



Kenya kicks off country consultations; focus now on Ethiopia & DRC

The first GFF country consultation took place on January 21-23 in Naivasha, Kenya. Thanks to intelligence sharing among Coalition partners and the engagement of AFP's Kenya partner, JHPIEGO, high level civil society SRHR experts and advocates occupied a seat around the GFF consultation table. Their presence and their lobbying behind the scenes ensured a high place on the agenda for SRHR/FP.

Based on the consultation, a country "investment case" will now be put together and A&A WG members are working hard to ensure civil society remains involved in the process.

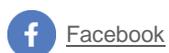
Given its success, the Kenya consultation format will serve as a template for the next two GFF country consultations scheduled to take place in March. The first will be in Ethiopia from March 3-4 (to be followed by a meeting of the Business Planning Team); the second will be in the DRC towards the end of March (date not yet decided). Efforts are underway to identify civil society and private sector partners in both countries that can participate in the consultations. A&A partners AFP and MSI are also supporting the adaptation of a [technical brief](#), initially prepared for civil society partners in Kenya, for use in Ethiopia and the DRC.

GFF and FP in a nutshell

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GFF to engage the private sector

The World Bank is planning a consultation, designed specifically to solicit input from the private sector into the design of the GFF. Tentatively scheduled for the 25th or 26th of February, the consultation will take place in the form of a webinar. Details are still being determined. Any interested participants are encouraged to contact [Anita Deshpande](#) (RHSC), [Mabinty Koroma](#) (FP2020), or [Jessica Schwartzman](#) (FP2020).



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