

**The Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescent’s Health  
Phase 2: Feedback on the First Draft of the Global Strategy**

In an effort to ensure that young people’s voices and input are included in the updated Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health that will launch in September 2015, Women Deliver engaged the Young Leaders in targeted outreach. Women Deliver consulted the 2013 (100 Young Leaders) and 2016 (200 Young Leaders) cohorts Leaders by sending out the survey through Survey Monkey.

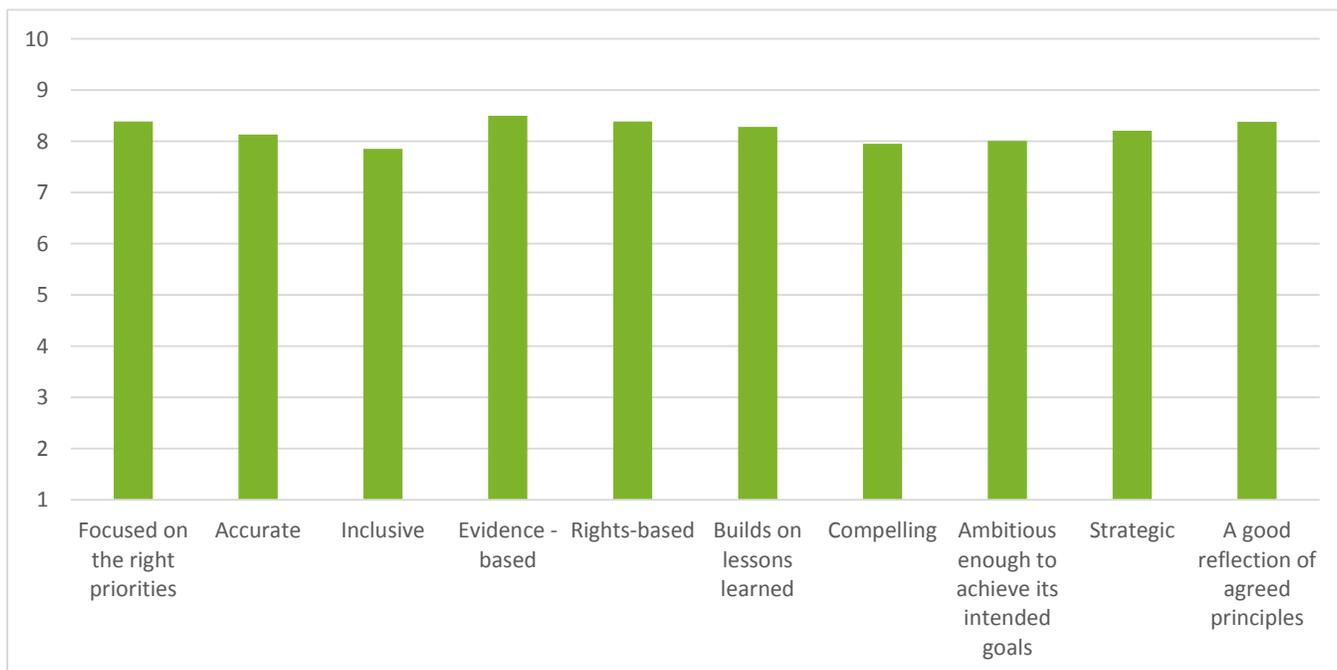
Women Deliver’s Young Leaders Program seeks to foster and mobilize the next generation of advocates for the health and rights of girls and women. Out of a total of 300 Young Leaders, we received 140 total responses. Below are the Young Leaders’ responses.

It is Women Deliver’s hope that this report will offer more insight into the needs of young people around the world and help encourage the inclusion and participation of adolescents and young people in the development of the new Global Strategy.

