



# Accelerating progress in Adolescent's Sexual and reproductive Health and Family Planning Services: Evidence from Ghana

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Ghana experiences challenges with adolescent sexual and reproductive, as a result over the years policies, plans and strategies have been developed to address these concerns in collaboration with partners

Ghana

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey

with an Enhanced Malaria Module and Biomarker  
2011



FINAL REPORT

MICS

Ghana



Demographic and  
Health Survey

2014

# ASRH Barriers: Classification

A. Developmental-Related barriers

B. Systems & Structural Related Barriers

Barriers WITHIN the Health Service

Barriers EXTERNAL to the Health Service



# What adolescents value in health services are universally similar

- ▶ Patient-centered care with an emphasis on respect
- ▶ Coordination of care, appropriate provision of information, high-quality communication, involvement in decisions about health care
- ▶ Ability of health-care worker to listen to their needs



- Lancet Commission Report, May 2016

# Moving Forward...

Move Beyond “Adolescent-Friendly Health Services” to “Adolescent-Responsive” System

Move Beyond “Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health” to “Adolescent Health & Development”



# Key Implication

- ▶ A multi-sectoral approach is essential

	<b>Health Sector</b>	<b>Education Sector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Youth</b> and many others: labour, criminal-justice, social services, etc.
<b>Information and Life Skills</b>	+	+++	++	++
<b>Services and Counselling</b>	+++	+	+	+
<b>Safe and Supportive Environment</b>	+	++	++	+++
<b>Opportunities to participate</b>	+	+	+	++

# Ghana Adolescent Reproductive Health Project

- ▶ GBP 22 million three-year project supported by DfiD and piloted in one region in Ghana
- ▶ Multi-agency led coordination framework with the National Population Council (NPC) Secretariat working closely with the Ministry of Health/Ghana Health Service (MOH/GHS), the Ghana Education Service/School Health Education Programme (GES/SHEP), the National Youth Authority (NYA) and the Regional Coordinating Council (RCC), Brong Ahafo Region.

# GHARH OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Increased provision, knowledge and awareness of ASRH services in focal regions (national and Brong-Ahafo);
- ▶ Adolescent friendly SRH services developed and provider capacity developed;
- ▶ Better evidence of factors affecting uptake of ASRH services and family planning; and
- ▶ Increased availability of family planning commodities



# RESULTS

- ▶ Adolescent friendly ASRH services developed and provider capacity enhanced
- ▶ Better evidence of factors affecting uptake of ASRH services and family planning
- ▶ 652 service delivery platforms have been established to meet the special needs and circumstances of adolescents.
- ▶ 81,721 adolescents have been reached with ASRH services
- ▶ 98,962 advocacy materials developed and distributed

# Take Evidence to Scale in a Structured & Sustainable Way

## National level

Situation analysis / rapid programme review

Development of a health sector strategy within a multi-sectoral strategy

Development of national quality standards

Dissemination of approved national standards (to the regional / provincial level)

Development/adaptation of generic materials

Development of action plan and national scale up plan

## District level

Orientation of district leaders

Orientation of district health management teams

District level mapping exercise

Development of a district scale up plan

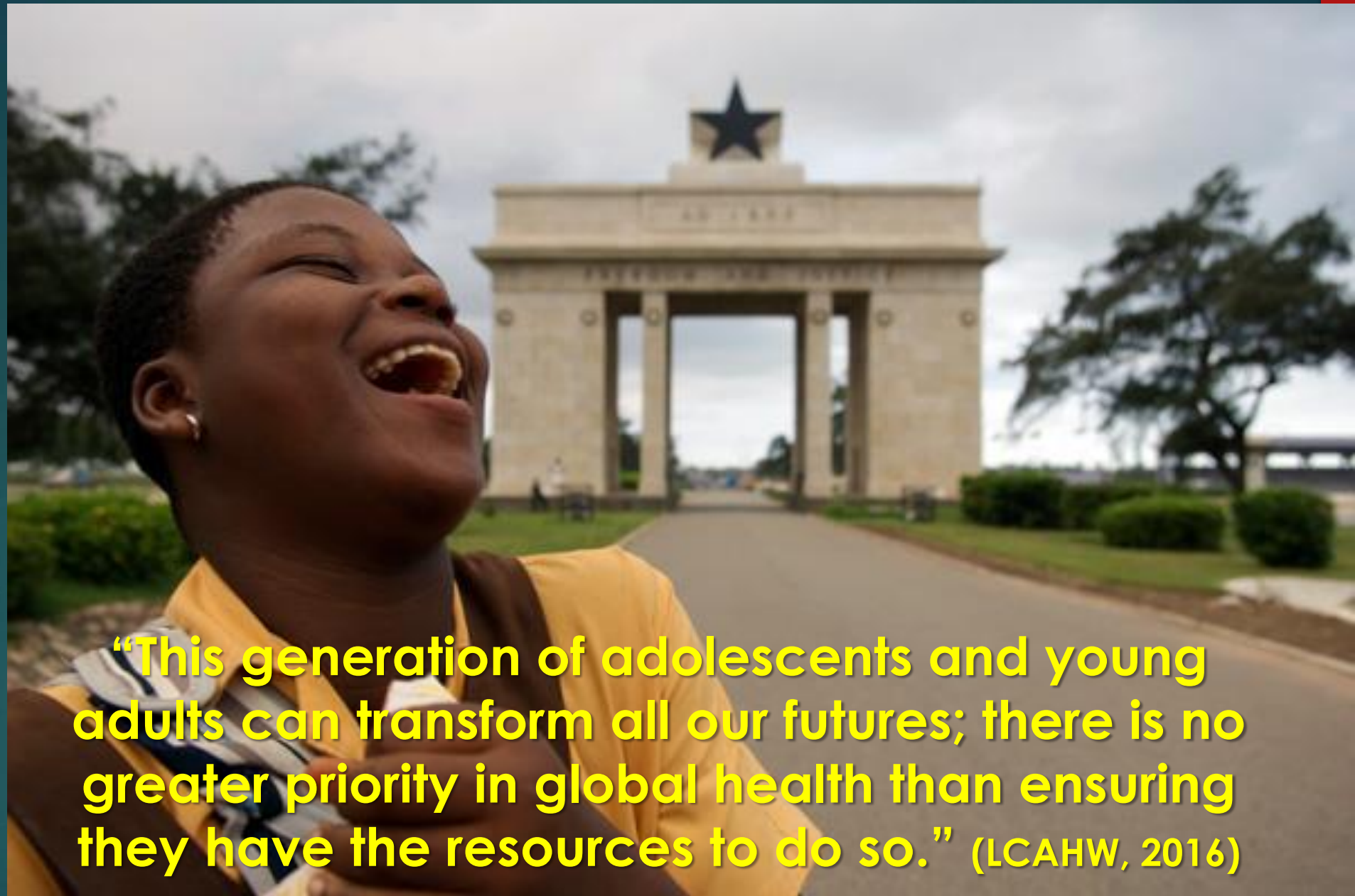
Orientation of health facility managers

## Health facility level

Orientation of health facility staff

(Self-)Assessment of quality to identify areas where quality is low

Development of a plan to improve quality



**“This generation of adolescents and young adults can transform all our futures; there is no greater priority in global health than ensuring they have the resources to do so.” (LCAHW, 2016)**

<http://www.mediaclubsouthafrica.com/africa/4005-africa-refocused-images-of-ghana>

