

Adolescent Girls Investment Plan



Adolescent Girls Investment Plan (AGIP) Call for Youth-led and Girl-led and centred organisations and networks to join the partnership.

What is the Adolescent Girls Investment Plan (AGIP)?

The Adolescent Girls' Investment Plan (AGIP) is a global partnership of civil society organisations, research institutions and philanthropic foundations collaborating to drive political commitment and evidence-informed investments to shift outcomes for adolescent girls on a global scale. AGIP aims to influence political, intergovernmental, and funding spaces with accessible evidence and tools to support change for adolescent girls at national and local level, which has not consistently been matched by measurable gains for girls.

In brief AGIP's goal is to achieve real change in the lives of adolescent girls through closing the large and persistent gap between evidence-informed action, investments, and accountability with and for girls.

Currently AGIP has 8 Board members: **Plan International, Girls Not Brides (GNB), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE/ODI), Population Council, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), Malala Fund, and Women Deliver.** In addition, AGIP technical partners include **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Ford Foundation, She Decides and, Save the Children.** We want to expand AGIP's membership to include girl and youth-led organisations, groups and networks to help shape our joint mission.

How to become a member?

AGIP is looking to engage new and a wider network of members especially girl and youth-led organisations and networks to help shape our joint mission to advance impactful and evidence-informed investment for adolescent girls. If you believe you as an organisation or group can bring insights, energy and commitment to the vision and mission of AGIP, please complete the membership form below:

Please note that it is not necessary to be a formally registered organisation to join AGIP. The Board & Secretariat are happy to consider requests for additional support to enable participation in AGIP activities if required. We are keen to engage new members who represent one or more of the following identities:

- Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
- LGBTQIA+
- Diaspora Organisations working on girls and women's issues
- Girl and Youth- Led Groups/networks/Funds
- Girl and Youth-Centred/Focused Groups/networks/Funds
- Humanitarian Organisations
- Southern Organisations
- Faith based organisations
- Feminist organisations
- Regional, local (including rural) and national organisations
- Private & financial sector
- Intergovernmental organisations

Please feel free to reach out to the secretariat if you have any questions.

New membership requests are reviewed by the Board on a rolling basis. We will be in touch to confirm receipt of your application and will notify you the outcome in due course. After applying, a group of AGIP current members (approx. 5 representatives from AGIP) will review the submissions and evaluate them according to the following criteria:

Membership Terms of Reference

Our Mission

To close the large and persistent gap between resources, evidence & commitments for adolescent girls and the lived reality of adolescent girls in the poorest communities.

Our Vision

The **Adolescent Girls Investment Plan** envisions a world where girls have the voice, choice and agency to determine their own futures, supported by holistic investment that responds to the full complexity of girls' lives and needs.

AGIP partners bring a wide range of expertise, capabilities and networks to bear, to address eight critical challenges and pre-conditions for adequate and sustained investments in adolescent girls:

- Recognition of the agency and power of girls and the need for their leadership in their own lives.
- A need for holistic, joined up investments across sectors and policies.
- Programmes and planning that combine sectors and actors to address the needs of girls at different periods of childhood and adolescence – beyond fragmented, siloed approaches
- The importance of gender-transformative approaches that engage men and boys as part of solutions to end violence and discrimination against women and girls, and as allies confronting unequal power relations and promoting gender equality.
- The imperative of reaching the most disadvantaged girls and including those who are left behind or invisible – including through investments that support local groups and organizations of young people and women and enable changes in community priorities [norms] and practices
- The importance of data and evidence-based solutions to channel investment where it is most likely to be effective, and in what combinations, to support the lives of girls. These data include the lived experience and perspectives of girls themselves
- Ensuring that all forms of resources - including financing, data, and evidence - reach and support decision making and action at sub-national, district and municipal levels, as well as global and national ones
- Engaging local community members, including male leaders and family members, to support girls to gain opportunities, education and empowerment.

Our Objectives

The coalition of partners will stimulate the development of investment frameworks and tools so that decision-makers can confidently deliver a comprehensive approach to advance gender equality through girl-centred action.

These frameworks and tools will promote accountability to adolescent girls, deliver cost-efficient and equitable programming, and make effective use of financial, human and evidence-informed resources.

We aim to:

- Foster a strong, linked-up and deepening evidence base on what adolescent girls need as a priority, and on what works in practice to realize their rights.
- Generate insight and tools that will lead to a rising number of governments developing comprehensive and gender transformative investment plans for girls, embedded in their national budgets and SDG frameworks, with external partners aligned behind these plans.
- Enable Girls themselves to carry out research on their priority issues; and use the Investment Framework and its standards and score cards tools to hold commitment-makers to account.
- Open and create spaces for girls as confident agents and leaders of their own change, supported by interventions that focus on their specific needs, enable changes in values and practices within their communities and that open doors for their future development as adults.

