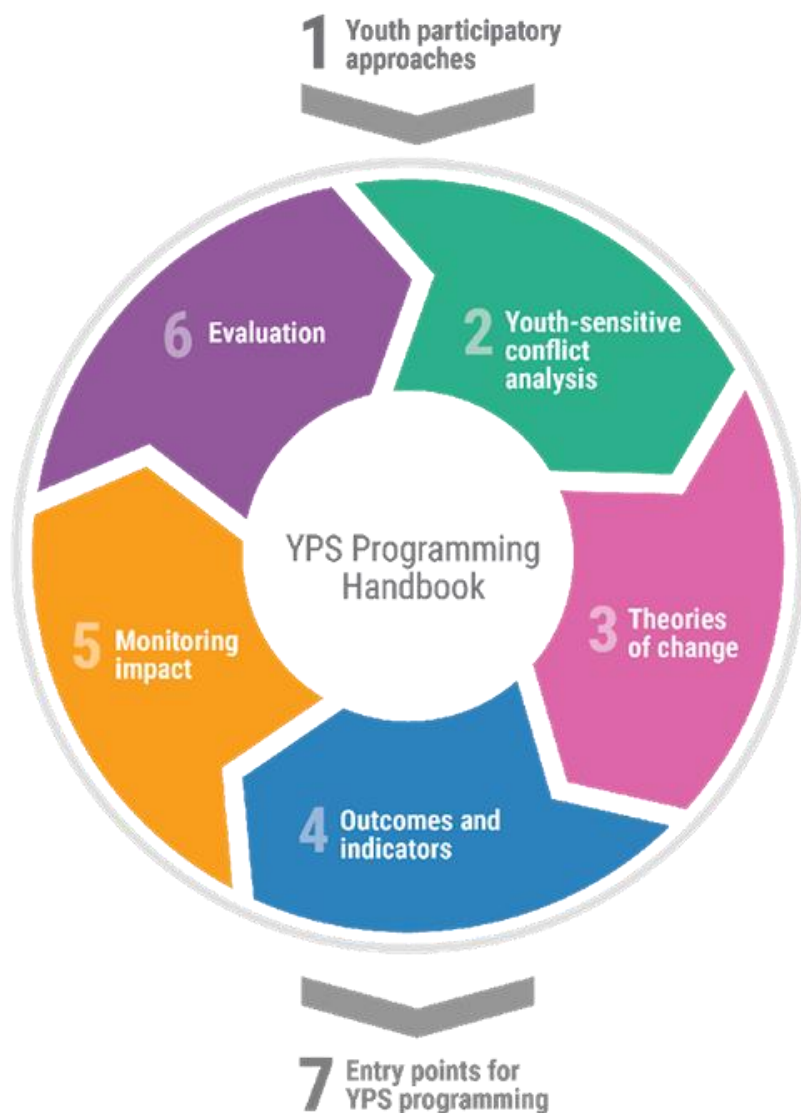


Youth, Peace and Security

A Programming
Handbook



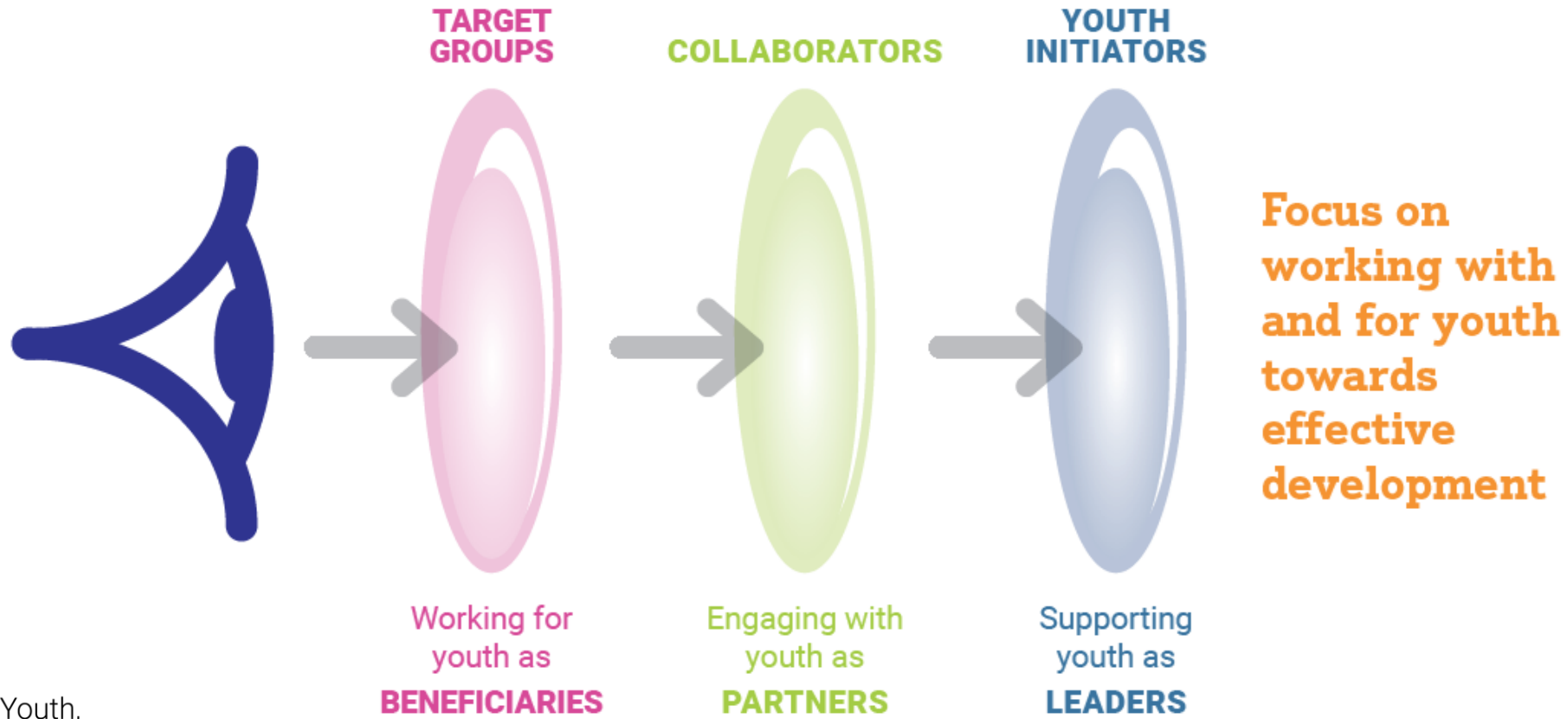
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KEY MESSAGES

