

Mapping of Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives on Youth

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Introduction

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Introduction

The importance of meaningfully engaging youth across decision-making processes to solve complex global problems is enshrined in [Youth2030, the United Nations system-wide Youth Strategy](#). The strategy recognises the essential role Agencies, Funds and Programmes from across the United Nations system can play in empowering young people as agents of change, particularly at a time when the climate crisis and the COVID-19 crisis are impacting young people's access to decent jobs and quality education, and a peaceful and healthy environment for youth-led efforts for sustainable development.

Multi-stakeholder initiatives are critical for addressing large-scale development challenges by encouraging participatory and inclusive actions towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Such partnerships exist in many forms, from structures that promote the sharing of knowledge and expertise, to data generation, technology development, and the provision of financial resources. While multi-stakeholder initiatives exist on a range of youth-related issues, there is a need for a better understanding of which thematic areas these initiatives cover, the types of partners involved and the role that youth play in multi-stakeholder collaborations.

Objectives of the mapping

The Youth2030 Joint Working Group (JWG) is a technical leadership team consisting of representatives from United Nations entities and youth organisations, networks, and constituencies. The Youth2030 JWG determined the need to map existing youth-focused initiatives and programmes as a crucial step to providing a comprehensive overview and creating a knowledge base for more effective coordination and strengthening of the work of the United Nations on and with youth.

To meet this need, a mapping exercise of initiatives with a regional or global scope was conducted by a dedicated task team consisting of representatives from the Youth2030 JWG.

This findings report is intended to provide inspiration for United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) seeking opportunities for multi-stakeholder initiatives, across the priority and foundational areas of Youth2030. The report provides a landscape view of the youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives that were mapped as part of this exercise, and highlights which thematic areas are covered by different types of initiatives. In addition, the report contains a list of all the initiatives included in the mapping, which UNCTs can use to identify potential new partnerships, youth-focused or youth-led innovations and actions for support and scaling-up.

The mapping of multi-stakeholder initiatives is positioned as a complement to the Youth2030 Action Guide for UNCTs and the online Toolkit.¹ Together, this set of knowledge products comprise the Youth2030 Implementation Package for UNCTs.

¹ The components of the Youth2030 Implementation Package for UNCTs are available on the [Youth2030 Online microsite](#).

The Action Guide sets out the key areas for joint action on youth by UNCTs (programming, advocacy, etc.) and outlines major global commitments and entry points for programming. It summarises the principles of meaningful youth engagement and how UNCTs can deliver on their mandates with youth, and provides an overview of how the coordination, capacities and culture in the United Nations can be transformed to best deliver on its commitments to young people.

The Toolkit is an online systematized compilation of existing tools on how to work with and for youth. It is a practical resource for action and advocacy for UNCTs, governments, policymakers, and youth networks.

Benefits and challenges of multi-stakeholder initiatives

Multi-stakeholder initiatives can have a positive impact by advancing integrated and scalable approaches to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.²

Such initiatives can foster improved cross-sector dialogue to better align the actions and advocacy work of disparate actors around shared agendas, such as Youth2030. Multi-stakeholder initiatives can also help leverage the capabilities and innovations of a more inclusive set of stakeholders, including private sector and academia. These initiatives provide a platform, and a network, that allows for new avenues of collaboration, information exchange, and learning – all with the aim of scaling up sustainable development impact. Lastly, multi-stakeholder initiatives can be a tool for advancing more efficient and effective approaches to global development finance.

At the same time, challenges related to multi-stakeholder initiatives include:³

- ◆ Imposing a rigid, top-down approach – a one-size-fits-all blueprint – that could reduce country ownership over development agendas and funding requirements.
- ◆ Reinforcing a sectoral/projectized approach to development solutions and challenges, and therefore undermining attempts to address the root causes, which is needed to bring about systemic change.
- ◆ Power imbalances in the governance of multi-stakeholder initiatives leading to a lack of meaningful participation from marginalized actors, including youth.

While there is no “one-size-fits-all” model for building global and regional partnerships, adhering to a set of key design principles can help ensure that youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives are effective, accountable, transparent, and able to deliver sustainable results.⁴

² Hazelwood, Peter (2015). Global Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships: Scaling up Public–Private Collective Impact for the SDGs. Background Paper 42015. Washington, DC: Independent Research Forum, World Resources Institute.

³ Hazelwood (2015).

⁴ Several of these design principles are outlined in this report; for a complete overview see Hazelwood (2015).

These design principles include ensuring that the governance structure is tailored to the specific mandate, governance, and operational needs to the initiative – and addresses power imbalances at the outset, especially between the United Nations and youth groups.

Additionally, global initiatives should ensure that there is a sufficient support infrastructure – across the global, regional, and national levels – in place to manage complexity and ensure that the initiatives are attuned to country-specific development priorities. To the extent that it is possible, these structures should build on existing institutional structures and systems.

Lastly, to strengthen ownership multi-stakeholder initiatives should be aligned with country priorities, for example by working through national and/or local planning and budgeting systems.

Structure of the report

This findings report is the final output of the mapping exercise and consists of an introduction, a methodology section, an overview of the findings, a brief conclusion, as well as two appendices with additional information.

The methodology section provides information on the analytical framework that guided the mapping exercise and details the stakeholder consultations that shaped the data collection process. Supplementary information on the methodology is included in appendix B.

The section on the landscape view of youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives presents key trends and insights from the data, including the distribution of initiatives by priority area, types of initiatives, and level of youth engagement. The last section concludes the report and identifies ways that UNCTs can use these findings in their work on youth-related issues.

In addition, appendix A lists the youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives included in this mapping exercise. The list of initiatives includes a description of each initiative, as well as a subset of the indicators used in the mapping.

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Methodology

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The central objective of the mapping exercise was to better understand the multi-stakeholder initiatives through which United Nations entities are engaged on youth-related issues, be it as a convener or as a supporting partner.⁵

The mapping exercise was divided into four phases:

- ◆ **Phase 1:** Concluded in mid-2020, the first phase consisted of the creation of an initial methodological tool and preliminary data collection to develop an overview of types of initiatives and formulate a more in-depth data collection tool.
- ◆ **Phase 2:** Through an iterative process, the methodology and key definitions were refined and validated by the task team, followed by additional data collection via a survey circulated to the Interagency Network for Youth Development (IANYD).
- ◆ **Phase 3:** Data collection through consultations with United Nations entities and youth networks.
- ◆ **Phase 4:** Consolidation of data and analysis.

Data collection was structured in accordance with time and resource constraints. While initiatives and programmes with a single-country focus represent a significant share of efforts undertaken to address youth issues, this mapping exercise only covers those initiatives that have a regional or global scope. In addition, the initiatives were required to be active at the time of data collection.

The mapping exercise included initiatives and programmes that met the following criteria:

- ◆ Initiatives that were active in 2020. Initiatives that concluded before 2020 were not included. Event-type initiatives that are recurring in nature, such as multi-stakeholder forums/conferences were also included.
- ◆ Initiatives that have a strong, primary focus on adolescents and youth.
- ◆ Initiatives that include at least one United Nations entity.
- ◆ Initiatives that cover two or more countries and/or regions.

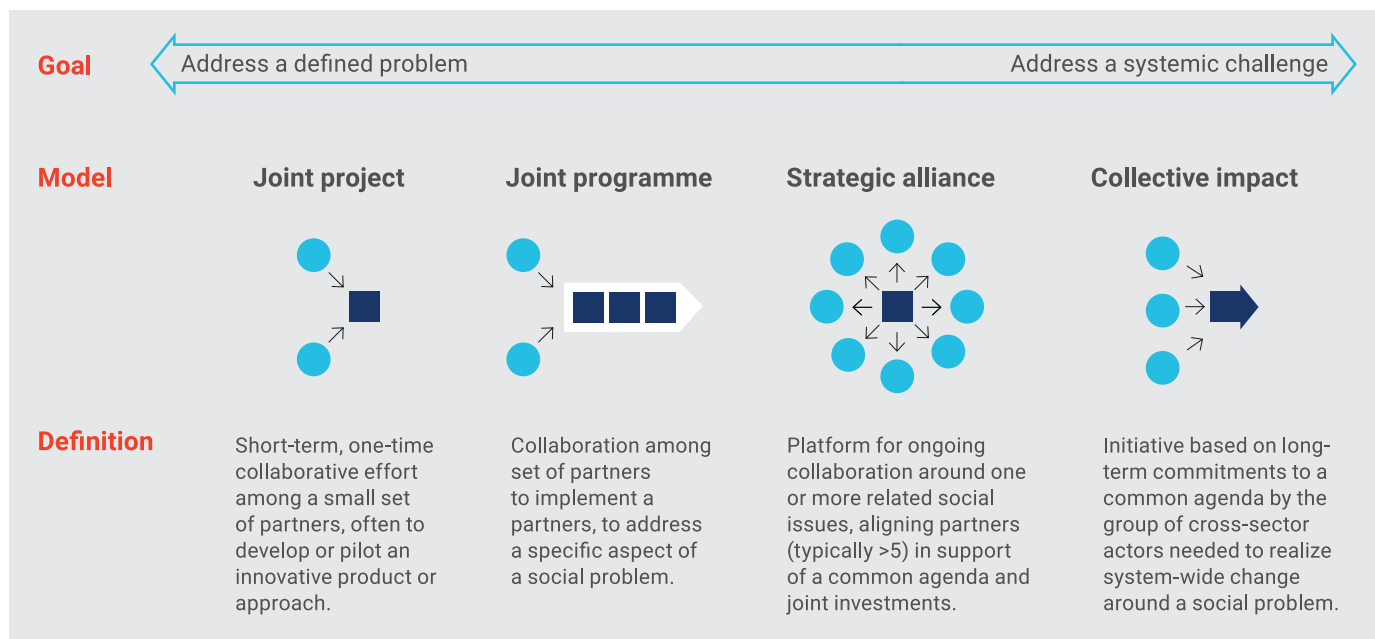
The selection of initiatives was conducted in cooperation with key stakeholders, including through task team meetings, and consultations with youth networks and United Nations entities. In total, 78 initiatives with a diverse scope and meeting the inclusion criteria outlined above were gathered for the mapping exercise. These initiatives are not representative of all existing youth-focused initiatives that meet these criteria, but rather a collation of platforms, projects, programmes, and inter-agency initiatives submitted to the task team for consideration following extensive consultations with both United Nations entities and youth networks.

