

# WORLD YWCA GLOBAL AGENDA FOR ACTION 2016-2019

**OUR BOLD AND TRANSFORMATIVE GOAL:** By 2035, 100 million young women and girls transform power structures to create justice, gender equality and a world without violence and war; leading a sustainable YWCA movement, inclusive of all women.

## 2. REALISING HUMAN RIGHTS

The World YWCA is committed to ensuring women, young women and girls are aware of, and are able to claim their rights, by holding governments accountable for key international commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Beijing Platform for Action, CSW, CEDAW and the ICPD Programme for Action.

Over the next four years, the World YWCA will amplify its work on human rights by making women, young women and girls the driving forces in claiming and influencing women's rights' policies and leading change worldwide. Knowledge building, good practice and

information sharing will be essential in realising this human rights-based approach. A key step in this direction will be building Member Associations' capacity to engage creatively and effectively with human rights bodies locally, nationally and regionally to build stronger partnerships and recognition.

### By 2019, YWCA Movement will ensure that:

- 1,000 YWCA young women and girls become lead champions and change agents, empowered to advocate for social, economic and environmental justice;

- We impact 20 million young women and girls through programmes and services in health, peace, security, social, economic and environmental justice;
- Women, young women and girls promote a world without war and violence through peace and justice programmes; and
- YWCA young women and girls contribute to and receive an equitable share of the world's income.

## WORLD YWCA AND MOVEMENT-WIDE OUTREACH

Every YWCA around the world is committed to ensure that YWCA women, young women and girls become the driving force in claiming and influencing woman's rights policies, leading change and setting global priorities for Young Women's leadership and realising human rights. We will do this by provisioning leadership programmes, services and advocacy relevant in the different countries.

- Promoting the faith voice with the human rights-based approach; and
- Monitoring the reinforcement of global instruments including CEDAW, CSW, Beijing Platform, HRC, ICPD, UN Res. 1325 and holding governments accountable.

### World YWCA

#### By 2016:

- Ensure all members have access to training and support on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), peace, security, social, economic and environmental justice using human rights-based approaches

#### By 2017:

- Develop and pilot new economic empowerment models based on ICT in at least 20 countries to ensure women can use technology to claim their space and rights.

#### By 2018:

- Build the capacity of 25% of national YWCAs to effectively engage in influencing national and regional policies and monitor global instruments, while holding governments accountable.

#### By 2019:

- Develop young women and girls to become lead champions and change agents actively engaged in policy and advocacy on a local, national, regional and global level.

### Movement-wide activities

#### By 2018:

- In all eight regions, strengthen at least two partnerships with international human rights organisations at the national, regional and global level.

#### By 2019:

- Implement in three campaigns focused on Peace and Justice, VAWG, and SRHR amplifying our faith voices;
- Reach and impact 20 million young women and girls through YWCA training, services and advocacy; and
- Ensure 50,000 young women and girls participate in economic empowerment programmes and/or enjoy gainful employment in traditional and non-traditional sectors.

| Programmes                                 | Current countries | 2019 target |
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| Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights    | 80%               | 95%         |
| Economic empowerment with ICT              | 5%                | 50%         |
| Ending child marriage                      | 3%                | 30%         |
| Eliminating Violence Against Women & Girls | 90%               | 95%         |
| Peace and Justice                          | 46%               | 60%         |

### Methodology

- Building knowledge, good practice and information sharing to realise human rights;
- Creating stronger partnerships with local, national, regional and international human rights organisations;
- Mobilising women, young women and girls, and amplifying their voices around critical issues of VAWG, SRHR, social, economic and environmental justice and peace with justice;

**Present in over 120 countries, in 22,000 communities and with an outreach of 25 million women and girls, the World YWCA movement supports young women by enabling them to claim their human rights and reach their full potential through various rights-based programmes and services around the world.**

## GLOBAL FACTS

- An estimated **15 million** girls are married every year as child brides before they reach 18. One in three girls in the developing world is estimated to be married before the age of 18. *(UNICEF, 2014)*
- Young women account for **60.7%** of the 122 million illiterate youth worldwide. *(UNESCO, 2014)*
- The prevalence of forced first sex among adolescent girls ranges between **11% and 48%** globally. *(WHO multi-country study, 2005)*
- Worldwide, **35%** of women have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence. *(WHO, 2011)*
- Women still earn, on average, **23% less** than men. *(ILO, 2015)*
- **Out of 197** Heads of States around the world, only **22** are women, meaning that **89%** of the countries in the world are led by men. *(IWL Rutgers, 2011)*