and Communications support
5) Financial and technical resources to bolster capabilities
The many shapes of youth advocacy
Strengthening systems for services and rights

Safe Kicks Initiative, Nigeria

Ask4FP, Cote d’Ivoire
Making the investment: Youth at the conference

At Women Deliver 2016:
• Youth Working Group engaged in conference planning
• 500 scholarships to youth from 125 countries
• 2-Day Youth pre-conference
• 60 Young Leaders featured in plenaries & concurrents
• Youth Zone

[Image of youth group]
Connecting the dots: Linking youth advocates

RHSC Youth Caucus
Key messages

On young people’s RH supplies access

Half of the world’s population today—over 3.5 billion people—is under 30, and mostly living in developing countries (EuroMonitor, 2012). These young people are major stakeholders in the world’s social, political and economic development. Lack of access to reproductive health (RH) supplies makes young people vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy.
Thank you!