



WOMEN DELIVER COMMITMENT FOR ADOLESCENT WELL-BEING

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Subject: *Committing to Adolescent Well-being in response to the UN Secretary General's Call for SDG Transformation Commitments at the SDG Summit 2023; and in support of the 2023 Global Forum for Adolescents*

On behalf of Women Deliver, we recognize that the well-being of adolescents is critical to achieving sustainable development and acknowledge the importance of adopting a whole-of-society approach to work together in a coordinated and collaborative manner to address the multiple and intersecting factors that impact adolescents.

We commit to strengthen investments in adolescent well-being as it is a smart investment in the future of our societies, economies, and the planet, and call for sustainable and adequate funding for adolescent-focused programs and initiatives. We commit to prioritize adolescent well-being in our plans and strategies, to support disaggregated data collection to better understand the challenges and opportunities for ensuring adolescent well-being, and to integrate adolescent-specific indicators into our monitoring and reporting frameworks by meaningfully engaging adolescents and young people in the design, implementation, and monitoring of policies and programs that affect their well-being.

Our commitment to adolescent well-being is:

- in response to the United Nation's Secretary-General's [call for national and global commitments](#) to deliver the 'Rescue Plan for People and Planet' at the [SDG Summit 2023](#), that will help drive SDG transformation for inclusion and sustainability in the years ahead; and
- in support of the [Global Forum for Adolescents](#), the world's largest-ever convening of stakeholders – youth networks, governments, private sector, donors, the UN and others – to raise attention to the need for immediate action to advance the major determinants of adolescent well-being, as a major milestone within the [1.8 Billion Young People for Change](#) campaign, convened by PMNCH

On behalf of Women Deliver, we commit to:

- Provide SRHR and climate justice advocates under age 30 – both adolescent girls and those proximate to adolescent girls working for girls – access to:

- Multi-year, flexible funding ranging from \$10,000USD to \$100,000USD per year for an advocacy project, data and hardware stipends, travel funding for select policy windows, and funding to participate in coalition work;
- Context-specific expert and peer mentorship and self-directed learning opportunities;
- Profile-building as experts and leaders; and
- Decision-making roles and spaces that are critical to advancing the Emerging Leader's advocacy goals.
- Supportive ecosystem of peer Emerging Leaders, partners, coalitions, and networks working in similar geographic context and toward shared thematic advocacy goals. Through this work, we aim to ensure emerging advocates feel they have the funding, resources, supportive ecosystems, and leadership opportunities they need to achieve their gender equality and SRHR advocacy goals; and that emerging advocates are included as key actors in decision-making spaces.

In support of our Commitment/s please see attached supporting documents:

- [Emerging Leaders for Change Concept Note](#)
- [Equitable Youth Engagement and Co-Leadership Publication](#)

Our commitment is directly aligned to the domains of the domains of the [Adolescent well-being framework](#):

1. Health and nutrition
2. Connectedness, positive values, and contribution to society
3. Safety and a supportive environment
4. Learning, competence, education, skills, and employability
5. Agency and resilience

Our commitment is aimed at accelerating progress towards the following [SDGs](#):

- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 13: Climate Action

By making this commitment we agree to [register](#) our commitments on the [SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform](#). We commit to systematically report on the implementation of these commitments through existing follow-up and review processes including:

- Releasing an annual shareholder report that includes this commitment.

Sincerely,
 Maliha Khan
 President and CEO, Women Deliver