Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions

The Generation Equality Forum (GEF) seeks to make meaningful progress to advance gender equality over a five year period through Action Coalitions – multi-stakeholder partnerships between countries, civil society, and the private sector – in six key areas:

* Gender-based violence;
* Economic justice and rights;
* Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights;
* Feminist action for climate justice;
* Technology and innovation for gender equality; and
* Feminist Movements and Leadership.

**Development of Priority Actions**

Each Action Coalition will select 3-4 priority actions to accelerate progress at scale in five years, one focused specifically on adolescent girls. Intersectionality will also be integrated as a cross-cutting lens.

Under each overarching theme, an **Action** under the GEF Action Coalitions…

* Has real potential to drive systemic change by delivering concrete, measurable results at scale
* Drives changes through tactics, such as data & accountability; norms; law and policy; financing; education and service delivery
* Targets certain geographies (e.g., fragile states) or demographics (e.g., adolescents) as required.

An **action** must…

* Address a critical constraint to progress
* Complement the current landscape of actors (human & financial resources), which could mean leveraging existing efforts to scale them or charting new ground
* Build upon what works (intellectual resources) to achieve scale within 5 years

Key criteria to consider when identifying an **action**:

* **Game-changing**: has the potential to accelerate positive change beyond incremental impact?
* **Scalable**: has been shown to “work” (sufficient evidence), builds upon or leverages existing initiatives (rather than duplicates) and has the potential to be implemented at a large scale with sufficient resources and political will?
* **Measurable**: Will lead to specific, concrete change that can be measured in a 5-year time-frame?
* **Multi-stakeholder**: Does the action lend itself to multiple tactics/catalyzing efforts from across multiple partners?

Horizontal considerations to take into consideration when identifying priority actions:

* **Adolescent Girls:** Does this potential action benefit adolescent girls and young women? How so?
**Women, Peace & Security:** Is this high potential action relevant in crisis and humanitarian settings or does it contribute to advancing gender equality in the context of peace, security and humanitarian action?
* **COVID-19:** Is the broad priority area or one of the specific tactics particularly relevant in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and our planning as a global community to ensure gender-sensitive recovery?

**Action Coalition Framework**

Each action can **draw upon one or more of 6 tactics** as cross-cutting levers to drive concrete results over five years:

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| Learn | Influence | Build and Deliver |
| Data and Accountability | Norms | Laws & Policy | Financing | Education | Service Delivery |
| Improve availability of data/evidence to increase accountability, such as through pilots, testing, accountability, and monitoring mechanisms. | Shift attitudes, perceptions, or biases that affect women and girls, such as through awareness raising or movement building. | Make public and private policies or the legal environment more favorable for women and girls through advocacy or directly through policy change. | Mobilize additional financing into the sector, including through credit facilities, funds, etc. | Improve education to increase knowledge and/or capacity for gender equality.  | Provide the coordinated essential services that women and girls need. |

**Priority Actions Template:**

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| Action | Tactics | Rationale for Prioritizing this Action | Potential Implications of COVID-19 on the Action |
| [High-potential action] | *[Enter the key tactics that will be deployed to advance this High Potential Action]* | *[****Game Changer :*** *High/Med/Low.**Short rationale for score.****Scalable:*** *High/Med/Low. Short rationale for score.****Multi-stakeholder:*** *Yes or No. Short rationale for score.* ***Measurable:*** *Short rationale.]* | *[Assess what COVID-19 has revealed about* * *the relevance of this action (has the crisis revealed this action as particularly important?) or*
* *how it should be designed**(are there certain tactics to emphasize or other design principles to consider?)]*
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