Global Forum for Adolescents 2023

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**PMNCH’s value proposition**

- **Thematic focus:** largest global multistakeholder partnership focusing on women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health and well-being across the entire continuum of care and with a life course approach.

- **Breadth:** Being partnership-centric, PMNCH unites diverse partners from 10 different constituencies across 192 countries.

- **Convening power:** Driven by country demands and regional priorities, PMNCH has the power to convene partners at the highest level to align their existing and new activities, and actively brokering knowledge, innovations and collaborations for urgent action.

PMNCH 2021-2025 Strategy click [here](#)
1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign
We must ACT NOW

Watch the #1point8 and Global Forum Trailer
There are 1.8 billion young people living in the world today – more than ever before in history. Their needs are urgent, yet under-recognized and under-served.

To advance the agenda of adolescent well-being, PMNCH is coordinating the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign, a multi-year campaign (#1point8 Campaign) to build momentum – with young people - for new policies, funds and better services for adolescents.

The Global Forum for Adolescents, 11-12 October 2023, a key milestone of the campaign will be the world’s largest online forum for action, created by and for young people.

More than 1 million young people will engage in conversations with the world’s leading health and development experts, heads of state, influencers and private business to accelerate action for adolescent well-being.
A COLLABORATION BY 200+ WORLD LEADING ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADOLESCENTS INCLUDING:
Objectives of the #1point8 campaign and the Global Forum

• Engage partners in the Forum and country level advocacy to secure political and financial **commitments from governments** to improve adolescent well-being

• Increase **awareness of adolescent well-being** (data, knowledge products, AWB framework and five domains)

• Stimulate action and **engagement of 1M young people**, at the global, regional, national, and local levels to shape the **Agenda for Action for Adolescents**

• Build a strong audience around AWB for long-term demand and action on accountability, contributing to progress towards SDG2030
Advocating for Adolescent Well-being commitments
Commitment Mobilization for Adolescent health and well-being

- Commitment mobilization will be at the core of the 1.8 Billion Campaign and in the road towards the Global Forum for Adolescents in 2023 to raise the profile for adolescent well-being issues in global, regional and national discourse

- A focused approach:
  1. Emphasize greater accountability towards existing commitments for adolescent health and well-being, across the continuum
  2. New political and financial commitment mobilization for adolescent well-being where their context-specific needs have been neglected

- The GFA will shine a spotlight on opportunities to accelerate progress and strengthen accountability and build momentum where more attention is needed.
Accelerated process to advocate and mobilize adolescent health and well-being commitments

1. Identify priorities for commitments for Adolescent Well-being

2. Identify commitment gaps and priorities for Adolescent Well-being to be supported by PMNCH partners at national level

3. Support provided to national advocates for mobilizing commitments for Adolescent Well-being through e.g., capacity building webinars, guidance materials, catalytic grants, etc.

4. Leverage the Global Forum for Adolescents to amplify commitments for adolescent well-being

5. Ensure national led accountability for the implementation and follow up globally

Continue dialogue and advocacy for more action on commitments in the lead up to the Summit of the Future
Government-led adolescent well-being focused commitments are encouraged in line with the 5 domains including its interconnectedness (and sub-domains of list of AWB-related commitments for which indicators exist in agreed WCAH monitoring frameworks)

**Ask 1: Improve adolescent health**
By addressing mental health & well-being issues, nutrition, reducing interpersonal violence, road injury, HIV and self-harm, teen pregnancy, comprehensive SRHR,

**Ask 2: Foster connectedness, positive values and healthy relationships**
Through cohesive programming that focus on creating enabling environments at multiple levels e.g., the Community level, Familial level, School level and Digital Spaces.

**Ask 3: Create a safe and supportive environment**
By preventing stigma and discrimination, and sexual and gender-based violence toward adolescents through protection, sensitization, and education programmes, Comprehensive Sexuality Education

**Ask 4: Strengthen Learning, competence, education, skills and employability**
By supporting adolescents to stay in school, invest in education and skill development through targeted programmes and policies for all and especially those most at risk of dropping out and non-enrolment

**Ask 5: Promote agency and resilience**
Through empowerment and engagement of adolescents and youth from all communities in designing data driven and evidence-based policies and programmes, including programme implementation, governance, monitoring and evaluation
Timeline for Adolescent Well-being focused Commitment mobilization

GUIDANCE MATERIALS
Tools and resources developed

OUTREACH
With partners and Governments

PARTNER-LED CONSULTATIONS
Lead partner coordinating scoping exercise

VNR 2023
Incorporate scoping exercise findings

HLPF 2023
AWB-specific analysis included in presentations

LAUNCH
During virtual main-stage

AWB COMMITMENTS
Support countries with best practice language for negotiations

GLOBAL FORUM FOR ADOLESCENTS

COUNTRY COMMITMENTS

CAPACITY BUILDING
Webinars and coordination support

COMMITMENT SHAPING
Draft policy priorities and plans based on evidence and gaps

SDG SUMMIT
High-level intergenerational dialogue during UNGA 78

AGENDA FOR ACTION
Supported by Scoping exercise report and lived experiences collated from chatbot deployment

Mobilization efforts at global and regional level for partner-led commitments in support of Adolescent Well-being
The Global Forum for Adolescents

11-12 October 2023
2-day Virtual forum will feature:

- Rolling 24-hour program
- National events
- Media skills-building
- Digital art and performances
- Parliamentary forum
- Innovation Marketplace
- AI supported Chatbot
- Awards
- New knowledge and evidence
- Social media campaigning
The approach to ‘National Events’

A spectrum of national events led by PMNCH partners during the Forum to inspire action!

