

**Impact**  
 Young people's SRHR are protected, respected and fulfilled: free from stigma, discrimination and violence, and with access to comprehensive youth-friendly services, comprehensive information, and spaces for young people's voices.

**(Sub-) national**  
 Undertake concerted advocacy & seek public support

**ToC ASSUMPTIONS:**  
 Inclusive partnerships and improved capacity will enhance advocacy efforts.  
 Coherence between (sub-)national, regional and international policies, supported by accountability mechanisms, will create impact at all levels.

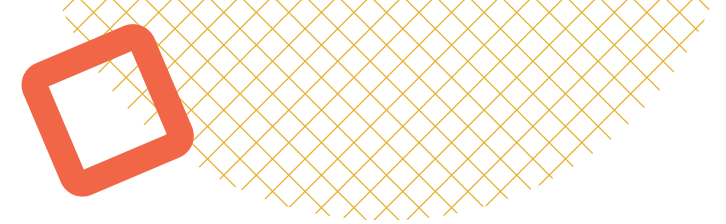
Inclusive partnerships, young people, young women, sexual & gender diversity

Improved capacity & effective strategies

Strong & effective young advocates

Increased cooperation between (sub-)national platforms, regional & international networks

# Theory of Change RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW



This tree represents the Right Here Right Now (RHRN)<sup>1</sup> Theory of Change (ToC)<sup>2</sup>, in particular, its growth process and the elements that it will need to bear fruit. Ultimately, the RHRN partnership aims to contribute to the positive transformation of young people's access to their sexual and reproductive health and rights, as described in the illustration's **Impact**.

Towards achieving long-lasting impact, we undertake **two strategic interventions** within the partnership, i.e., capacity strengthening (on advocacy) – diamond/rhombus; and advocacy – megaphone.

Best understood when read from bottom to top, our tree's roots (**short-term outcomes**) form the foundation of the RHRN programme. The success of our programme rests on the roots of inclusive partnership—strong networks/platforms at national, regional and international levels, which include young people, young women, and LGBTIs. Roots need nourishment to flourish; the same is true for the partnership's platforms, which are envisaged to improve (their) capacity to advocate and launch effective (advocacy) strategies. As a result, strong and effective young advocates emerge. Combined, these roots are the starting point of our first three (sub-)national pathways. The partnership also facilitates increased cooperation amongst (sub-)national, regional, and international networks and platforms to enhance young people's capacity to advocate at regional/international levels. Increased capacity and cooperation are the starting point of the fourth pathway.

Roots branch out to form a tree's trunk and leafy branches. At this stage, we see our partnership equipped to take action and secure the programme's **intermediate outcomes** along the lines of our ToC's **pathways of change** (represented by the four main branches).

- The first branch focuses on *increasing public support*. Our assumption is that public backing of progressive policies will boost our advocacy efforts. To generate public support, we will work with a core group of change agents – *SRHR champions who will publicly support our agenda*.
- The second branch seeks to achieve progressive and inclusive SRHR legislation and policies at (sub-)national level through the *increased involvement of CSOs* and young people in policy and decision making, resulting in the enlarged *knowledge, skills and political will of legislators, policymakers and decision makers*. Our assumption is that CSOs' and young people's meaningful

participation in policy and decision making will encourage governments to adopt progressive and inclusive SRHR policies, complementing these with appropriate budget allocation.

- The third branch, which refers to the increased *ability, viability and resilience of partnerships*, is a direct result of our efforts to strengthen partnerships (at short-term outcome level) and their advocacy capacity to influence the three other pathways of change.
- The last branch is supportive of our three (sub-)national pathways. Here we seek to *improve cooperation between national platforms and networks at regional and international levels*, and to *increase capacity of young advocates to engage and work at these levels*. Our assumption is that increased cooperation and coordination intensifies the impact of our work. Through our advocacy efforts, regional and international bodies will begin to *increasingly involve CSOs, and especially young people* in a meaningful manner. Consequently, these efforts will help *increase our support base of Member States*, as well as *multilateral organisations, donors and progressive countries*.

Overall, these processes are expected to help us reach our **long-term outcome**: *The implementation of inclusive & progressive SRHR national legislation, policies & budgets, and improved accountability for regional norms, standards and policies*. Shapes and abstractions dispersed around our tree resemble fruits that mark the intermediate successes that we achieve in the process.

Because transparency, coherence and consistency at all levels are crucial to sustain the programme's successes or milestones, the circles scattered around our tree symbolise **accountability mechanisms**. These circles imply that a 360 degree oversight is needed to safeguard the quality and continuous delivery of young people's SRHR at all levels. The circles bear the same colour as the sun found above the tree, which carry the **core principles** of Right Here Right Now: principles that accountability mechanisms must adhere to.

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<sup>2</sup>The ToC is a methodology for strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation. It outlines the changes/impact of a programme; the types of interventions/strategies needed to achieve that change; and the underlying assumptions for the intervention design. These are presented through different pathways of change, which reflect outcomes in logical relationship to all the others, and (where applicable), in a chronological flow.