Systematization of information

The task team leads drew inspiration from academic sources when defining key terms and systematizing the categories of information, such as Hazelwood's paper on *Global Multi-stakeholder Partnerships*⁶ and Peterson, Mahmud, Bhavaraju, and Mihaly's paper on *The Promise of Partnerships*.⁷ The basic typology of multi-stakeholder partnerships shown in Figure 1 was used in combination with the data categories outlined in appendix B.

⁵ Additional information on the methodology, including an overview of the data categories, types of youth engagement, and further details on the limitations of the review are included in appendix B.

Figure 1. A basic typology of multi-stakeholder partnerships (from Peterson et al, 2014)



For the purposes of this mapping, the multi-stakeholder partnerships were categorized as being a *Joint project or programme*, a *Strategic alliance* or a *Collective impact initiative* depending on the extent to which they either attempt to address a defined problem or a systemic challenge.

Hazelwood takes his definition of multi-stakeholder partnerships from Freeman and Wisheart's⁸ paper on *Advancing the Debate. Cross-Sector Partnerships, Business and the Post-2015 Development Agenda*. According to Freeman and Wisheart, a multi-stakeholder partnership can broadly be defined as:

"an ongoing working relationship between organizations from different sectors, combining their resources and competencies and sharing risks towards achieving agreed shared objectives whilst each also achieving their own individual objectives. Cross-sector partnerships involve two or more actors from government, business (and/or other private sector actors), civil society, and/or UN (and other multilateral) agencies. These partners will typically leverage their respective core knowledge, skills, resources and assets in such a way as to create solutions which none of the partners could have developed on its own."

The task team leads relied on this definition when mapping the youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives. A clear terminology was jointly agreed on by the task team members for the data categories, including the different levels of youth involvement in the initiatives.

⁶ Hazelwood (2015).

⁷ Peterson, K., Mahmud, A., Bhavaraju, N. and Mihaly, A. (2014). The Promise of Partnerships: A Dialogue between INGOs and Donors. FSG.

⁸ Freeman, C. and M. Wisheart (2015). *Advancing the Debate. Cross-Sector Partnerships, Business and the Post-2015 Development Agenda*. Discussion paper. World Vision International.

Consultations

Preparations for the Youth2030 Implementation Package for UNCTs, of which this mapping exercise is one component, included a large consultative process on key themes with United Nations entities and several youth networks. 23 thematic consultations occurred between 14 September and 20 November 2020 (15 with United Nations entities and 8 with representatives from youth networks, organisations, and/or constituencies) to collect direct inputs for recommendations for youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives that should be included in the mapping exercise.

Limitations

The task team leads, in consultation with the task team members, have attempted to reduce the potential impact of methodological limitations on the mapping exercise by adhering to a clear terminology.

While the sample size used for the mapping exercise is large for a qualitative exercise (78 initiatives), most of these initiatives and programmes were submitted by the task team members or by youth constituencies through survey responses, which introduced a degree of selection bias. These initiatives should not be considered as a representative sample of all youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives, and as such the validity of the findings outlined in this report is limited to the 78 initiatives analysed by the task team leads.

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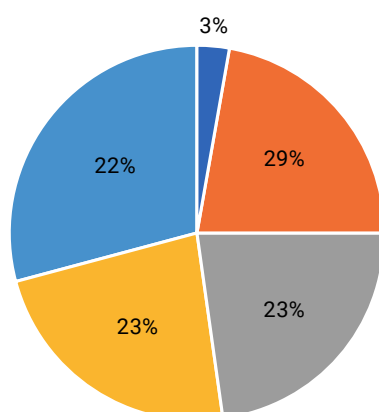
Landscape view of youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives

3. Landscape view of youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives

Thematic Priority Areas

All 78 multi-stakeholder initiatives selected for this mapping exercise have been categorized based on which of the five priority areas outlined in Youth2030 they primarily cover. The most commonly occurring priority area for multi-stakeholder initiatives was *Informed and healthy foundations*, covering 29 per cent of the initiatives.

Distribution of initiatives by priority area



Youth and human rights, Economic empowerment and decent work, and Peace and resilience building cover a similar percentage of initiatives (ranging from 23-22 per cent), while the priority area *Engagement, participation and advocacy* was categorized as the primary thematic area in 3 per cent of cases. Priority area 1 was selected for a smaller number of initiatives because it was considered by the task team members to be overarching, and initiatives were only categorised as “P1” if no other priority area fit. As will be outlined later, many of the initiatives have *Communication and advocacy* as one of their functional characteristics.

- P1 - Engagement, participation and advocacy
- P2 - Informed and healthy foundations
- P3 - Economic empowerment and decent work
- P4 - Youth and human rights
- P5 - Peace and resilience building

Several of the multi-stakeholder initiatives selected for this mapping also had a clear environmental focus. For these initiatives, *Climate and environment action* was selected under the additional priority areas category. 15 of the initiatives were found to integrate climate change and/or environmental action as a core aspect of their work.

Geographic distribution

One of the inclusion criteria for the multi-stakeholder initiatives was that they should cover several countries and/or regions. Because of this criterion, most of the initiatives (59 out of the 78) selected for this mapping have a global or multi-regional scope. The most selected geographic region – apart from “Global” – was Africa with eight initiatives.

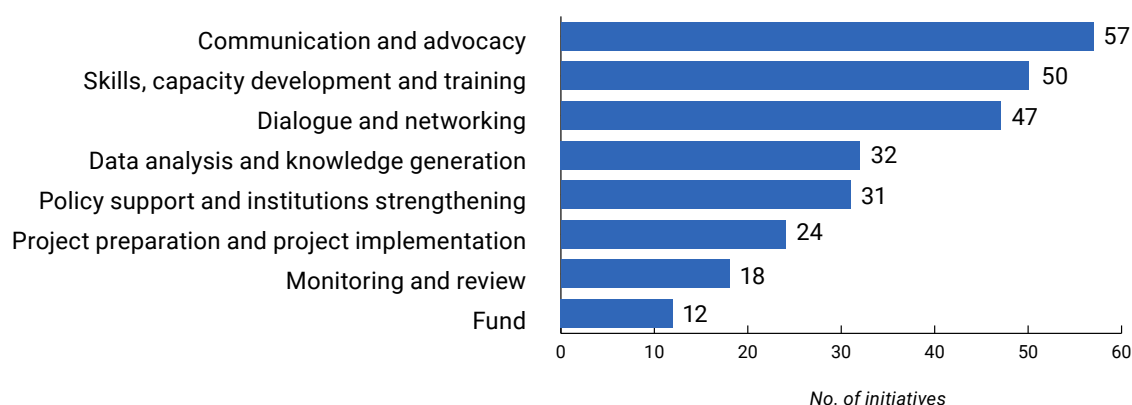
Functional characteristics

A set of functional characteristics were developed to allow the task team leads to capture multiple activities under one initiative such as *Dialogue and networking* and *Monitoring and review*.

Of the 78 initiatives gathered by the task team for the mapping, more than 70 per cent engage in communication and advocacy work. The top three most commonly occurring functional characteristics also included *Skills/capacity development and training* (62 per cent), as well as *Dialogue and networking* (65 per cent). The least commonly occurring functional characteristic among the initiatives selected for this mapping was the *Fund* category, which refers to initiatives mobilising resources with the aim to distribute funds to organisations or other initiatives that are working on a specific goal.

