

# ➔ INVEST IN ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

TODAY'S GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS THE **LARGEST IN HISTORY.**

**HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION TODAY—OVER 3.5 BILLION PEOPLE—IS UNDER 30, MOSTLY LIVING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

Their choices and opportunities define the present and future of our world.

...YET YOUNG PEOPLE, AND SPECIFICALLY **YOUNG WOMEN**, FACE BARRIERS TO FULLY REALIZING THEIR RIGHTS.

More than **39,000 girls** under 18 are **married** each day, violating their fundamental human rights.



**Pregnancy- and childbirth-related complications** are one of the **leading causes of death** among girls 15-19.



Young women make up more than **60%** of all **young people living with HIV**, or **72%** in sub-Saharan Africa.



In some countries, nearly **half of girls** report that their first sexual encounter was **coerced**.



**HOW CAN WE CHANGE THIS?**

**GUARANTEE ACCESS TO:**



Meaningful youth participation



Education, including comprehensive sexuality education



Youth-friendly health services



Sexual and reproductive health and rights