ESA Commitment
2021-2030

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Young People Today
Eastern and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment

Fulfilling our promise to education, health and well-being for adolescents and young people

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• SADC Secretariat
The 2013 ESA Ministerial Commitment

Supporting scientifically accurate, age-appropriate, gender sensitive, and culturally relevant Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Promoting access to youth-friendly SRH services for adolescents and young people

Affirmed by in December 2013. In July 2016 countries reaffirmed the commitment and agreed on a Roadmap to achieve the 2020 targets (Step Up and Deliver)
Available data and reports from the 2013 ESA commitment highlights the process of affirmation/endorsement and implementation of the Commitment between 2013 and 2018.

Whilst challenges remain – particularly in relation to monitoring and accountability – the ESA Commitment has instigated notable progress, made possible in part by the emphasis on multisectoral collaboration between health and education sectors nationally and regionally.

Progress has been made in advancing health and education, however, the ESA region’s young people still experience challenges in relation to their SRHR.

Note: While gains may not be directly attributed to the ESA Commitment, it created an enabling environment for multiple ASRHR initiatives in the region.
The Commitment is now called The East and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment on Education, Health and Well-being of Adolescents and Young People

- Re-affirmed in December 2021 during ICASA
- Preceded by the ESA Commitment evaluation and rigorous national and regional consultations
- Inclusive of 4 line ministries of education, health, gender and youth
- Will be accompanied by a regional accountability framework
- Has a set of targets by 2025 and 2030.
THE COMMITMENTS
Towards a renewed commitment: **Stakeholder engagement**

- National Consultations
- SADC +EAC Ministers of Education
- Regional CSO Consultations
- SADC Youth Forum
- SADC SRHR Managers
- NAC Directors meeting
- SADC-PF Parliamentarians
- EAC SRHR Managers
- SADC and EAC MOH Meetings
- SADC MoY Meeting
- Permanent Secretaries
- Ministerial endorsement

**ESA COMMITMENT BEYOND 2020**
Process to Renewed Commitment

Consensus building
National and regional consultations

Technical consultation
Permanent Secretaries

Political endorsement
Ministers
## Country endorsements

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Plans for engaging countries

**CATEGORY A: COUNTRIES THAT ENDORSED**

- Support the countries to develop implementation plans
- Support countries in strengthening coordination mechanisms
- Create clear guidance on reporting of progress to RECs

**CATEGORY B: COUNTRIES THAT MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY**

- Identify strategic partners/focal point
- Support countries to follow due process with consultations
- Provide technical support and avail all relevant documents

**CATEGORY B: COUNTRIES THAT REFUSED**

- Conduct more stakeholder consultations to understand the issues
- Support countries to follow due process (stakeholder engagement, community consultations, technical consultations with permanent secretaries, endorsement by ministers)
GETTING TO THE RENEWED COMMITMENT
Renewed Commitment

Continue investing in high quality, evidence-based, gender-transformative, and age-appropriate sexuality education.

Address the structural factors that increase the vulnerability of adolescents and young people and their risk of acquiring HIV and STIs.

Ensure the inclusion of adolescent SRHR within the national Universal Health Coverage packages.

Connect health, education, and social service systems and other support mechanisms.

Meaningful involvement of adolescents and young people in decision-making, planning, implementation, and M&E.

Ensure that interventions at national level are well-targeted and evidence-based.

Strengthen the role of community organizations and community actors to improve engagement and dialogue.

Promote the attainment of the ESA Commitment by ensuring that national policy and programme delivery, and related and supporting continental and regional Commitments.

Coordinate and support the development of national multisectoral and multistakeholder plans.
RENEWED ESA COMMITMENTS

- Continued investment in high quality, evidence-based, gender transformative and age-appropriate sexuality education.
- Addressing structural and social drivers of HIV, GBV, and inequality including poverty, stigma and discrimination. Leave No One Behind (LNOB).
- Include ASRH services within UHC national package.
- Support access to youth-friendly HIV/STI, mental health and GBV services and information.
- Provide young people with platforms and resources to effectively influence legislation and policy.
- Strengthen community engagement: dialogue with parents, traditional and religious leaders.
- Promoting increased investments in SRHR through innovative financing mechanisms.
- Strengthen joint multi-sectoral plans for the popularisation, implementation, monitoring and progress reporting of the ESA Commitment.
- Ensure allocation of domestic budgets is commensurate with the size of the youth population and its needs.
- Supporting the development and operationalisation of regional and national accountability frameworks and scorecards.
## Targets by 2025

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<th>All adolescents and young people are reached with good-quality, age-appropriate and evidence-based sexuality education through in- and out-of-school programmes.</th>
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<td>TARGET 2</td>
<td>Adolescent and youth SRHR services are integrated into Universal Health Care packages.</td>
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<td>A functional multisectoral framework is in place to facilitate linkages between sexuality education and youth-friendly SRH and psychosocial services.</td>
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<td>TARGET 4</td>
<td>Laws and regulations guarantee full and equal access to both men and women aged 15 years and older to SRH care, information, and education.</td>
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<td>TARGET 5</td>
<td>There is an increased number of youth-led organizations, groups, or networks who are regularly engaged and participate in policy- and decision-making processes relating to SRHR.</td>
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## Targets by 2030

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<th>Fast-track regional and country level actions to reduce EUPs among adolescents and young people aged 10-24 years by 40%.</th>
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<td>TARGET 7</td>
<td>Reduce new HIV infections among adolescents and young people aged 15-24 years by 60%.</td>
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<td>TARGET 10</td>
<td>Establish sustainable financing modalities including direct allocation of domestic resources, innovative financing, and blended financing modalities to mobilize resources to be allocated to all the relevant sectors contributing to the realization of the SRHR of adolescents and young people.</td>
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ASSETS & RESOURCES
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