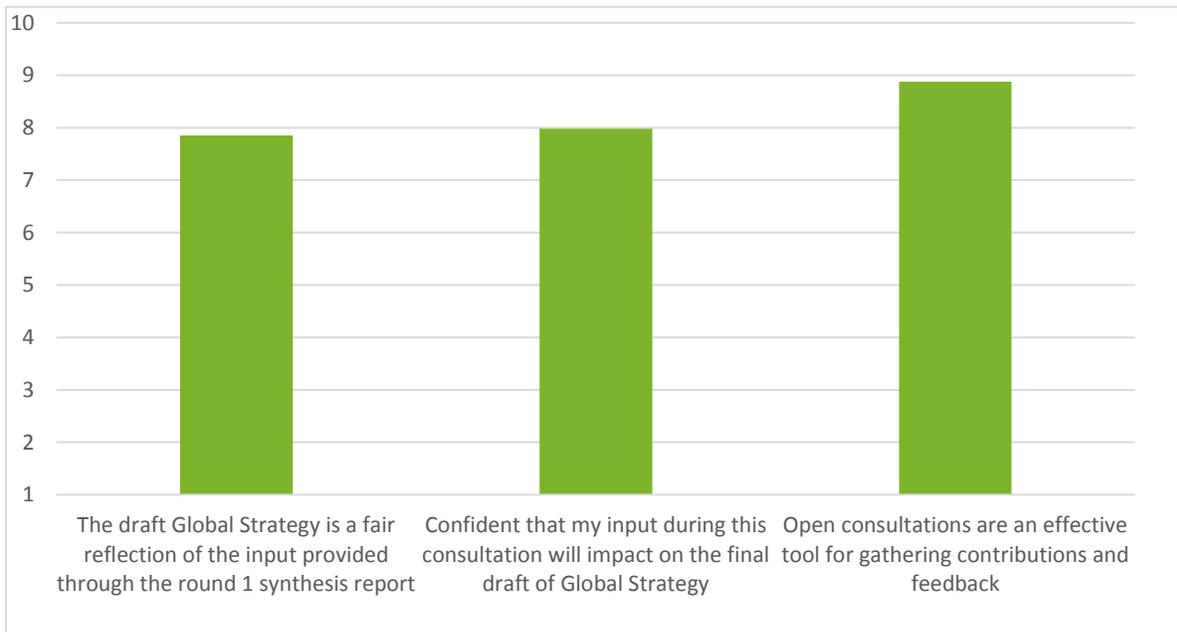
*\*Note: Throughout the survey, 10 means to fully agree and 1 means to fully disagree. All 138 respondents answered all of the questions.*

**SECTION 1: General Comments on the First Draft of the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s And Adolescents’ Health**

**1a. Having read the First Draft of the Global Strategy, I feel that it is:**



**1b. In considering the consultation process for updating the Global Strategy, I feel...**



**1c. Overall, to what extent does the first draft of the *Global Strategy* meet your expectations?**

On a scale of one to ten, the average for this question was 7.94

**1d. Please use this space to provide an explanation of your responses above. Please note, in the following section, you can provide specific comments on each section of the draft *Global Strategy*.**

- “It would have been better if there is more inclusive language on SOGI. Safe abortion and the issue of unsafe abortion is in minimal discussion! Although this is a global strategy and commending how national, regional contexts and commitments were brought in I would say if more local level experiences and initiatives were also brought in, it would have been more inclusive.” - *Sarah Ashaya Soysa, Sri Lanka*
- “It would be much more inclusive if there was an opportunity for young people in the community to become part of this consultation, and not just young people who are already advocates.” - *Danica Shahana Magtubo, Philippines*

## SECTION 2: Specific Comments on Each Section of the First Draft of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's And Adolescents' Health

**2a. The context, past success, and opportunities for the future set out in this section make a compelling case for updating the Global Strategy for the post-2015 era:**

On a scale of one to ten, the average for this question was 8.46.

**2b. "Every Woman, Every Child and Adolescent, Everywhere: A Historic Journey and Opportunity": Please use this space to comment on any major omissions in this section or on statements you strongly agree/ disagree with.**

- The reason should have indicated the reasons why achievement of MDG 4 and 5 targets will not be achieved globally. Should it be the lack of investments or political commitments from the nation/global leaders to utilizing the investment to its maximum potential? If investments have poured, is it a question of transparency and accountability? – *Jonathan Monis, Philippines*
- “The answer should be everybody, including men, who have been largely omitted in this strategy. For this strategy to work, it must be a collect effort, not only one or two sections of the society. The drafting body should realize that empowering women, children and adolescents is a responsibility of everybody and it should incorporate everyone.” – *Williot Joaquim Lumbe, Malawi*
- “It highlights investing in women, children and adolescents but does not highlight PARTNERING with women, children and adolescents. They should not only be seen as targets but stakeholders...” – *Edith Asamani, Ghana*

## SECTION 3: The World We Want In 2030: Goals & Targets

**3a. Section II of the Global Strategy zero draft sets out the investment case for women's, children's and adolescents' health. Given the space limitations and the purpose of the document, to what extent do you think the investment case made is compelling and complete?**

On a scale of one to ten, the average for this question was 8.12.

