USAID and Young People: Engaging Youth in Development

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Policy Goal: USAID will improve the capacities and enable the aspirations of youth so that they can contribute to and benefit from more stable, democratic, and prosperous communities and nations.

Objectives:
1) Strengthen youth programming, participation and partnership in support of Agency development objectives

2) Mainstream and integrate youth issues and engage young people across Agency initiatives and operations.
Achieving the Demographic Dividend

- USAID advocates for cross-sector approaches to adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health.
- Investments in FP, reproductive health, girls’ education, and child survival lower fertility rate.
- Lower fertility produces a larger working age population and a smaller dependent population: the demographic dividend.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, “Harnessing a Demographic Dividend in Sub-Saharan Africa Infographic,” July 2014
Thank you!

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