

Realizing the potential of the **DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND**

FACT: Today's generation of youth is the largest in history.

Source: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 2014.

43%

of the global population is under 25 years old.

Source: UNFPA, 2014

MORE THAN 80% of people ages 15–24 will live in Africa and Asia by 2050.

Population Reference Bureau, 2009.

HOW CAN WE **EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE** AND **CATALYZE ECONOMIC GROWTH?**

ACTION 1

Multisector investments in:



Reproductive health and family planning



Child health and nutrition



Girls' education

RESULTS IN



Smaller families

More working-age adults

ACTION 2

Integrated strategies to ensure:



Healthy, skilled workforce and jobs for youth

THE PAYOFF

ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT BENEFITS ALL

Large youth populations can be a powerful source of change or a destabilizing force. By taking an integrated approach to investments in young people, we can help countries spur a “demographic dividend” of economic growth and accelerate progress toward global goals for sustainable development.