

International Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Consortium Members' Commitments to Generation Equality

Members of the International Consortium on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights are stepping up at the Generation Equality Forum this week to make bold, ambitious and game-changing commitments on gender equality.

The International Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Consortium is a partnership of 11 nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and academic institutes based in Australia. We draw on our collective experience and expertise across 160 countries to champion universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as a key contributor to gender equality.

Generation Equality Forum brings together civil society, government and private sector stakeholders committed to gender equality, to review progress and make concrete, specific and ambitious commitments to accelerate progress towards gender equality in the next five years. These commitments are drawn from a set of recommendations designed by six Action Coalitions, made up of over 90 leaders from civil society, private sector and government globally.

The Action Coalitions focus on 6 themes which are critical to achieving gender equality:

- gender-based violence,
- economic justice and rights,
- bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights,
- feminist action for climate justice,
- technology and innovation for gender equality, and
- feminist movements and leadership.

ICSRHR members are making bold commitments on SRHR and interrelated gender equality initiatives as part of our contribution to Generation Equality.

Summary of ICSRHR Members Organisation's commitments				
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	1.	Sustain and improve flexible funding which includes multi- year, core support for diverse women's rights organisations, granting at least of AUD\$4.5m per year to diverse women's rights organisations in the Global South.		
Co-lead: Action Coalition 6 on Feminist Movements and Leadership	2.	Build the availability of individual-level, gender-sensitive data that reveals the relationship between gender and poverty through its Equality Insights program.		
	3.	Convene a coalition of diverse feminist organisations to advance an Australian Feminist Foreign Policy.		
	4.	Invest in systems and processes that facilitate our work and enable a resilient, feminist culture and staff wellbeing; take actions to decolonise our approach to feminism and development; and improve organisational enablers of diversity and inclusion at all levels.		

	5.	We commit to, by June 2022, co-create a Global Alliance on
		Sustainable Feminist Movements as a multi-stakeholder initiative focused on exponentially increasing, sustaining and improving financial and political support for women's rights and feminist organizations and movements.
	6.	Working together as ARROW, Equality Fund, Equal Measures 2030, FEMNET, and the International Women's Development Agency, we will co-create a new, regular global survey of the health and diversity of feminist organisations and movements in order to drive accountability for gender equality commitments, including under the Generation Equality Forum.
	7.	Join the Global Partner Network for Feminist Foreign Policy, an informal, global and multi-stakeholder network and dedicated space for the advancement of the field of feminist foreign policy.
	8.	(Joint AC6 leaders' commitment) We, the leaders and commitment makers of the Action Coalition on Feminist Movements and Leadership, collectively commit to continue deepening our understanding of intersectional feminist principles, practices, approaches and leadership and further integrate them into the work of our organisations and institutions, as well as the Action Coalition, and across the Generation Equality process and accountability framework.
	9.	(Joint AC6 leaders' commitment) We, the leaders and commitment makers of the Action Coalition on Feminist Movements and Leadership collectively commit to increase resources and support for existing funding mechanisms, programs, and funds that provide direct, core, flexible, progressive, multi-year and sustainable funding to feminist organizations, groups, movements* and activists including those that are often hard to reach, and/or who have been historically marginalized and criminalized.
Co-lead: Action Coalition 3 on Bodily Autonomy and SRHR	1.	By 2026, IPPF will work to accelerate universal access to safe abortion care centered on three principles - rights- based, reproductive justice and gender transformative - with a focus on: expanding and improving the provision of abortion care; integrating abortion care into humanitarian preparedness and response; and advocating for the decriminalization of abortion and the removal of coercive polices and legislation on abortion.
	2.	The Governments of The Netherlands in collaboration with IPPF and other global partners will work together towards the realization of universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, quality care and services, information and education, including comprehensive sexuality education
	3.	(Joint AC3 leaders' commitment) We commit to expand access to safe abortion for all people who can become pregnant by joining global advocacy initiatives to influence