The mapping exercise illustrates that multi-stakeholder initiatives often have key objectives relating to catalysing public support, increasing visibility of a specific topic or agenda, communicating with decision-makers, and networking with stakeholders, as well as initiatives focussing on facilitating learning and the increased skill of participants. It is less common for initiatives included in this review to focus on enhancing accountability by monitoring and reviewing existing efforts of public policy or projects, or engage in resource mobilisation as a primary activity.

Functional characteristics of initiatives



The table below shows how the functional characteristics are distributed across the different priority areas.⁹ For initiatives where the main priority area was *Informed and healthy foundations*, the most frequently occurring functional characteristic was *Communication and advocacy*, followed by *Data analysis and knowledge generation*, and *Dialogue and networking*. The least common was *Project preparation and project implementation*.

For initiatives where the main priority area was *Economic empowerment and decent work*, the most frequently occurring functional characteristic was *Skills/capacity development and training*, followed by *Project preparation and project implementation*, and *Policy support and institutions strengthening*.

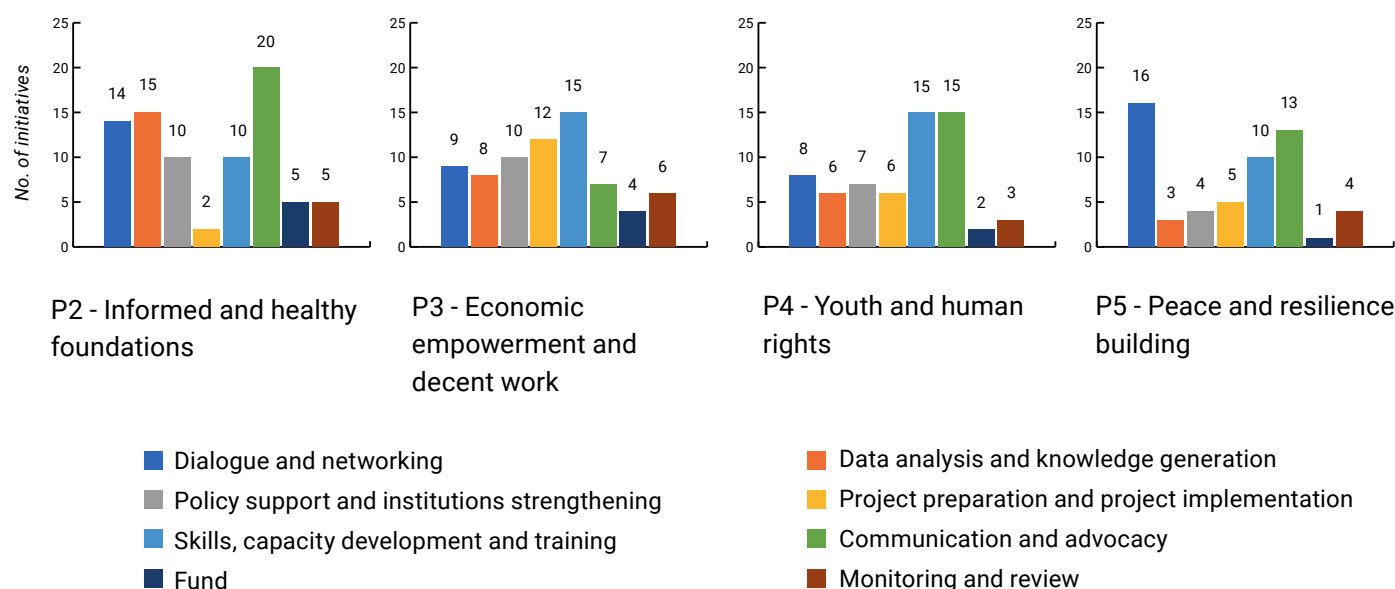
⁹ Priority area 1 has been omitted from the chart for ease of reading.

For initiatives where the main priority area was *Youth and human rights*, the two most frequently occurring functional characteristics were *Skills/capacity development and training* and *Communication and advocacy*.

For initiatives where the main priority area was *Peace and resilience building*, the most frequently occurring functional characteristic was *Dialogue and networking*, followed by *Communication and advocacy*, and *Skills/capacity development and training*.

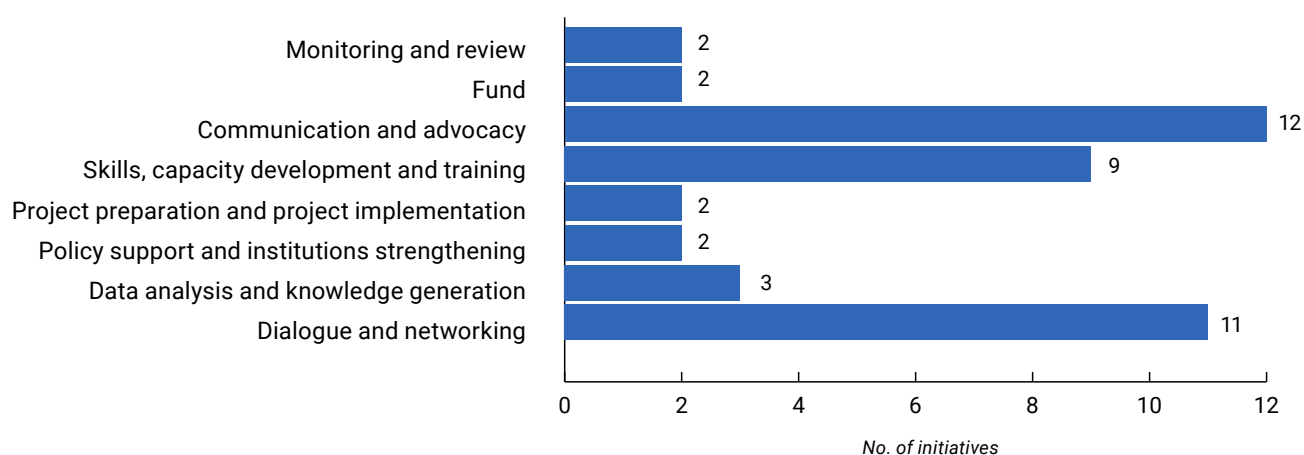
The *Fund* category was the least common characteristic in all priority areas except *Informed and healthy foundations*, where *Project preparation and project implementation* was the least common.

Distribution of functional characteristics across priority areas



Among the 15 initiatives where *Climate and environment action* was selected under the additional priority areas category, the three most common functional characteristics were *Communication and advocacy* (80 per cent), *Dialogue and networking* (73 per cent), and *Skills/capacity development and training* (60 per cent).

Distribution of functional characteristics for climate and environment action initiatives



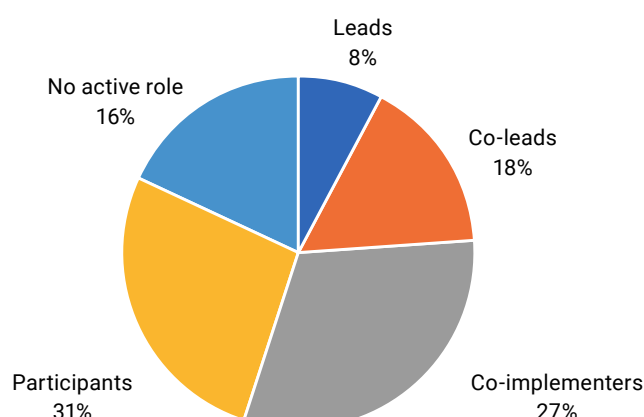
Further analysis is needed to determine whether the prevalence rate of certain functional characteristics is consistent across all multi-stakeholder initiatives, or if youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives are over or under-represented in certain areas.

Role of Youth

While all the initiatives and programmes selected for this mapping have a clear focus on youth and adolescents, the role of youth varies considerably between them, from playing a leading role in the conceptualisation of the initiative and its processes, to having little to no input on activities or the strategic direction of the initiative.

