Message from the Director’s desk

This Human Rights Day reaffirmed that equality for all is a prerequisite to recovering from the COVID-19 crisis and resuming our path towards realising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This requires advancing the human rights of the furthest behind, particularly youth, and amplifying their voices as transformative agents of change.
In this effort, the United Nations Youth Strategy 2030 provides a blueprint for how the United Nations should programme for, with, and alongside youth.

To accelerate its implementation, a new report ‘What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth?’ extracts evidence-backed solutions and illustrative examples from the synthesis of 150+ youth evaluations.

These lessons can step up youth development interventions, particularly around youth participation and youth and human rights, across the United Nations system.

This inter-agency knowledge collaboration was co-led by the Evaluation Offices of UNFPA and UNICEF along with EvalYouth Global Network, Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth and FAO, ILO, IOM, DPPA/PBSO, UNDP and UNIDO.
Evaluation plays a pivotal role in supporting the United Nations and its partners, in strengthening accountability for results, by providing evidence to adapt and improve programmes and decisions, and to reach those furthest behind first. We are confident that this synthesis report, with its accessible and usable knowledge, will guide and strengthen human rights-based youth programming across the United Nations.

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