

**RESTLESS  
DEVELOPMENT**  
POWERED BY YOUNG PEOPLE



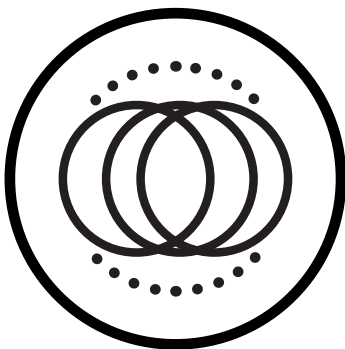
**“NOTHING  
ABOUT US,  
WITHOUT US”**

“We are never mentioned in anything, our rights are nothing, even though we should have them.” These are the words of a young Lebanese woman who is living with a disability when asked about her sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRH-R). And she is not the only one who feels this way.

Millions of young women (15–30 years) lack respect, agency and access to their SRH-R. The situation is worse for women living with HIV or a disability, women who self-identify as lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex (LBTI), and/or women who are affected by displacement. We Lead aims to strengthen the influence and position of these four groups of rightsholders whose SRH-R are neglected the most.

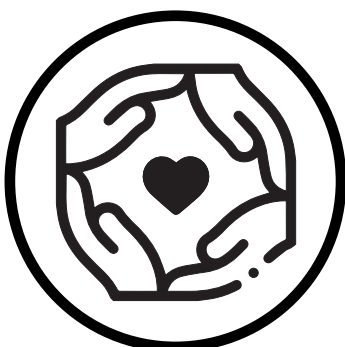
# OUR 7 MEANINGFUL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

**These Meaningful Youth Engagement Principles have been developed by the We Lead consortium with rightsholders from the nine We Lead countries. They define how the We Lead consortium meaningfully engages rightsholders living with HIV; identifying as lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer or intersex (LBTQI); with a disability; and/or are affected by displacement in the We Lead programme at all levels. Rightsholders being referred to in these principles include those within the Communities of Action, Community of Action Facilitators and in the Steering Committee.**



## **Open, inclusive, safe and accessible environment for all rightsholders.**

We Lead implementation, coordination and governance platforms at the local, national, regional and global levels will foster a safe and enabling environment for accessible, inclusive and meaningful rightsholder participation.



## **Rightsholders are at the heart of decision-making.**

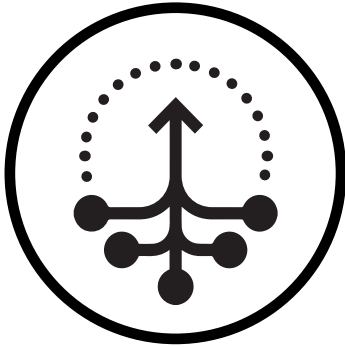
Rightsholders are represented in all decision-making platforms, in their diversity. Their diverse ideas and perspectives (drawing on their knowledge, skills and abilities) are listened to, respected, valued and integrated into all decision-making processes at all levels.



## **Power is balanced and is for good.**

Partnerships are built on trust, mutually respectful and non-tokenistic between rightsholders and We Lead partners, host organisations and Communities of Action. Power is shared and respective contributions by rightsholders are valued.

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## **Rightsholders' capacity and leadership is strengthened.**

Rightsholders' agency is strengthened by supporting their leadership and capacity development, considering their existing skills, experience, knowledge, diversity and intersectional needs to enhance meaningful participation and collaboration at the local, national, regions and global levels.

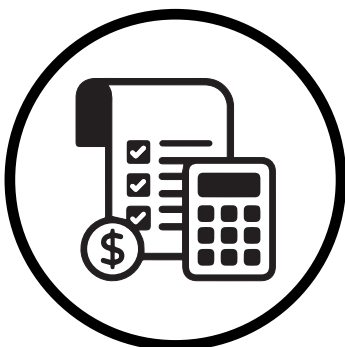
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## **Rightsholders are represented in all participation and advocacy spaces at all levels.**

Rightsholders' participation is intentional, balanced and guaranteed through specific, reserved and designated seats made available for them at local, regional and global levels. They will not be made to compete for representation with Partners, Host Organisations and Communities of Action.

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## **Rightsholders participation is well resourced.**

Engagement is a right, and rightsholders will not have to spend out of pocket for the realisation of this right. Arranging the budget for the engagement of young people will be the obligation of the engaging entity/entities.

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## **The We Lead Consortium is accountable.**

To ensure far reaching engagement, Country Coordination Teams, Regional Coordination Teams, Working Groups, Global Coordination Teams and Steering Committee, Community Of Action Facilitators, partners and Host Organisations will have built in accountability, reporting and feedback mechanisms towards the realisation of these principles. .