Dear colleagues

We are pleased to share a new interagency report, "What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth in peace and resilience building?", launched at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023 side event on 27 April 2023.
This report includes insights and lessons on what works and what does not work in United Nations youth programming specifically related to Priority 5 of the United Nations Youth Strategy focusing on peace and resilience building. The lessons have been extracted from the meta-synthesis of over 120 United Nations evaluations from 23 United Nations entities.

Watch key highlights of the report

The meta-synthesis exercise was co-led by the Evaluation Offices of UNFPA and UNICEF and involved 11 organizations, including the Office of the Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth and youth-led groups.

The launch event utilized the lessons for a discussion on enhancing meaningful youth engagement in peacebuilding programmes, and in accountability processes. The event brought together youth advocates and programmers from DPPA/PBSO, Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, UNDP, UN Women, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations - Youth Solidarity Fund, and Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace to reflect on the use of the lessons from the meta-synthesis. The event recording is available here.
This meta-synthesis is the second in a series of exercises capturing lessons learned on the implementation of the United Nations Youth Strategy. The first exercise ‘What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth?’ focuses on youth participation and youth and human rights.

We hope the lessons, evidence and insights in this interagency report will guide and inform United Nations programming to strengthen the engagement of young peacebuilders towards sustainable peace. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cadondon (cadondon@unfpa.org) and Tami Aritomi (taritomi@unicef.org).