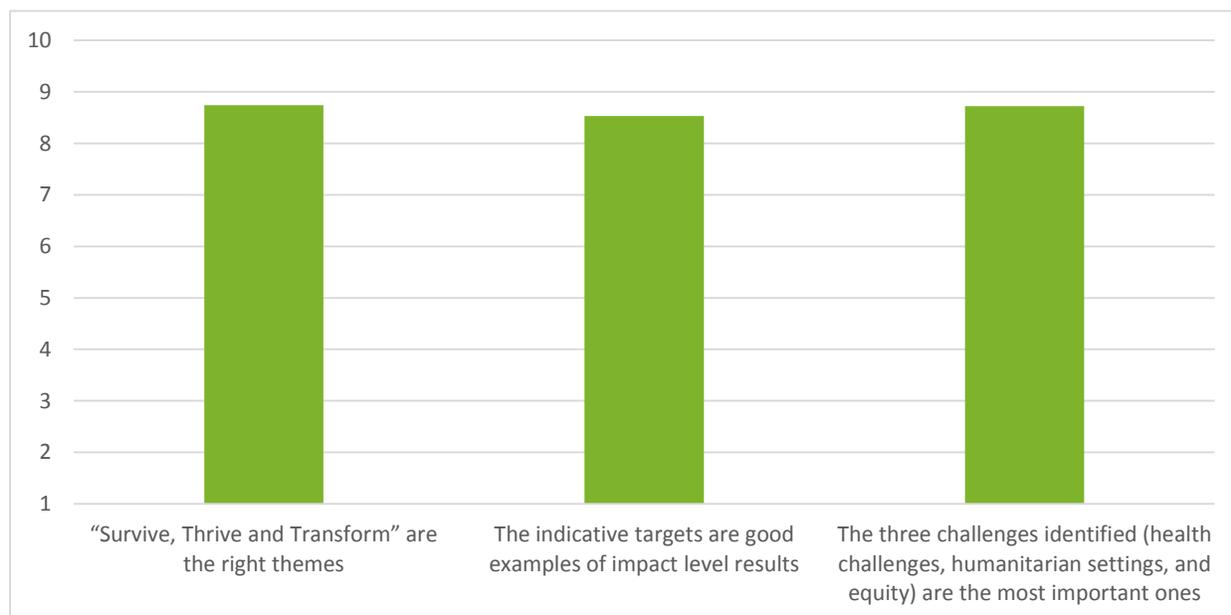
**3b. "Big returns to investing in women's, children's and adolescents' health": Please use this space to comment on any major omissions in this section or on statements you strongly agree/ disagree with.**

- “We also need to highlight the importance of comprehensive sexuality education as an investment that provides the opportunity for adolescents to participate fully in society including nurturing their leadership skills and their involvement and improved health seeking behavior” – *Catherine Wanjiru Nyambura, Kenya*

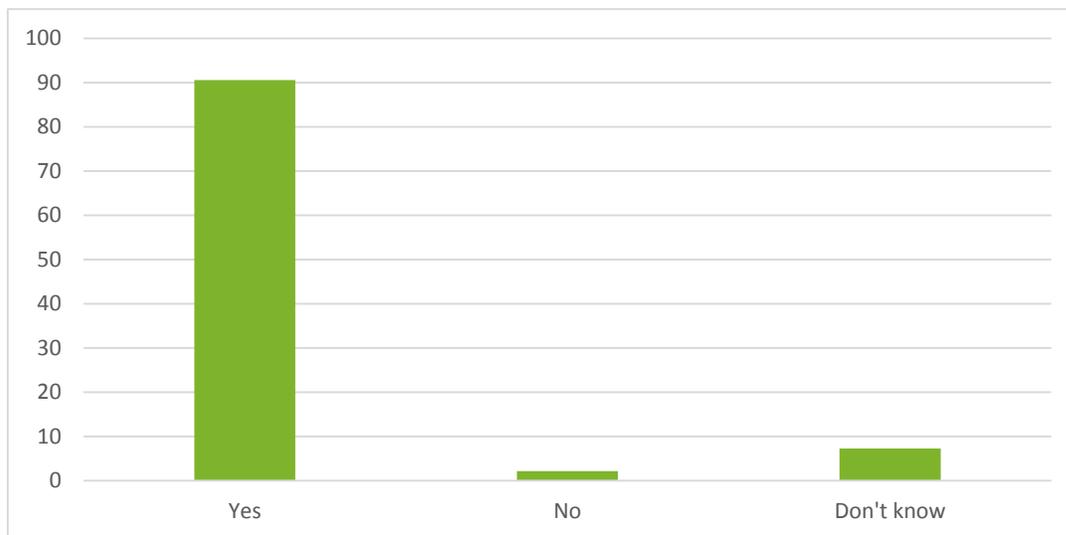
- “Adolescents and youth shouldn't be seen only as a demographic dividend. To strengthen the case for including adolescents in the current strategy we should also refer to the fact that they will be the ones implementing it, as well as the SDGs.” – *Cecilia Garcia Ruiz, Mexico*
- “I think that the quantity of women whose economic advantages improved should be taken into consideration. The sad trend of specific and a selected few influential women are getting richer especially in developing countries.” – *Nsovo Mayimele, South Africa*

