

INVEST IN ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



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