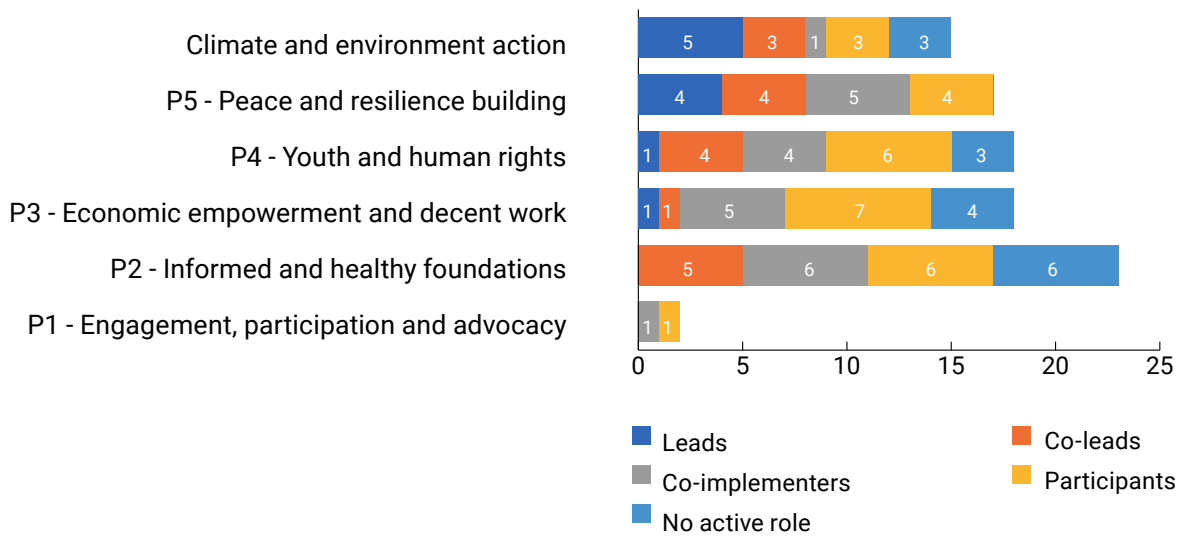
Young people either lead or co-lead 20 of the 78 initiatives (26 per cent) selected for this mapping. Furthermore, youth are co-implementers in 21 (27 per cent), and participants in a further 24 (31 per cent) of initiatives. Young people did not have an active role in 16 per cent of the initiatives. These percentages did not change significantly when examining only those initiatives where a United Nations entity is playing a leading role.

Role of youth across multi-stakeholder initiatives



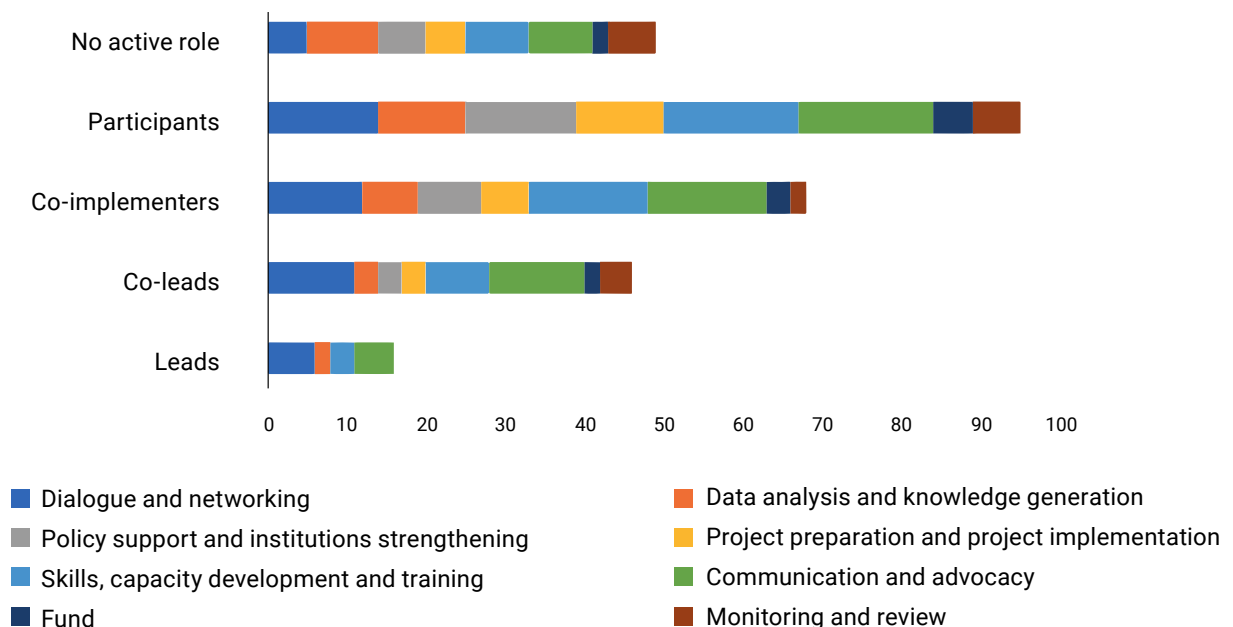
When examining the level of youth engagement in initiatives by priority area, it is apparent that priority area 5 (*Peace and resilience building*), as well as the additional priority area *Climate and environment action*, have the highest levels of youth engagement (i.e., youth are playing a more active role).

Role of youth across priority areas



There appears to be a link between the level of youth engagement and the type of initiative – as identified by their functional characteristics – at least for the 78 initiatives that were mapped as part of this exercise. For those initiatives where youth are either leading or co-leading, the two functional characteristics of *Dialogue and networking*, as well as *Advocacy and communication* make up a larger share of the initiatives. However, characteristics such as *Policy support and institutions strengthening* seem to be linked with youth playing a less active role. This data gives us some insight into what type of initiatives are more likely to be youth-led, and what types are more likely to have young people playing a supportive role.

Role of youth across functional characteristics



Integration of COVID-19 and Digitalisation into Initiatives

As part of the mapping exercise, the task team leads examined the extent to which the selected initiatives had either been created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or had adapted their approach to address the impact more effectively. This was the case for 38 (49 per cent) of the initiatives, while the remaining 51 per cent were not found to specifically address COVID-19.

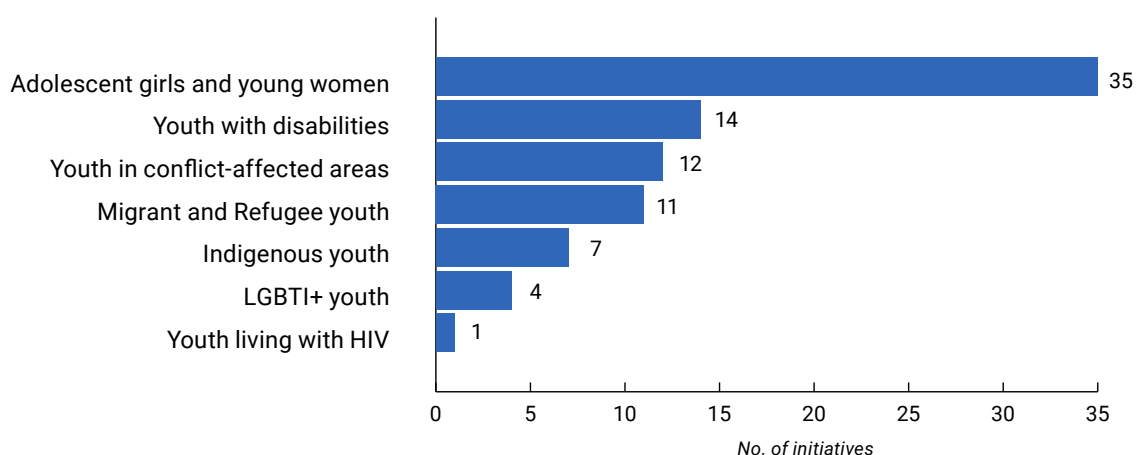
Among the selected initiatives, the mapping shows that 33 initiatives (42 per cent) explicitly prioritise or include a role for digitalisation in the achievement of their stated goals, while the remaining 58 per cent of initiatives did not.

Leave No One Behind

As part of the mapping exercise, the extent to which the selected initiatives explicitly address certain Leave No One Behind (LNOB) youth subgroups was examined.