## SECTION 4: Strategic Framework and 5 Transformative Actions

**4a. On balance, the three themes for the Global Strategy, “Survive, Thrive and Transform”, together capture the breadth of activity and range of priorities in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health for the Post-2015 era:**



**4b. In Section III of the zero draft, a number of principles are elaborated to guide the selection of targets (clear, concise and measurable, equity and human rights based, impact level etc). Are these the right principles for selecting targets? (Yes/No/Don't know) Essential additional principles?**



**4c. What is needed: Overcoming challenges and defining goals: Please use this space to comment on any major omissions in this section or statements you strongly agree/ disagree.**

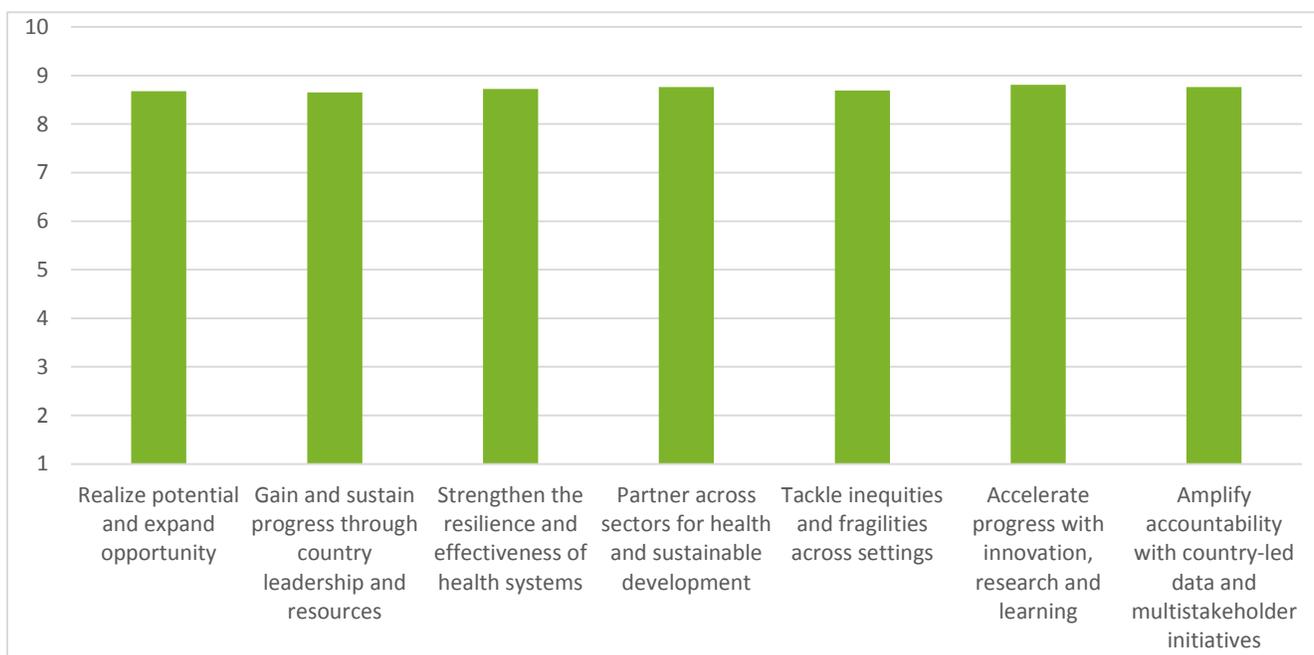
- “I think this part outlines issues really well. I really agree that we urgently need to think of adolescent girls since the major causes of death for 15-49 are preventable. In addition, I think we need an approach to contraception that is demanding better and safer products as well as increasing accessibility, increasing its effectiveness with minimal or no impact on women's health.” – *Ledys Sanjuan Mejia, Colombia*
- “I would like to see more of social determinants of health, such as gender inequality and social norms. Negative and damaging attitudes towards women and girls are underlying many of the issues discussed.” – *Carmen Little, United Kingdom*

