

Bringing women's rights, HIV, SRHR, and responses to GBV into the post-2015 agenda

On the eve of the Meeting of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 development agenda, we ask that you ensure comprehensive and cross-cutting attention to women's rights and gender equality throughout the post-2015 framework with attention to:

- **advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)** particularly for young women in all our diversity
- **ending gender-based violence (GBV)**, particularly as experienced by the most marginalized, and moving beyond that to ensure a safe and secure world for all women and girls
- **ensuring continued attention to HIV** as a public health and human rights priority

We seek specific goals, targets, and associated indicators in each of these three overlapping areas, and recognition of the diversity of women and girls and our rights to be at the center of the next development paradigm.

KEY MESSAGES FOR POLICY-MAKERS

We urge you to adopt the following strategic priorities

PRIORITY 1

High-level commitment to multi-sectoral approaches that address the diversity of women and girls and our rights

- Act beyond maternal and child health in policy implementation and resourcing across sectors, to include:
 - guaranteed sexual and reproductive rights
 - universal access to sexual and reproductive health services
 - equal access to quality education
 - economic security
 - removal of laws and policies that act as barriers to the enjoyment of health and rights
 - elimination of GBV and moving beyond

PRIORITY 2

Build the diversity of the movement and ensure the representation of those most affected by the issues

- Promote collaboration – avoiding competition – that builds on our diversity
- Support the most-affected to drive decision-making, agenda-setting, and accountability mechanisms and have better access to services

and we will ...

- ✓ Be honest about the reality of women's and girls' lives
- ✓ Be specific – sometimes it will be a long list.
- ✓ Have conversations with other people in other movements
- ✓ Practice what we preach

- ✓ Commit to building and better understanding our diversity (e.g. people living with HIV; LGBTI; sex workers; women who use drugs; young women; human rights, grassroots and feminist movements).
- ✓ Commit to inclusion and equity and reaching the most marginalized groups, striving for representation and participation of those most affected.

PRIORITY 3

Accountability to women's and girls' rights and implementation of interventions

- Fully cost and budget **rights-based interventions** for women and girls in all our diversity
- Use human rights mechanisms and tools to report on implementation
- Use gender- and women's rights-specific **goals, targets, and indicators**
- Ensure that most-affected women and feminist civil society groups are **meaningfully involved** in all levels of decision-making, including throughout the agenda-setting, research, implementation, evaluation, and documentation process

- ✓ Accommodate one another and be more inclusive
- ✓ Ensure knowledge-sharing (e.g. opening doors, seats at the table, overcoming gate-keeping and dinosaurs)
- ✓ Renew and strengthen leadership and intergenerational dialogue
- ✓ Make capacity-sharing more disciplined and strategic
- ✓ Use human rights mechanisms and tools to monitor implementation

PRIORITY 4

Reciprocal global-to-local linkages: communications and effective coordination

- Support and fund the institutions and infrastructure required to carry out real dialogue and consultation, for example, linking organizations, technology, infrastructure, capacity-building.
- Funders and policy-makers to be honest and authentic when including "local voices."

- ✓ Improve communication among ourselves – make it fun and engaging
- ✓ Reach beyond our "usual" partners to broaden circles of allies
- ✓ Reach beyond "known" players (e.g. succession planning, mentoring, mechanisms to avoid leader/spokesperson burnout, term limits)
- ✓ Join together to challenge donors and funders more appropriately
- ✓ Prioritize "follow-up" as equal to "initiating" consultative work – avoid too many meetings and brainstorming
- ✓ Share knowledge in a timely and accessible fashion

PRIORITY 5

Resource mobilization for our collective agenda. Overcome gender inequalities through "money-sharing = power-sharing = shared decision-making"

- Fund a woman's rights agenda led **by us, for us**
- Garner **your political will** to commit to and monitor these resource allocations
- Provide more capacity-building opportunities, for us to support our younger leaders

- ✓ Recognize the resource gaps of groups we are trying to pull in, and find creative ways of meeting resource needs (e.g. volunteers, internships)
- ✓ Identify training needs (e.g. computers, internet access, social media) and consider other non-monetary resources
- ✓ Make closer links with global movements (e.g. Fire This Time)
- ✓ Think more strategically about how to get men to share their power around **all** their resources
- ✓ Link with business and media to mobilize the private sector for women's rights
- ✓ Ensure monitoring of budgets and expenditures by policy-makers and by ourselves

These five critical strategic priorities were identified at a civil society Post-2015 Think Tank during the 2013 Commission on the Status of Women, New York 8–9 March, 2013.