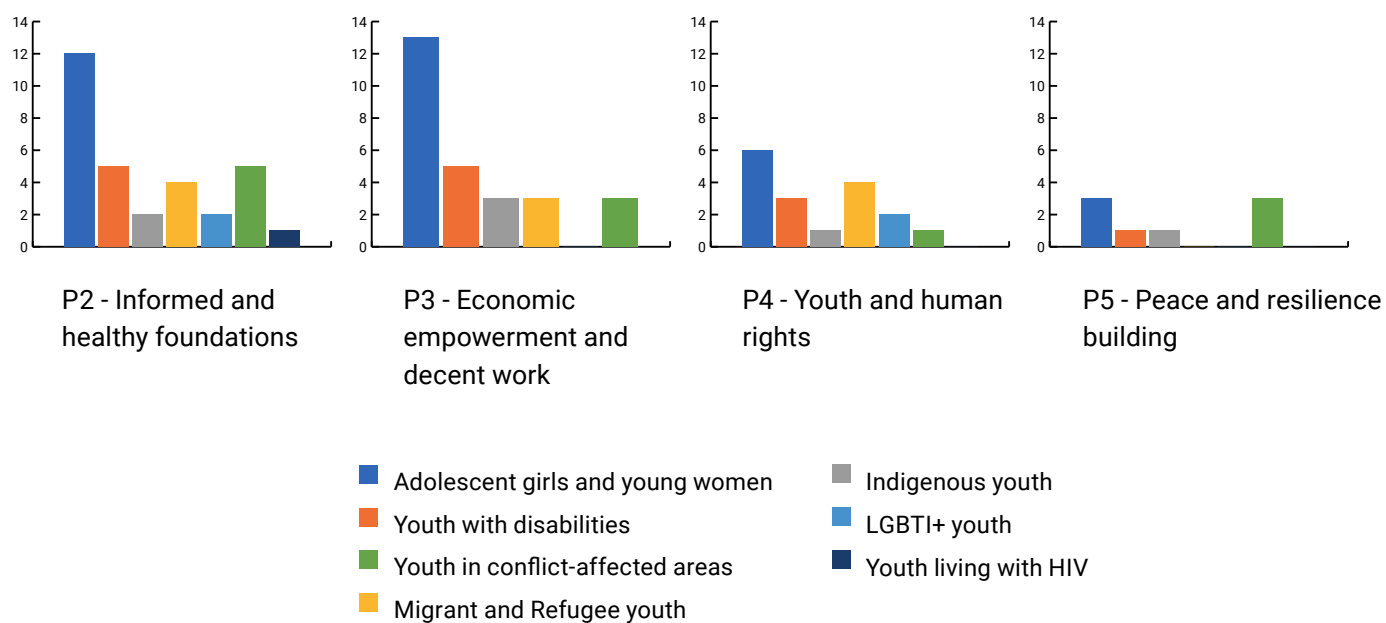
The most common subgroup was *Adolescent girls and young women*, which was explicitly addressed by 45 per cent of the selected initiatives. *Indigenous youth*, *LGBTI+ youth*, and *Youth living with HIV* were the least commonly addressed subgroups among the initiatives mapped as part of this exercise, being addressed by 9, 5, and 1 per cent, respectively.

Initiatives explicitly addressing LNOB youth subgroups



The mapping exercise shows that it is primarily in the *Informed and healthy foundations*, as well as the *Economic empowerment and decent work* area that *Adolescent girls and young women* are explicitly addressed at higher rates than the other youth subgroups.

LN0B youth subgroups across priority areas



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The multi-stakeholder initiatives analysed for this mapping exercise vary in scope from smaller joint projects or programmes to large-scale collective impact initiatives. They are diverse in terms of their functional characteristics, their geographic scope, and their level of youth involvement.

By providing a landscape view of selected youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives, this report aims to serve as a useful resource for UNCTs as they continue their engagement with these types of initiatives and programmes. Additionally, appendix A contains a list of all 78 initiatives, including relevant information on the main priority area addressed, type of initiative, and the role of youth. UNCTs can use this list of initiatives to forge potential new partnerships, exchange lessons on youth-led innovations and actions, and identify best practices on meaningful youth engagement for support and scaling-up.

The report is envisioned as an entry point for further exploration. Future studies could focus on how to better understand the various governance mechanisms underpinning youth-focused multi-stakeholder initiatives and encourage meaningful youth engagement within multi-stakeholder initiatives.

This mapping exercise highlights that space should be made available for young people to play a role beyond activities and initiatives that are viewed as “youth-friendly.” Young people have an important role to play in all the areas of work of the United Nations. The United Nations should enhance its efforts to ensure that the voices of young people are systematically listened to across initiatives.

Appendix A – List of multi-stakeholder initiatives

TITLE OF MULTI-STAKEHOLDER INITIATIVE ⁶	DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE	MAIN PRIORITY AREA OF YOUTH2030 ADDRESSED	TYPE OF INITIATIVE	ROLE OF YOUTH
<u>Accelerating Achievement for Africa's Adolescents (Accelerate) Hub</u> ↗	The Accelerating Achievement for Africa's Adolescents (Accelerate) Hub generates evidence on which development accelerators – alone and in synergy with each other – can support adolescents in Africa to reach multiple Sustainable Development Goals. The Accelerate Hub brings together interdisciplinary research teams focusing on supporting children and young people in thriving in the second decade of life: adolescence. The work is funded by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and operates from Oxford University and the University of Cape Town. The Accelerate Hub consists of a range of additional partners from government institutions, civil society, academia, and UN entities such as WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN University, UNDP, UNAIDS, and WHO.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
<u>Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) Youth Forum</u> ↗	The 2021 Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) Youth Forum was a virtual conference held from July 10th to 18th, 2021, organized by members of YOUNGO's – the official Youth Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – ACE Working Group. Building upon the foundation laid by the first ACE Youth Forum held in 2018, the second ACE Youth Forum provided a platform for meaningful exchanges to enhance implementation of ACE by young people, while also crafting and publishing a set of youth policy recommendations directly linked to the next ACE Decision governments must adopt by COP26.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
<u>African Young Women Leaders Fellowship Programme</u> ↗	The African Young Women Leaders Fellowship Programme is a partnership between the African Union Commission and UNDP. The Programme seeks to build a new generation of young African women leaders and experts to serve Africa and the world in designing and implementing development programmes in the context of the SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063. The target is to place at least one African Young Woman Fellow from each African country per year in an assignment with UNDP or another UN organisation.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
<u>Boosting Decent Employment for Africa's Youth</u> ↗	Launched in 2019, the research initiative is a partnership with IDRC, the Dutch Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, and the ILO that aims to generate rigorous evidence on soft skills, digital jobs, and work-based learning to boost decent jobs for youth. A first cohort of eight research projects is underway in nine countries of sub-Saharan Africa. The initiative, which involves more than 65 multidisciplinary researchers, focuses on generating new evidence, sharing knowledge, and advocating for evidence-informed policy-making and programming.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	
<u>Child Health Initiative</u> ↗	Since it began in 2016, CHI has been a global platform and coordination mechanism for targeted advocacy and campaigns advancing the rights of youth to safe, healthy, and accessible journeys. The Child Health Initiative operates as a collaborative partnership, with a focus on global and national advocacy, research, and programme implementation with a specific focus on transportation and urban mobility policymaking; to highlight the serious and costly health impacts on the young of unsafe roads and air pollution.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	No active role

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<u>Child Online Protection Initiative</u> ↗	The Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative is a multi-stakeholder network launched by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to promote awareness of child safety in the online world and to develop practical tools to assist governments, industry, and educators. The ITU Guidelines on Child Online Protection are a comprehensive set of recommendations for all relevant stakeholders on how to contribute to the development of a safe and empowering online environment for children and young people. The COP Guidelines are meant to act as a blueprint, which can be adapted and used in a way that is consistent with national or local customs and laws.	Youth and human rights	Strategic alliance	Participants
<u>Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action</u> ↗	Launched at the World Humanitarian Summit, the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action is an unprecedented and collective commitment of 60+ humanitarian actors working to ensure that the priorities of young people are addressed and informed, consulted, and meaningfully engaged throughout all stages of humanitarian action.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Co-implementers
<u>CONCAUSA</u> ↗	CONCAUSA, an initiative of ECLAC, UNICEF and América Solidaria and with the support of the Pedro de Valdivia University, aims to empower, connect, and mobilize adolescents and youth across South America to build a network that contributes to social innovation, sustainable development and overcoming child poverty.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>#CopingWith-COVID Webinar Series</u> ↗	The Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, in partnership with the World Health Organisation and UNICEF, as well as support from MGCY, hosted a series of webinars for young people, titled "#CopingWith-COVID" to provide young people with a platform for genuine connection amid uncertainty, encouraging them to field their questions to experts from UNICEF and WHO, generate mental health awareness among young people, and strengthen demand for integrated mental health and psychosocial interventions.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>UN Climate Change Conference of Youth</u> ↗	The UN Climate Change Conference of Youth (COY) is an event under the banner of YOUNGO – The Official Youth Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The conference takes place right before the annual UN Climate Change Conference, also known as Conference of the Parties (COP), in the same host country as the COP. COY serves as a space for capacity building and policy training, to prepare young people for their participation at COP.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Leads
<u>Desertification Youth Forum to UNCCD</u> ↗	The Desertification Youth Forum, which is a recurring event organised by the Global Youth Caucus on Desertification and Land – the formal constituency to UNCCD, brings together young people and youth NGOs from around the world to discuss issues of desertification, forests, land, and climate. The Forum takes place prior to the high-level segment of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Leads

