Dear Prime Minister

The G7 - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Ahead of the G7 meeting in June, we are writing as 100 Parliamentary representatives of G7 nations, and other partner and donor countries to highlight the importance of ensuring that Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) is firmly on the G7 agenda.

Maintaining a clear focus on the importance of SRHR is critical to achieve the global ambitions to build back better from coronavirus and create a greener, more prosperous future for all.

Investment in SRHR saves lives, improves health and helps achieve gender equality by allowing women to be in control of their bodies and their futures. It is a one of the best value-for-money development interventions.

Early and unintended pregnancy remains one of the leading factors in girls not completing school. Universal access to SRHR ensures girls can access and stay in education, helping you reach your admirable goal of giving every girl in the world 12 years of quality education. It also improves the health of women and children, empowers women in their communities, improves economic growth, and builds resilience in the wake of sustainable development and enabling easier adaptation to climate change.

Around the world, there are around 218 million women of reproductive age, including 14 million teenagers, that do not have access to the modern contraception they want and need. Around half of pregnancies in low- and middle-income countries - 111 million annually - are unintended. Tens of millions of women do not receive adequate pregnancy-related and new-born health care. COVID-19 has undone years of hard-won progress, with around 12 million women have been unable to access the contraception during the pandemic.

The UK has a long history of championing women and girls and funding SRHR services, and this leadership is needed now more than ever. We urge you to use your Presidency of the G7 to:

1. Commit political and financial support to achieving universal access to comprehensive SRHR services for women and girls in line with the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission and the 2019 UN High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

2. Tackle the barriers to girls’ education including investment in adolescent friendly SRHR services and integrating comprehensive sexuality education into national curriculums and teacher training

3. Ensure that SRHR is embedded within Universal Health Coverage as countries build up their health infrastructure as they roll out vaccination programmes and recover from COVID-19

The UK can play a crucial role to champion comprehensive SRHR as a central pillar of achieving gender equality, providing quality education for every girl, ending preventable deaths, and responding to climate change and protecting our planet as we build back better from COVID-19.
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