SECTION 5: Seven Transformative Actions

**5a. Section IV of the draft Strategy elaborates the central role of a human rights based approach. It then sets out seven transformative actions needed including country leadership, health systems strengthening, innovation and tackling inequities.**



**5b. For each of these seven transformative actions, I agree with its inclusion in/ approach taken to it by the Global Strategy.**



**5c. "How to achieve the goals: Seven transformative actions": Please use this space to comment on any major omissions in this section or on statements you strongly agree/ disagree with.**

- “The actual "HOW" to achieve goals is not properly addressed. It does not consider context-specific challenges, it does not provide measurable goals or indicators. It focuses on the normative aspect of what things SHOULD be but it does not address HOW to achieve that.” - *Marisol Ruiz, Mexico*
- “Adolescent sexual reproductive health - especially access to family planning and affordable contraceptives should be included considered more than it is in this draft.” – *Jennifer Amadi, Nigeria*

## SECTION 6: We All Have a Role to Play

**6a. For each of the following aspects, as outlined in the “Role to Play” section, to what extent do you agree with the current approach, including the contents, framing and language used?**

- 97% agreed or partially agreed that the draft Global Strategy is clearly written
- 87% agreed or partially agreed that the draft Global Strategy can be understood by a wide range of audiences
- 93% agreed or partially agreed that the graphs and illustrations included were helpful and informative
- 32% agreed or partially agreed that the length was too short
- 83% agreed or partially agreed that they could clearly see ways that I could help to achieve the Global Strategy goals
- 94 % agreed or partially agreed that The Global Strategy will be an effective instrument to help deliver the health SDGs
- 90% agreed or partially agreed that The Global Strategy will support countries effectively in their efforts to build national implementation plans

**6b: "We all have a role to play": Please use this space to comment on any major omissions in this section or on statements you strongly agree/ disagree with.**

- “An enabling and conducive environment has to be created for all the stakeholders to play different roles if the women, children and adolescent health strategy is to be achieved.” – *Kisangala Ephraim, Uganda*
- “I would add some examples of country-lead initiatives to have an empiric referent on how the global strategy would benefit my community/country.” – *Génesis Luigi, Venezuela*
- “I especially agree with the statement that we can only succeed with strong partnerships and communities, between people and society and government, between the government and private sectors and at the regional and international levels. Interlinkage of services for this group

will help in attaining the greatest results in terms of sustainable change.” – *Maximina Jokonya, Zimbabwe*

## SECTION 7: Final Comments

### 7a: After reading the zero draft of the Global Strategy, I felt that:

- “It is based on the right pillars and approaches/principles. My recommendations are oriented to strength the "Transform" Pillar, considering active citizenship and empowerment as a strategy, but also as a crucial cross cutting approach. It is important to set targets associated to change in ideas, beliefs, and practices, but also public policies. It is important to recognize all the work done by civil society in awareness campaigns and sexual and reproductive health education from a comprehensive and secular perspective. It is also important that the Strategy recognize the importance of strengthening country leadership and the contribution and influence of other actors, like feminist and youth led organizations.” – *Martha Gutierrez, Nicaragua*
- “It was silent on some important issues like LGBTQI youth, if such international documents are silent on such issues it’s a big problem.” – *Irene Umba Zalira, Malawi*
- “It did not speak strongly about sexual and reproductive rights, and challenges faces in accessing them. I also feel it did not completely acknowledge the discrimination and barriers faced due to various challenges of caste, class, race and disability.” – *Ankit Gupta, India*

### 7b: Do you have any additional, general comments on the strategy, including its priorities, structure and approach?

- “I believe that in order for this global strategy to be effective, measures should be taken to ensure implementation. Local, regional and International leaders, young leaders, advocates, activists, academicians, civil society, regional and international organizations all have a role to play.” – *Kelebogile Simula, Botswana*
- “I believe that focusing on women, children and adolescent also leaves out transgender women, youths and adolescents. They face a high percentage of violence, death and illness but are left out of this specific report. It would be beneficial to include trans, two spirit, intersex, etc. identifying persons who face these same issues but are not included because of a stringent definition of ‘women’.” – *Melissa Cara Marie Fairey, Canada*
- “There needs to be a section dedicated to the coordination of this strategy. How will it be implemented, who will oversee this implementation? What will the defined role of different constituencies be?” – *Yemurai Nyoni, Zimbabwe*