Dialogue for the Future ↗	The overall goal of the joint regional programme, Dialogue for the Future (DFF), is to help create more spaces for constructive dialogue between various communities, between citizens and their highest elected leaders, thus promoting peaceful coexistence, increased trust, and genuine respect for diversity. This peacebuilding initiative was launched in 2014 in Bosnia and Herzegovina, following discussions between the United Nations Secretary-General and the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The second phase of the programme has a strong youth component aimed at constructively engaging them in decision-making processes. The DFF project is jointly implemented by UNDP, UNESCO, and UNICEF, with support from the UN Peacebuilding Fund.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
Earth School ↗	Earth School was co-created by UNEP and Ted-Ed to provide children, young people, parents, and teachers all over the world with engaging nature-focused content to stay connected to nature during the Covid-19 pandemic. Earth School takes students on 30 "quests," each focused on a different nature related topic.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	No active role
Education Cannot Wait ↗	ECW is a global fund dedicated to education in emergencies and protracted crises. This initiative brings together governments, humanitarian actors and development efforts to deliver a more collaborative and rapid response to the educational needs of children and youth affected by crises. The fund aims to reach all crisis-affected children and youth with safe, free, and quality education by 2030.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	No active role
Education for Justice ↗	The Education for Justice (E4J) initiative seeks to prevent crime and promote a culture of lawfulness through education activities designed for primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. These activities help educators teach the next generation to better understand and address problems that can undermine the rule of law and encourage students to actively engage in their communities and future professions in this regard. A set of products and activities for the primary and secondary levels have been developed in partnership with UNESCO.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	No active role
EQUALS Global Partnership ↗	The EQUALS Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age is a committed group of corporate leaders, governments, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, academic institutions, NGOs, and community groups around the world dedicated to promoting gender balance in the technology sector by championing equality of access, skills development and career opportunities for women and men alike. EQUALS uses a multidisciplinary approach that integrates research, policy, and programming to promote gender equality in technology access, skills, and leadership, as well as conducting, evidence-based research.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Strategic alliance	Participants
Generation17 ↗	Generation17 is an initiative from Samsung and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) that elevates the voices of young leaders who are changing the world and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Samsung and UNDP are providing mentorship, technology, and networking opportunities for the young leaders as they advance their work.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers

Generation Equality Youth Task Force ↗	The Generation Equality Youth Task Force (formerly Beijing+25 Youth Task Force) was set up to represent young people in all their diversity and intersectionality, to facilitate youth leadership and participation in the Generation Equality Forum, a civil society-centred, global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France in 2021. The Forum launched a set of concrete, ambitious, and transformative actions to achieve immediate and irreversible progress towards gender equality.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
Generation Unlimited ↗	Generation Unlimited (GenU) is a global multi-sector partnership to meet the urgent need for expanded education, training, and employment opportunities for young people, aged 10 to 24, on an unprecedented scale. Through public-private partnerships at the global and the country level, GenU would like to co-create and support investment opportunities, programmes, and innovations at a large scale, to prepare young people for the world of work and to help them become productive in life.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Strategic alliance	Co-implementers
Giga ↗	ITU and UNICEF have joined forces – together with other partners – in a bid to connect every school to the Internet by 2030. Launched in 2019, Giga sets the goal of providing connectivity to every school in the world. Giga will bring the power of meaningful connectivity to fast-track young people's access to educational resources and opportunities. Giga will make sure every child is equipped with the digital public goods they need and empowered to shape the future they want. Giga also serves as a platform to create the infrastructure necessary to provide digital connectivity to an entire country, for every community, and for every citizen.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Strategic alliance	No active role
Global Action for Measurement of Adolescent Health (GAMA) ↗	GAMA is a global initiative to improve adolescent health measurement and reporting. It is guided by a Technical Advisory Group consisting of 16 selected global experts, including 4 young experts, and convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) with support from UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, the World Bank Group, and the World Food Programme (WFP).	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
Global Campaign to Combat Ageism ↗	Ageism imposes powerful barriers to the development of good policies and programmes for older and younger people. WHO is working together with key partners, including the Health Youth Constituency of MGCY, on a Global Campaign to Combat Ageism—an initiative supported by WHO's 194 Member States. The Campaign aims to change the narrative around age and ageing and help create a world for all ages.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Co-implementers
Global Education Coalition ↗	The Global Education Coalition launched by UNESCO, is a platform for collaboration and exchange to protect the right to education during COVID-19 and beyond. It brings together more than 140 members from the UN family, civil society, academia, and the private sector to ensure that #LearningNeverStops.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	No active role

Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth ↗	Decent Jobs for Youth is an alliance of multiple partners both within and beyond the United Nations. The initiative identifies and promotes effective, innovative, and evidence-based strategies and interventions to tackle the youth employment challenge. By leveraging knowledge, partnerships and resources, the initiative works to maximize the value of youth employment investments, scale up action and increase impact at local, national, and regional level.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Collective Impact Initiative	Participants
Global Partnership for Education ↗	The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is a partnership and fund, which mobilizes investments, both external and domestic, to help governments build stronger education systems, based on data and evidence. GPE is partners with 70 developing countries to help them develop and implement quality education for sector plans, laying the foundation for strong education systems. The initiative focuses on education sector planning, knowledge and Innovation, and advocacy and accountability.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	No active role
Global Programme to End Child Marriage ↗	The UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage promotes the rights of adolescent girls to avert marriage and pregnancy and enables them to achieve their aspirations through education and alternative pathways. The Global Programme supports households in demonstrating positive attitudes, empowers girls to direct their own futures, and strengthens the services that allow them to do so. It also addresses the underlying conditions that sustain child marriage, advocating for laws and policies that protect girls' rights while highlighting the importance of using robust data to inform such policies.	Youth and human rights	Strategic alliance	No active role
Global Youth Biodiversity Network ↗	Recognized and supported by the CBD Secretariat, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) represents the voice of global youth in the negotiations under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), raises awareness among young people of the values of biodiversity, and connects individuals and youth organizations in order to build a global coalition to halt the loss of biodiversity. The network is coordinated by an international steering committee and is entirely run by young people for young people.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Leads
Global Youth Environment Assembly ↗	Global Youth Environment Assembly is the official youth forum toward the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN Environment Assembly (UNEA). The first YEA of 2021 took place on 12, 13 and 18, 19, 20 February in lead the up to UNEA 5.1. The Assembly included sessions on a variety of environmental topics, interactive segments, regional and thematic breakouts, dedicated plenary sessions and a high-level segment featuring dialogues between environment ministers and youth.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Leads
Global Youth Mobilization for Generation Disrupted ↗	The Global Youth Mobilization for Generation Disrupted is being led by the Big 6 Youth Organizations, together with partners such as the World Health Organization, and United Nations Foundation, and aims to support young people to engage in and design efforts to turn around the impact of the pandemic. The Global Youth Mobilization initiative convened a Global Youth Summit in April 2021 and has set up a fund of US \$5 million to support local and national youth organizations, including grants for youth-led solutions and an accelerator programme to scale up existing response efforts.	Youth and human rights	Strategic alliance	Co-leads

<u>International Youth Day</u> ↗	International Youth Day (IYD) gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions, and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal, and equitable engagement. The commemoration took the form of a podcast-style discussion that is hosted by youth for youth, together with independently organized commemorations around the world that recognize the importance of youth participation in political, economic, and social life and processes.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
<u>Issue-based Coalition on Adolescents and Youth</u> ↗	The Issue-based Coalition on Adolescent and Youth is a UNECE regional task force set up to facilitate improved cooperation between different UN agencies and their partners. The group seeks to deliver on specific adolescent and youth policy results in collaboration with civil society, including youth-led and youth-serving organizations, governments, and other key actors by fostering synergies and pool resources across UN agencies.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>Kick for Trade</u> ↗	The Kick for Trade initiative, developed by the International Trade Centre's Youth & Trade Programme in collaboration with UEFA Foundation for Children, Kick4Life and Streetfootballworld, fosters football-based life-skills development to promote youth social inclusion, employability, and entrepreneurship. The life-skills curriculum for youth entrepreneurship and employability was developed to enable youth to build transferable skills through football.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>Listen First</u> ↗	Listen First was launched in 2016 during the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem. It began as a campaign on science-based drug prevention to raise awareness around listening to children and youth as the first step to help them grow healthy and safe. The campaign targets parents, teachers, policy makers, health worker and prevention workers particularly, as well as the wider public.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>Make Adolescent Well-being a Priority: A Call to Action</u> ↗	A "Call to Action" aimed at governments, donors, and the international community. The initiative calls for adolescents to be engaged in all legal, policy and programme processes that affect them, to go beyond the health sector and develop strong multisectoral, whole-of-government policy approaches that truly address adolescent health and well-being, and to strengthen political commitment and funding for adolescents to accelerate action towards 2030.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
<u>Migration Youth Forum</u> ↗	The Migration Youth Forum was held from the 4 th – 6 th of January 2021. It served as a preparatory space to the 13 th Global Forum on Migration & Development and gathered youth perspectives in key thematic areas and from different regions, focusing on priorities for youth and children, and with attention to cross-cutting issues including gender, ethnicity, LGBTQ+, and disabilities.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-leads