		change in national legislation in as many countries as possible that ensures that abortion is decriminalized and that legal and policy barriers to abortion, including to self- managed abortion, are removed.
	4.	(Joint AC3 leaders' commitment) Commit to providing a unique platform with at least 80 members representing various sectors and regions, including youth-led organisations, for collaboration and building a strong, united voice to promote comprehensive sexuality education, address resistance, coordinate strategic response to influence national policy development and finance for CSE delivered in and out of school via evidence-based modalities.
	1.	CARE will invest \$100 million to strengthen and scale up The Savings Group model and support local women in ten African countries to advance their own initiatives on economic justice and rights for 10 million women and girls by 2026.
Co-lead: Action Coalition 2 on Economic Justice	2.	(Joint AC2 Commitment) Governments and the private sector already support more than 3 million women in savings groups, and there is potential to connect with many more. CARE will partner with 10 African governments and select private sector actors to integrate the Savings Group model into their policies and programs in partnership with key stakeholders (Savings Groups, governments, private sector, women rights organizations and philanthropy). This will support at least an additional 10 million women and girls to form and strengthen Savings Groups to advance local, women-led economic justice and rights initiatives
	3.	We will invest at least \$30 million in women and girls and the organisations they head-up to lead in crisis over the next two years (2021-2023). CARE will increase support and resources for women, girls and gender non-conforming (GNC) people and the organizations they lead so they have increased agency and leadership in humanitarian preparedness, planning, response, decision-making and accountability processes with a focus on at least 6 country contexts.
MARIE STOPES INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA	1.	External Commitment: Our 2030 vision is bold: no abortion will be unsafe and everyone who wants contraception will be able to access it. By 2026 we commit to serving at least 50 million people with high quality services, 50% of our clients will be under 24, and 80% of clients reached through our 'leave no one behind' strategy will be from marginalised communities. By 2026 50% of MSI supported services will evolve towards government ownership. In every country where we work access to reproductive health is restricted by clinical or policy barriers. By 2026 we commit to ensuring that in 15 countries access to SRHR will have improved due to MSI actively influencing laws and policies. We will

	support the elimination of unsafe abortion by committing to
	ensuring 1 in 3 people who have an abortion in countries where we work access it from MSI or an MSI-supported product or service, whilst enabling others to provide safer services, ensuring that everyone is only 'one contact' away from quality providers.
	2. Internal Commitment: We commit to creating transformational change for the clients we serve, the team members who power us, and for the broader environment. We will work with more global, national groups and grassroots communities to deliver services, create demand and influence change. We will listen, design with, and be more responsive to our clients and providers, and develop real-time client feedback mechanisms. We commit ourselves to diversity and gender equity and wherever possible will shift resources from our London Support Office. We will argue for the inclusion of SRHR into other sectors: in UHC, in education; in employment; and humanitarian responses. We will continue to generate our own funds as a social business and reinvest to expand access. In response to the climate emergency, we will nurture a culture of environmental sustainability and by 2026 we commit to tripling the number of programmes funded and implemented that aim to achieve climate change adaptation or environmental conservation.
	 Advocacy: Contribute to ensuring accountability to girls for ending child marriage through increased analysis, monitoring, and advocacy, as well as child-friendly resources, on budgeting and implementation of child marriage laws, policies, and strategies in 10 countries.
Save the Children	2. Research: Significantly contribute to scaling up the global body of evidence of best practice on what works to end child marriage, building on existing research and evidence, including a specific focus on ending child marriage in humanitarian settings, and the role of child-friendly and gender-responsive budgeting to end child marriage.
	 Children's participation: Increase advocacy and financial and technical resources to enhance children's, particularly adolescent girls', civic and political skills and leadership, including through: a. increased partnership and support to child-led groups, networks, and activists in 10 countries b. the development of and access to platforms to engage directly with policy-makers, and c. child-friendly information and technical resources to hold governments accountable to ending child marriage, girls' rights, and gender equality.