1. Partners to come together at scale with national Governments

2. Locally initiated activities led by young people and PMNCH partners

3. Collaborations with international multi-national (youth) organizations which can back-up national (youth-led) events in different countries

Host your own national event
How can Missions deliver support

i. Include adolescent well-being as a focus area for review at the SDG Summit in September 2023 by reviewing the SDG targets in relation to adolescent well-being, and include the review as part of the Member States’ national statements during the High-Level Political Forum in July 2023; and

ii. Provide technical support to capitals to make commitments to advance the progress towards the SDGs with an adolescent-specific lens at the SDG Summit in September 2023, the G20 Summit in September 2023, the Global Forum for Adolescents in October 2023, the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Review in June 2024, and the Summit for the Future in September 2024.

iii. Hold regional, national and sub-national level activities (e.g., debates, multi-stakeholder consultations, round tables) in the lead up to October 2023 to promote adolescent well-being

iv. Contribute to and/or develop sessions for the programme of the Global Forum for Adolescents in October 2023
How to get involved

• Support Commitment mobilization for Adolescent Well-Being

• Support the development of a co-branded session in the main program & side events (expression of interest)

• Organize national events and activities related to the Global Forum for Adolescent and 1.8 Campaign between March and 12 October 2023 (register)

• Mobilize for the What Young People Want initiative

• Meaningfully engage young people in decision-making
Thank You
Additional information

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New PMNCH in action: Orchestrating joint action for impact

Campaigns: Taking forward advocacy asks through highest level leaders and champions, grassroots outreach, media and constituencies

Digital communications: Digital means and solutions to connect partners & amplify messages effectively on large scale

Knowledge and evidence: Robust, up to date data and evidence to guide advocacy targets and tactics

Partner engagement: Country level mobilization and accountability through stronger Multi-Stakeholder Platforms

Strategic Advocacy leading to Action and Results

PMNCH advocacy outputs contribute to high-level outcomes and SDG progress
Accountability for adolescent health and well-being commitments

• Where possible integrated with existing processes and initiatives at the national, regional and global level; commitments will be published on the website and a light touch accountability mechanism

• Commitments made as part of the Global Forum for Adolescents will be hosted and shared on the Forum website - 1point8.org

• Formal reporting processes will be encouraged such as through SDG Voluntary National Reviews

• Follow up of AWB commitments will be built into the joint national advocacy and accountability action plan developed by PMNCH lead partners (as shared earlier)
## Plenary Tracks for Global Forum

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<td>Sharing new evidence on multi-sectoral approach to adolescent well-being</td>
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<td>• A high-level panel discussion on gaps and new evidence as it relates to adolescent well-being:</td>
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<td>• Launch of the Global AA-HA! 2.0</td>
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<td>Engaging adolescents everywhere, including those most left behind</td>
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<td>• Reveal of the results of “What Young People Want” Chatbot as part of the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign.</td>
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More information and Expressions of Interest
Key Advocacy Opportunities for Adolescent Well-Being

CSW67 Global Adolescent Girls
Leadership Townhall on AWB & GFA

March 6-9

CSW67 UN Women event/ Youth Forum
Support by PMNCH, focus on AWB & GFA

March 19-25

ECOSOC Youth Forum
Launch of summary report on AWB
Support launch of Girls Effect report on accessing SRHR

May

G20 AWB event, New Delhi, India
Outcome document feeding into G20 discussion
Official side event of the PMNCH Board Meeting

July 17-20

G20 Summit
Participation by PMNCH Board leadership

Sept 5-19

Global Forum for Adolescents
Virtual forum, inc. announcements of AWB commitments, launch of Agenda for Action for Adolescents, multiple knowledge products and investment case.

Oct 15-17

February 24

Africa Health Agenda International Conference
Panel discussion on MAYE

March 6-17

International Adolescent Health Week
Launch of the BMJ collection on adolescent well-being

April 18-20

76th World Health Assembly
PMNCH-led dialogue series on WCAH, incl. event on AWB & SRHR
Walk the Talk for AWB
GFA & 1.8 Townhall

June 20-22

Women Deliver, Kigali, Rwanda
GFA pre-conference

Sept 9-10

UNGA
GLN high-level side event on AWB, during SDG summit

Oct 11-12

World Health Summit
High-level side event on 1.8 billion - TBC