



Pregnant, when?

Contraceptives are methods of protecting against unintended pregnancy.

- There are four types of contraceptive methods:
 - Natural methods
 - Barrier methods
 - Hormonal methods
 - Permanent methods

Condoms or hormonal methods (with injection) are the safest method of contraception for young people.



Young People's Perspective Post-2020

We've been busy...

- **2015**: Strategic review resulting in increased focus on AYs.
- **2015-Present**: Consistently increasing our effort to support countries to meet young people's needs and to partner with youth.
- **Late 2018/Early 2019**:
 - **Youth Consultations**: ICFP, OP Annual Meeting, three virtual consultations with youth from three FP2020 regions.
 - **External Assessment** of FP2020's youth engagement efforts

Note: Young people also participated in Deloitte's assessment (interviews and survey).

Young People say...

The FP2020 partnership has successfully convened stakeholders around a common cause and facilitated strategic planning towards a common goal.

However...

Those stakeholders remain **too high level**. Current structures reinforce power dynamics and enable gatekeepers.

The strategic planning and commitments often **do not lead to adequate or appropriate action** at the country level.

Limited ability to track progress in this area within the FP2020 data framework (focus on ABR and no indicators on engagement).

Young People Recommend... Structural & Systemic Changes

Goals, Commitments and Country Action Plans are viewed as essential for advocacy.

Recommendations:

- Goals must be incremental, realistic, and correspond to budget allocations.
- Commitments are SMART and evidence-informed.
- Develop, announce, and update commitments locally with participation of local media & CSOs.
- Co-create commitments and country action plans with inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral partners - esp youth.
- Facilitate clear accountability systems and processes.

Young People Recommend... Structural & Systemic Changes

Strong partnerships facilitate progress

Recommendations

- **Eligible Countries:** Country participation in the partnership is determined by need not income (i.e. LAC, HIC).
- **Regional Hubs:** Establish regional hubs to enable collaboration and exchange between countries.
- **National & Local:** Support and fund decentralized decision making systems that value diversity in participation.

Young People Recommend: Structural & Systemic Changes

Data and communications to drive progress.

- **Data Informed Change:** Shift away from making significant policy and programming decisions based on “sexual activity” data. **Plan for the fact that young people are or will be sexually active.**
- **Indicators:** Expand the suite of indicators used to assess AY progress to include more **holistic indicators.**
- **Data for Change:** Invest in the **collection AND utilization** of data for accountability and advocacy.
- **Media for change:** Develop a large scale, sustained and multi-platform communications strategy to disseminate accurate contraception/FP information.

Young People Recommend: Adolescent and Youth Focus & Engagement

Further reflections:

‘SRHR’ is a more enabling entry point, then ‘Family Planning’ :

- The term FP stigmatizes unmarried youth. Besides, our goalposts should go beyond ‘delaying first pregnancy/birth’. Young people want ‘Sexual and Reproductive self-determination’.

Link FP to other health and non-health sectors:

- Clearly defined partnerships are needed with HIV, MCH, SRHR, education, workforce- for a more comprehensive approach.

We are missing influential populations:

- Expand programming and data collection to include early adolescents (10-14).

Young People Recommend: Adolescent and Youth Focus & Engagement

Youth-led Organizations (YLO) and Networks can drive change with adequate support and investment

- Build the next generation of FP leaders to ensure sustainability of the partnership

Partnership Building

- Support partnerships w/ YLO at the country level and facilitate youth participation in diverse coalitions

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are your initial reactions to the ideas and recommendations generated by the youth consultations and Restless Development assessment?
- In what ways can we better integrate a youth perspective into the post 2020 agenda?
- How can we improve meaningful youth engagement in our efforts now and in the future?



THANK YOU