CHAPTER 1	Youth participatory approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young people have the right to participate• Youth engagement makes projects more efficient• There are different forms and degrees of participation• Do no harm and always be conflict-sensitive
CHAPTER 2	Youth-sensitive conflict analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The process of developing a conflict analysis can facilitate dialogue between youth and decision-makers• A youth-sensitive conflict analysis provides insights to the specific situation of youth, the context and interlinkages between age and conflict dynamics and opportunities for peace• Youth can lead or co-lead the analysis process
CHAPTER 3	Theories of change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Including youth in visioning exercises recognizes youth's right to have a say in defining their societies and own lives• Youth-sensitive theories of change can help make programming assumptions explicit and increase the effectiveness of a project• Collaborating with youth can reduce the risk of making flawed assumptions about the lived experience of youth
CHAPTER 4	Outcomes and indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YPS outcomes should be concrete and youth-specific• Working with youth in designing indicators can help identifying what needs to be measured• Indicators should be disaggregated by age, sex and key social factors
CHAPTER 5	Monitoring impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring should include sources of youth-specific information• Partnerships with youth will improve the monitoring process
CHAPTER 6	Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with youth on monitoring and evaluation heightens the organization's transparency and accountability toward youth, and can improve uptake of recommendations• Prioritize the ability to work with youth in the recruitment of the evaluation team
CHAPTER 7	Entry points for YPS programming <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth, peace and security programming goes across the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus and the pillars of the UN system: human rights, development and peace and security• Youth peace work takes different forms and so do youth, peace and security programming

The three-lens approach to youth participation



Chapter 1:

Fundamental Principles of YPS programming

- ❑ Understand the role of young people within the initiative
- ❑ Appreciate the diversity of young people and partner with constituencies that are most relevant for the problem
- ❑ Recognize the existing capacity, knowledge and actions of young people and seek ways of amplifying and supporting
- ❑ First and foremost, Do No Harm -- young people may face additional risks and we need special consideration for adolescent youth



Chapter 1

Youth participatory approaches

- Focus on meaningful youth participation
- Youth engagement makes projects effective
- Includes specific recommendations on *whom* to engage and *how* to engage
- Specific assessment questions



Chapter 2

Youth sensitive conflict analysis

- Youth-sensitive and youth-inclusive conflict analysis = provides insights into the specific situation of youth, the context, and how age interlinks with conflict dynamics / opportunities for peace.
- Youth can lead or co-lead the analysis process
- Do no harm

Chapter 3

YPS theories of change

- Guidance to identify YPS strategic priorities and develop ToCs
 - ◆ ToCs on political participation; economic empowerment and decent jobs; education; gender equality.
- Youth-sensitive ToCs = make programming assumptions explicit + increase the effectiveness of projects.
- Collaborate with youth to ensure ToCs are consistent with the experience of youth.

Chapter 4

Outcomes and indicators

- How to formulate YPS outcome statements and indicators
- When developing a YPS project, important to focus on “positive peace” outcomes and conflict transformation for longer-term solutions.
- Working with youth in the indicator design process can help identify what needs to be measured.

Chapter 5

Monitoring impact

- Guidance for monitoring YPS projects
- Monitoring schemes should be created to include sources of youth-specific information.
- Partnerships with youth can improve the understanding of the contexts through shaping and carrying out monitoring.

Chapter 6

Evaluation

- How to evaluate the impact of YPS programming and meaningful youth inclusion.
- Youth-sensitive / youth-led / youth-focused evaluations
- Working with youth in M&E heightens the organization's transparency and accountability toward youth + can improve uptake of recommendations.

CHAPTER 7

YPS Entry Points

- Illustrates the diversity of youth peace work & diversity of programming
- Is articulated around the 5 pillars of UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security
- Offers entry points for youth-inclusive and youth-responsive programming through inspiring and concrete examples, including in the context of COVID-19 response



YPS Entry Points

Pillar One - *Participation*

Pillar Two - *Protection, justice and human rights*

Pillar Three - *Prevention*

Pillar Four - *Partnerships*

Pillar Five - *Disengagement and reintegration.*

YPS Entry Points

- **Participation:**
 - Remove barriers to youth participation and invest in youth innovative mechanisms
 - Review the impact of peace and security policies and practices on young people
 - Promote and support youth political participation
 - Enable youth participation in core government functions and in national- and local-level public service
 - Support meaningful participation in constitution-making, transitional justice and the promotion of and support for the rule of law
 - Support youth-led spaces in peace consultations and negotiations.



YPS Entry Points

- **Partnerships:**
 - Promote and support coalitions that engage a diversity of YPS actors
 - Create opportunities for networking and collaboration among youth and between youth, decision-makers and international or regional organizations
 - Support youth-led organisations, campaigns and initiatives
 - Support funding and resource mobilization
 - Encourage youth data collection, analysis and dissemination, research and evidence-building

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