Principles & Values

- To be a diverse, intergenerational & intersectional coalition of partners who identify as feminist driven organisations
- To avoid an extractive approach by listening and responding to the needs of those we serve (both adolescent girls and the local partners)
- A commitment to co-creation and recognising the capacity and expertise of all partners
- Seeking feedback and guidance from girls themselves to ensure our contribution and collaboration is meaningful
- Equitable respect for the voice and priorities of members and the communities that we serve
- A commitment to anti-racism and decolonising development
- To openly reflect as a partnership on power, privilege & bias
- Two-way accountability, transparency and dialogue among members and the AGIP formal structures
- Recognise and reward the capacity and expertise of local partners especially those who are youth and girl-led

Structure

To provide flexibility there are multiple avenues for members and supporters to shape the work of AGIP, organisations can join either as a Sub Working group member or as a member of the Community of Practise. Board Members are selected by the wider membership (including Working Group and CoP Members) on a rotating annual basis. The work of AGIP is supported by a small Secretariat hosted at Plan International, Girls Not Brides and Population Council that includes a project officer, youth coordinator and part-time researcher.

Types of AGIP membership		Organisational responsibilities of members	Individual responsibilities of members	How many members and their role/Representation	Selection	Regularity	Decision making approach
1.Board Membership		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To determine strategic direction of AGIP. - Approval and endorsement of AGIP's workplan and activities/ recommendations for action that emerge from the sub-working groups - Contribute financial resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential support with fundraising and/or referring FP from organisation to support - Primary spokespeople for the project at events, media opportunities, etc 	10-15-person (TBC) Board, with a three-year rotation on the CEO level or nominated leader mandated to make decisions on behalf of org	Based on expression of interest and evaluated against agreed on metrics	Quarterly (unless agreed otherwise)	Consensus based approach
2.Technical Working Group membership	a. Advocacy Sub-Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collective advocacy for the centrality of adolescent girls within the Generation Equality Forum - Strategy & Approach to partnering with Governments and local actors on AGIP tools - Enhance the dissemination and uptake of AGIP evidence products and tools. - co-branding of publications and events. - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commit to support delivery of side events and dissemination - Sign-off of report, advocacy strategy, communications products. 	XX members, drawn from wider membership, and representative of the diversity of the membership	Based on interest and willingness to contribute substantively to the work of the WG	Every 2 Weeks (Sometimes more frequently)	Delegated by board, collective approach to decision making
	b. Evidence Sub-Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the AGIP Conceptual framework - Evidence synthesis on what works for adolescent girls - Landscaping analysis on funding flows for adolescent girls programming, budgeting and policy. - Development of a package of interventions based on the evidenced best practices for adolescent girls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Input/ comment on draft reports - Key individuals listed as co-authors of the reports if they are jointly delivered 	XX members from wider membership, and representative of the diversity of the membership	Based on interest and willingness to contribute substantively to the work of the WG	Every 2 Weeks (Sometimes more frequently/ as per need)	Delegated by board, collective approach to decision making
	c. Adolescent Girls & Youth Sub-Working Group	Ensure the safe and meaningful engagement of adolescent girls within AGIP and within global gender and child rights movements, including Generation Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commit to support delivery of side events and dissemination - Sign-off of report, advocacy strategy, communications products. 	XX members, drawn from wider membership, and representative of the diversity of the membership	Based on interest and willingness to contribute substantively to the work of the WG	Every 2 Weeks (Sometimes more frequently)	Delegated by board, collective approach to decision making
4. AGIP Community of Practise		Wider network of members who wish to contribute to and learn from the development of the Adolescent Girls Investment Plan. A space for sharing, ideation and co-creation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invited to participate in side- events and other relevant activity - Invited to share their reflections/areas of work of relevance to the group. 	Flexible membership/affiliation- Working Group members, CoP Members	Flexible, based on interest and could be hosted in partnership with another coalition (e.g. CAG)	Quarterly (unless agreed otherwise)	No formal decision making – can guide and recommend new initiatives to the Technical WG

AGIP Secretariat

The AGIP secretariat consists of Nihal Said, Project Officer and Pooja Singh, Youth Coordinator, with management support from Plan International and Girls Not Brides.

Expectations of Members

Board & Technical Working Group Members

- **Board members** are selected as representatives of the wider AGIP membership and their main criteria of selection is commitment to advance the mission and objectives of AGIP either through resource commitment in proportion to their organisational size or a policy/advocacy commitment to demonstrate impact for adolescent girls at risk of worse outcomes. This commitment can be staff resource, access to wider membership or networks working with and for adolescent girls and young people, support with promoting the work of AGIP in global, national and regional influencing spaces, support towards AGIP's fundraising effort including financial some of AGIP's work. Organisations are not expected to have large resources, but are expected to play an active role in advancing AGIP's work
- **Technical Working Group members:** organisations can sign up to be in one or more of the sub-working groups (evidence, advocacy, youth and girls) which guarantees its inclusion in the joint technical working group meetings. Eligibility: Members must be prepared to dedicate staff time to participate actively in working group meetings and subsequent tasks emerging from the Working Groups

CoP Members

- *Community of Practise members* are expected to engage in the quarterly CoP meetings contributing ideas, suggestions and recommendations
- COP Members are encouraged to share and connect with non-member organisations on the work of AGIP to help shape and influence its work