<u>Opportunities for Youth in Africa: Accelerating Job Creation in Agriculture and Agribusiness</u> ↗	The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) developed this joint programme in response to a dedicated call for accelerating efforts in the area of job creation for African youth. This programme proposes an integrated approach for the creation of quality on- and off- farm employment and self-employment opportunities for African youth in agriculture and agribusiness.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>Partnership for improving prospects for forcibly displaced persons and host communities</u> ↗	The Partnership for improving prospects for forcibly displaced persons and host communities (PROSPECTS) programme operates in eight countries across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon as well as the East/Horn of Africa in Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda. Grounded on results-based and country-led approaches, PROSPECTS aims to develop and implement evidence-based solutions tailored to each local context, while also testing and learning from innovative, operational solutions to the problems faced by host communities and forcibly displaced people.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	No active role
<u>Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health</u> ↗	The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) is the world's largest alliance for women's, children's, and adolescents' health (WCAH), bringing together over 1,000 partner organizations across 192 countries. Since its inception, PMNCH has worked to forge and strengthen partnerships and drive momentum towards the attainment of global targets for WCAH.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Participants
<u>Preventive Diplomacy Academy</u> ↗	Preventive Diplomacy Academy was initiative by the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCA). The project aims to train young people on preventive diplomacy, leadership, intercultural communication, and the basics of project management.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policies in the Framework of 2030 Agenda</u> ↗	The overall objective of the project is to increase the capacities of governments, youth-led civil society organizations and the broader Community Based Organization community in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of effective national youth policies and action plans that promote conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and sustaining peace in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda. This initiative is a joint project by UNDESA and UNDP.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
<u>Reducing Extreme Youth Violence through the use of ICT in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras</u> ↗	The project "Reducing extreme violence against young people through the use of ICTs in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras", promoted by UNESCO with the support of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation, and in partnership with Youth Against Violence and other national and international partners, will carry out the first Regional Hackathon for the prevention of youth violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, called HackCR3A.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers

Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces 	UN Women's Global Flagship Initiative, "Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces," builds on its "Safe Cities Free of Violence against Women and Girls." It's a global programme, launched in November 2010, with leading women's organizations, organizations, UN agencies, and more than 70 global and local partners. It is the first-ever global programme that develops, implements, and evaluates tools, policies, and comprehensive approaches on the prevention of and response to sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls across different settings.	Peace and resilience building	Strategic alliance	Participants
SDG4-Education 2030 Steering Committee 	The SDG4-Education 2030 Steering Committee is the global multi-stakeholder consultation and coordination mechanism for education in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Its primary objective is to harmonize and strengthen support to countries and their partners for the realization of the global education goal and targets.	Informed and healthy foundations	Collective Impact Initiative	Co-implementers
SDSN Youth 	The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Youth is one of the world's biggest networks of young leaders working together to accelerate solutions towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Leveraging the work of partners in the UN, academia, civil society, business, and government - SDSN Youth provides training and resources to enable thousands of young people to drive change.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Co-leads
Skills and Employment for Youth programme 	The Skills and Employment for Youth (SEFY) programme has made progress in advocating for an inclusive approach to creating decent jobs for Africa's youth. The NEPAD Agency and partners hosted a biennial conference for policy makers and other key stakeholders, where new Africa Talks Jobs commitments were made by the private sector. With the help of targeted projects, over 1000 youth have been trained in various sectors. By influencing policy reform processes, the programme has supported the development of inclusive youth strategies in several countries.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	No active role
Solutions for Youth Employment 	Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) is a global program that brings together donors, governments, foundations, private sector companies, NGOs, and youth to support catalytic programs to increase the number of young people engaged in productive work. The initiative aims to showcase, and potentially support the scaling of innovative youth employment interventions, by developing joint knowledge products, building a network of youth employment actors, and facilitating targeted technical guidance to ongoing projects in specific areas of high demand.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Strategic alliance	Participants
Spotlight Initiative 	The Spotlight Initiative is a global, multi-year partnership between the European Union and the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. The Initiative supports concrete measures to end violence, giving prominence to prevention, protection and the provision of services, alongside broader efforts to ensure women's economic empowerment and participation in all aspects of society.	Youth and human rights	Collective Impact Initiative	Participants

Support to the Western Balkan's Regional Youth Cooperation Office: Youth Leadership on Reconciliation project ↗	The overall goal of the project is to foster social cohesion and reconciliation, enhance attitudes of tolerance and reduce prejudice and discrimination among youth in the Western Balkans, through supporting the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) in building its institutional capacity and partnerships with civil society, education institutions (schools) grassroots youth organizations and youth in general. The Youth Leadership on Reconciliation project is jointly implemented by UNDP, UNICEF, and UNFPA, with support from the UN Peacebuilding Fund.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Participants
The Education Commission ↗	The Education Commission is a global initiative encouraging greater progress on Sustainable Development Goal 4 – ensuring inclusive and quality education and promoting lifelong learning for all. The Commission is helping to create a pathway for reform and increased investment in education by mobilizing strong evidence and analysis while engaging with world leaders, policymakers, and researchers.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Participants
The Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security ↗	The Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security (GCYPS) is the leading platform for shaping global policy and practice on youth, peace, and security. The GCYPS facilitates exchange, coordination, and collaboration between civil society, including youth-led and youth-focused organizations, UN entities, donors, academia, and inter-governmental bodies. The GCYPS is co-chaired by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders), Search for Common Ground (SFCG) and the United Nations (Peacebuilding Support Office – PBSO and United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA).	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
The Global Initiative on Out-of-School Children ↗	The Out-of-School Children Initiative is a global effort to uncover data and details about the children left behind and offer policy recommendations and interventions that will allow every last child to go to school and learn.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	No active role
The Young Health Programme ↗	The Young Health Programme (YHP) was established in 2010 and is AstraZeneca's global community investment initiative. The YHP supports Sustainable Development Goal 3.4 "by 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being." The YHP works in partnership with over thirty expert organisations around the world.	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	Participants
The Youth Fund: COVID-19 Action ↗	The Youth Fund is a new fund designed by young people to support youth action around the world. The fund is supported by the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, ActionAid, Restless Development and developed in collaboration with UNFPA.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
Tide Turners Plastic Challenge ↗	The Tide Turners Plastic Challenge is a global youth movement to fight plastic pollution around the world. It is designed to inspire young adults to reflect upon their plastic consumption, discover solutions to reduce this consumption, and lead change in their homes, communities, institutions, and offices.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers

<u>U-INSPIRE Alliance</u> 	U-INSPIRE Alliance is an alliance of youth, young scientists, and young professionals working in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Innovation (SETI) to support disaster risk reduction and resilience building, in line with SDGs and the Sendai Framework.	Peace and resilience building	Strategic alliance	Co-leads
<u>United Nations Girl's Education Initiative</u> 	The United Nations Girl's Education Initiative (UNGEI) is a multi-stakeholder partnership committed to improving the quality and availability of girls' education and contributing to the empowerment of girls and women through education to realize "A world where all girls and boys are empowered through quality education to realize their full potential and contribute to transforming societies where gender equality becomes a reality."	Informed and healthy foundations	Strategic alliance	No active role
<u>UNCTAD Youth Network/Youth Action Hubs Initiative</u> 	Through the UNCTAD Youth Network, women and men between the ages of 18 and 30 can help to build the narrative about the future by sharing ideas and experiences, working with fellow youth in preparing inputs to UNCTAD meetings on trade and development-related issues, make their voice be heard in major youth events and more. The Youth Action Hubs initiative empowers youth to think globally and express views on matters within UNCTAD's mandate.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
<u>UNIDO-Hewlett-Packard Global Partnership Programme</u> 	Since May 2008, UNIDO has been partnering with Hewlett Packard (HP), one of the world's largest technology companies, to implement a global programme for entrepreneurship and IT education. Together, UNIDO and HP equip aspiring and existing entrepreneurs in developing countries with hands-on business and IT skills to start, run and grow their enterprises. At the core of the partnership lies the global Learning Initiative for Entrepreneurs (LIFE) training programme.	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	No active role
<u>United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development</u> 	The United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) consists of representatives identified by the Heads of UN entities whose work is relevant to youth issues. The Network supports, encourages, and cooperates with relevant interagency initiatives, and encourages relevant thematic sub-groups among members.	Youth and human rights	Strategic alliance	Co-leads
<u>United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project</u> 	The United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project is a joint initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Development Programme, a unique partnership to prevent and fight corruption in 14 Pacific Island countries and the territory of Tokelau. The project aims to strengthen national integrity systems, and create an enabling environment to increase trade, business, investment, and sustainable development in the Pacific.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Participants
<u>UNLEASH Global Talent Initiative</u> 	UNLEASH is a global talent initiative that brings together top talent from all over the world to work on real, scalable solutions to the Sustainable Development Goals. It is a global platform fully dedicated to the SDGs, where talents can add value directly and access a unique eco system of corporations, think-thanks, foundations, non-profits, angel investors, etc. The daily operation is managed by a Secretariat that is overseen by the Board of Directors with support from a Global Advisory Board composed of over 200 partners.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Participants

