



GAMA OVERVIEW

GLOBAL ACTION FOR MEASUREMENT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH

What is GAMA?

GAMA is a global initiative to improve adolescent health measurement and reporting. It is guided by a Technical Advisory Group consisting of 17 selected global experts, including 4 young professionals, 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).

What is the purpose of GAMA?

- To provide technical guidance to WHO, other UN agencies and relevant measurement groups to define a core set of adolescent health indicators, for the purpose of harmonising efforts around adolescent health measurement and reporting.
- To promote harmonised guidance for adolescent health measurement, supporting

countries and technical organizations in collecting useful data to track progress in the improvement of adolescent health.

Why is GAMA important?

- To facilitate better tracking of progress in improving adolescent health;
- To reduce duplication of measurement efforts through better global coordination;
- To reduce burden on countries through consistent and harmonized measurement tools and reduced double reporting.

What is GAMA's focus?

GAMA focuses on all adolescents, including younger (10-14 years) and older (15-19 years) adolescents of all genders and sexual orientations, and adolescents in and out of school, adolescents in humanitarian settings, adolescents

living with disabilities, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants, and institutionalised adolescents.

Why focus on adolescents?

- With 1.2 billion people aged 10–19 years, we currently have the largest adolescent population in human history;
- Investments in this population will not only yield benefits for adolescents now, but also for their future adult lives and their future children.

What are GAMA's current activities?

GAMA is currently defining priority areas for adolescent health measurement, considering the adolescent health burden, perspectives from countries and young people, as well as existing initiatives relevant to adolescent health measurement.

More information

GAMA website: <https://www.who.int/data/maternal-newborn-child-adolescent/gama>

GAMA commentary: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1054139X19301661>



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