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# Supporting youth-led solutions - the importance of youth SRHR advocacy

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# Youth and SRHR

The investment case



# Investments to yield a triple dividend

- 1) Better health and wellbeing today
- 2) Stronger foundation for a healthier and more prosperous future
- 3) More robust head start for the next generation

# Supporting Youth-Led Solutions

Defining and practicing meaningful youth engagement



# What is meaningful? Results from a youth engagement consultation

## 5 Core Elements:

- 1) Young people provide input at all stages of decision-making, implementation, and monitoring of programs and policies
- 2) No judgment, stigma, discrimination, or threat of violence
- 3) Integration of young people from marginalized populations
- 4) Power-sharing realized across all ages; young people's expertise given equal weight
- 5) Robust support & resources for youth civil society

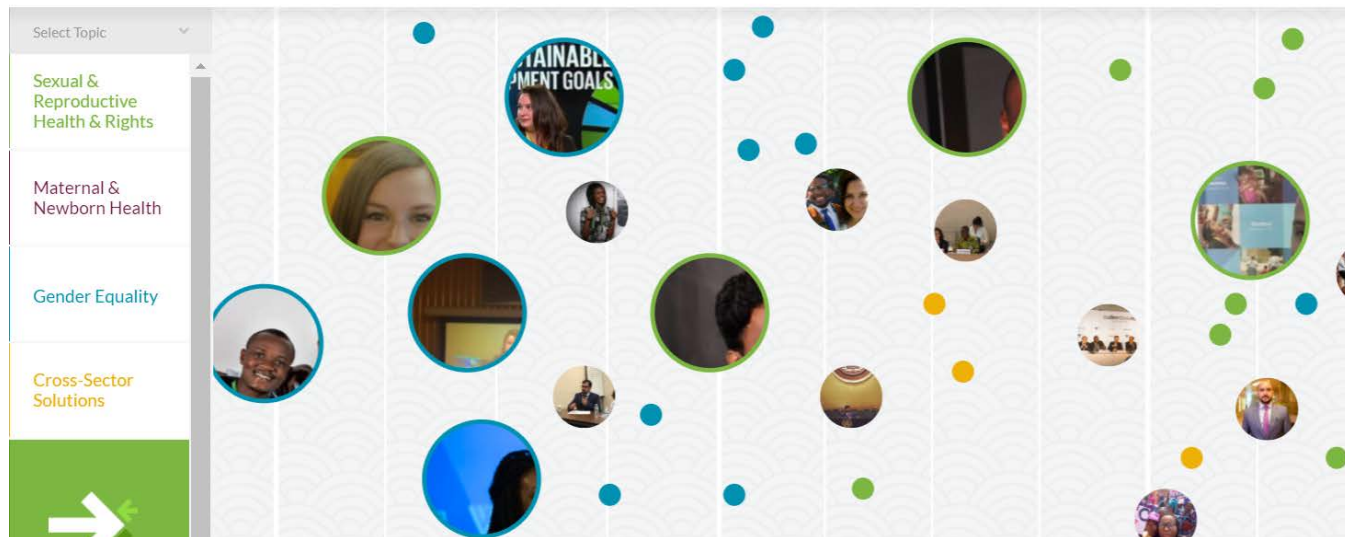


# Defining the investment - 5 Key Areas

- 1) Acceptance & trust of young people at the decision-making table
- 2) Intergenerational partnership and dialogue
- 3) Data, evidence, youth-friendly research
- 4) Media and Communications support
- 5) Financial and technical resources to bolster capabilities



Young Leaders: Advocacy in Action



# The many shapes of youth advocacy



# Strengthening systems for services and rights

Safe Kicks Initiative, Nigeria



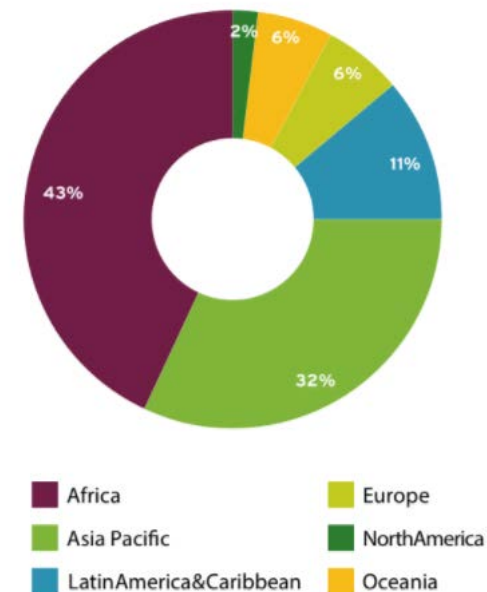
Ask4FP, Cote d'Ivoire





# Making the investment: Youth at the conference

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS BY REGION



At Women Deliver 2016:

- Youth Working Group engaged in conference planning
- 500 scholarships to youth from 125 countries
- 2-Day Youth pre-conference
- 60 Young Leaders featured in plenaries & concurrents
- Youth Zone



# Connecting the dots: Linking youth advocates



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Half of the world's population today—over 3.5 billion people—is under 30, and mostly living in developing countries (EuroMonitor, 2012). These young people are major stakeholders in the world's social, political and economic development. Lack of access to reproductive health (RH) supplies makes young people vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy.



Thank you!