Visualize 2030 	Visualize 2030 is an initiative of the Arab Development Portal which aims to encourage the consumption of data by youth from the Arab region in support of advocacy campaigns and innovative thinking around development priorities and to advance their contribution to informed public debate in the region. An annual data camp brings together youth from Arab countries to enhance their technical and analytical capacity to produce audio visual content on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The ADP is an initiative of the Coordination Group of Arab, National and Regional Development Institutions, the Islamic Development Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development, in collaboration with UNDP.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
World Heritage Education Programme 	The UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, initiated as a UNESCO special project in 1994, gives young people a chance to voice their concerns and to become involved in the protection of our common cultural and natural heritage. It seeks to encourage and enable tomorrow's decision-makers to participate in heritage conservation and to respond to the continuing threats facing our World Heritage.	Engagement, Participation and Advocacy	Joint project/programme	Participants
Promoting Sport as a Tool for Action and Youth Empowerment 	The UNESCO Office in San José launched a regional campaign focusing on "Young athletes from Central America: promoting Sport as a tool of action and empowerment for well-being, peace and development." The campaign was a collaborative effort between UNESCO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Honduras, as well as the Costa Rican Institute of Sport and Recreation.	Engagement, Participation and Advocacy	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
Young Champions of the Earth 	Young Champions of the Earth is a forward-looking prize designed to breathe life into the ambitions of brilliant young environmentalists. Through this initiative, UNEP and partners aim to celebrate and support individuals aged between 18 and 30 who have outstanding potential to create a positive environmental impact.	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Participants
Youth Against COVID - Prezi campaign 	UNFPA teamed up with Prezi to help teach young people around the world about COVID-19 and what they can do to keep their friends, families, and communities safe.	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
Youth and Education Alliance 	The Youth and Education Alliance (YEA!) works with both higher education and youth networks from around the world to increase environmental awareness and education among students and young people to accelerate the environmental changes that urgently need to be made in this decade. The goal is to inspire higher education institutions across the globe to integrate sustainability and environmental best practices into their curricula, civics and across their campuses while also raising the profile of higher education as change agents.	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Participants

Youth as Researchers Program 	<p>The Youth as Researchers (YAR) program was designed to give young people the skills they need to conduct credible research based on sound methods and ethical practices. YAR supports young people through training, mentoring, and giving advice during the research process to empower them to choose the research topics they want to investigate, design the research, and then collect and analyse data. The researchers then use their research to deliver key messages. YAR was founded by the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Ireland Galway in 2015 and includes partners such as OHCHR, UNDP, the International Youth Media Summit, and Make a Difference Leadership Foundation.</p>	Informed and healthy foundations	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
Youth Co:Lab 	<p>Co-created in 2017 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Citi Foundation, Youth Co:Lab aims to establish a common agenda for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to empower and invest in youth, so that they can accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship. Youth Co:Lab has been implemented in 25 countries and territories across Asia Pacific.</p>	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
Youth Compact Champions Programme 	<p>The Youth Compact Champions programme builds on the collective work, initiatives, and passion of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action members to date, and is aligned to the Compact's guidance on working with and for young people in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The programme is currently co-coordinated by the UN Major Group for Children & Youth, ActionAid, and Restless Development.</p>	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment Initiative and Forum 	<p>The Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment (YES) Forum explores policies, skills, networks, and finance. Part of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, it is organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, together with the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The YES Forum is organized at the margins of the World Export Development Forum.</p>	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Participants
Youth Leadership Programme 	<p>The Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) launched in 2015 to build the Middle East and North Africa region's most dynamic network working at the intersection of youth, innovation, and sustainable development. YLP has run four successful cycles and, as of end of 2019, has worked with over 20,000 youth participants and supported 7,000+ projects. YLP participants have launched and established successful small businesses, won municipality elections, received recognition and awards for their innovative solutions, and presented their ideas at renowned universities and global platforms.</p>	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers

Youth Science-Policy Interface Platform 	<p>The Youth Science Policy Interface (SPI) Platform is created as part of UN Major Group for Children & Youth's role in the implementation and follow up components of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its obligation towards the High-Level Political Forum, as well as a mandated follow-up process of Agenda 21 adopted in 1992. Participation in the SPI Platform promotes universal and equitable access to all those interested in science-policy and related discussions. It seeks to mobilize communities of young scientists and practitioners through a youth-led and self-assembled space.</p>	Youth and human rights	Joint project/programme	Leads
Youth Sustainable Energy Hub 	<p>The Youth Sustainable Energy Hub is a flagship project developed by SDG7 Youth Constituency in partnership with the world's leading energy and climate change organisations. It is the first of its kind global platform showcasing the work of youth practitioners in the sustainable energy sector.</p>	Economic empowerment and decent work	Joint project/programme	Leads
Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) 	<p>The Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) was officially launched during COP25 in December 2019. In line with the UNFCCC Paris Agreement, aimed to significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change, YoU-CAN was created with a view to supporting and facilitating youth-led climate action to reach its full potential and impact, by building on existing relevant youth action in the areas of Natural Sciences, Education, Culture, Social and Human Sciences, Communication, and Information.</p>	Peace and resilience building	Strategic alliance	Co-leads
Youth Voices #ForNature 	<p>Youth Voices #ForNature is a joint initiative of UNDP, UNEP, UN CBD, Lion's Share, Major Group for Children and Youth to UNEP, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (youth constituency of UNCBD), UNCCD Youth Caucus and YOUNGO (youth constituency of UNFCCC). The initiative aims to mainstream voices of youth from over the world at the key moments during 2020 and 2021, such as the UN Biodiversity Summit, UNEA-5, CBD COP15, UNFCCC COP26 and other avenues.</p>	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-leads
Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal 	<p>The Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal, launched in October 2016 by UNOY, PBSO, Search for Common Ground and UNDP, supports the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, Peace and Security and serves the needs of young peacebuilders, decision-makers, researchers, development practitioners and other stakeholders, by providing a one-stop-shop for generating, accessing, and sharing knowledge to promote and support young people's participation in peacebuilding.</p>	Peace and resilience building	Joint project/programme	Co-implementers
YouthConnekt Africa 	<p>YouthConnekt Africa (YCA) is an African home-grown solution positioned to provide relevant solutions for the global South and to support the implementation of relevant South-South initiatives to empower youth. The YCA operates as a Pan-African platform with the vision of connecting African youth for socio-economic transformation. The platform seeks to empower young people through enhancing their knowledge, experiences and skills while investing in their ideas, innovations, and initiatives. YCA consists of a range of partners from private sector, government institutions, civil society, academia, and UN entities such as UNDP, UN Volunteers, UNICEF, UN Women, UN Habitat, and UNFPA.</p>	Economic empowerment and decent work	Strategic alliance	Co-implementers

Appendix B – Additional information on methodology

Overview of data categories	
PRIORITY AREA	P1 - Engagement, participation and advocacy P2 - Informed and healthy foundations P3 - Economic empowerment and decent work P4 - Youth and human rights P5 - Peace and resilience building Climate and environment action included as an option under "Additional priority areas"
LEAD AND PARTNER INSTITUTION TYPE(S)	United Nations Youth organizations and/or networks Other civil society organizations Government Intergovernmental organizations Private sector Academia
LEVEL OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT	Leads Co-leads Co-implementers Participants No active role
FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INITIATIVE	Dialogue and networking Data analysis and knowledge generation Policy support and institutions strengthening Project preparation and project implementation Skills/capacity development and training Communication and advocacy Fund/resource mobilization Monitoring and review
EXPLICIT COVERAGE OF YOUTH SUB-GROUPS (LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND)	Adolescent girls and young women Youth with disabilities Indigenous youth Migrant and refugee youth LGBTQI+ youth Youth in conflict affected areas Youth living with HIV

A clear terminology was jointly agreed on by the task team members for the data categories, including the different levels of youth involvement in the initiatives.

Types of youth engagement in multi-stakeholder initiatives			
LEADS	Youth conceptualised the initiative and its approach. They control the agenda and processes of the initiative.	PARTICIPANTS	Initiatives create space for youth voice and agency to inform participatory agendas or processes, but they do not much decision-making power on youth activities.
CO-LEADS	Planning and decision-making is shared by youth and the initiative's agencies with significant input from youth on the agenda and processes of the initiative. Youth included in the governance of the initiative.	NO ACTIVE ROLE	The initiative's lead institutions retain full control over youth activities and have little to no input from young people.
CO-IMPLEMENTERS	Youth not included in the design of the initiative but involved in the translation into action and pushing forward the agenda. Youth contribute to the implementation of the initiative through e.g., activities at national/ regional/international level or strategy/ policy implementation.		

Most of the data used for this mapping exercise was self-reported through survey responses. In cases where there was missing data, or additional information was sought beyond what was provided through the survey responses, the task team leads gathered supplemental data, primarily through desk research. The reliability of the data gathered in this manner varies depending on several factors, including the extent to which multi-stakeholder initiative's websites are up to date and/or contain the requisite level of information to properly map the characteristics of each initiative.



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