

Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth



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The evaluation assesses the implementation of the UNFPA Strategy on Adolescents and Youth (also known as *My Body, My Life, My World*) to provide actionable inputs and lessons to accelerate the implementation of the Strategy. For the first time in UNFPA, the evaluation engaged youth in multiple roles such as advisors, contributors, evaluators, and key informants. In addition, the innovative Youth Steering Committee co-managed the evaluation.

QUICK FACTS

832 young people participated in focus group discussions

419 stakeholders interviewed

70 UNFPA staff participated in an online survey

14 country case studies

Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mozambique, Niger, Philippines, Türkiye, Ukraine, Zimbabwe



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Strategy offers a holistic vision, but it needs to be fully operationalized
- UNFPA has positively contributed to all dimensions of the Strategy, and can further leverage the Strategy to expand into youth economic empowerment and youth and climate action
- There is a strong commitment to support adolescents and youth in humanitarian crises, however, the integration varies. UNFPA can further tap into youth, peace and security, youth and climate resilience, and the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus
- Adolescents and youth programming is human rights-based, however, a deeper analysis of inequalities can help UNFPA reach those furthest behind first
- UNFPA should clarify and prioritize its thematic focus in adolescent and youth programming
- UNFPA makes a compelling case for investing in young people, however, policy advocacy can be improved by enhancing population data and dynamics.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Enhance the operationalization of the integrated and multisectoral nature of the Strategy
- 2 Further enhance the three dimensions (*My Body, My Life, My World*) of the Strategy
- 3 Fully integrate adolescents and youth within the UNFPA humanitarian response and leverage youth, peace and security and climate resilience
- 4 Ground all adolescent and youth interventions in human rights-based and gender-transformative approaches
- 5 Identify UNFPA corporate priorities and approaches for leadership, coordination, and partnership, within adolescent and youth programming
- 6 Leverage population data analytics for policy advocacy through strong investment cases
- 7 Review the UNFPA corporate structure and staff capacities to implement the Strategy
- 8 Develop a human resource work plan for the meaningful participation of young professionals in UNFPA
- 9 Engage youth in UNFPA evaluations and advocate for youth engagement in evaluation.