

Standard Sector Indicator Reference Sheet

INDICATOR: Number of individuals with an understanding of gender and gender equity

STANDARD SECTOR
INDICATOR CODE:
HE_YOUTH_270

HEALTH SECTOR 

PROJECT AREA: Youth Health and Well-Being & HIV/AIDS

Type: Outcome

Unit of Measure: Individuals

Disaggregation: Male by Age:

<1, 1–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50+

Female by Age: <1, 1–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50+

Related Objectives:

- Increase the knowledge and skills of youth to improve their health and well-being through health and life skills education and linkages to youth-friendly services (Youth Objective 1)
- Prevent new HIV infections utilizing gender-specific approaches (HIV/AIDS Objective 1)

Precise definitions

Individuals: The Youth Health and Well-Being project focuses on young people between the ages of 10 and 19 because this is such a crucial time in terms of developing lifelong behaviors that impact health. Each country may have its own definition for youth and posts can use this definition to align with government reporting and priorities. The age disaggregations should be used to reflect the actual age of the participants, but an individual of any age can be captured under this indicator.

Understanding: The Youth Health Outcomes Survey tool has a set of question related to this indicator in the section entitled Gender and Gender Equality that demonstrate the individual understands the concept (correct answers on these specific questions). These questions should be used as a pre-test, post-test, and as a three- to six-month follow-up to assess accurate knowledge. The results of the survey in the three- to six-month follow-up should be used to calculate this indicator.

Gender: a culturally defined set of economic, social, and political roles, responsibilities, rights, entitlements, and obligations associated with being female and male. It also defined as the power relations between and among women and men, boys and girls. The definition and expectations of what it means to be a woman or girl and a man or boy, and consequences for not adhering to those expectations, vary across cultures and over time and often intersect with other factors, such as race, class, age, and sexual orientation. Gender is not interchangeable with sex. Sex is based on biological sex and gender refers to social roles and expectations.

Gender equity: Gender equity is the process of being fair to women and men. To ensure fairness, measures must often be available to compensate for historical and social disadvantages that prevent women and men from otherwise operating on an equitable basis, or a “level playing field.” Gender equality is a development goal; gender equity interventions are the means to achieve that goal. In other words, equity leads to equality.

Data collection

Tool: Youth Health Outcomes Survey (or HIV-Prevention Health Outcomes)

This survey is intended to be given to youth who participate in a multisession training focused on Youth Health and Well-Being facilitated by a PCV and their counterpart. This survey tool should be used three times:

- 1) As a pre-test at the start of the first training session/meeting;
- 2) As a post-test at the last session/meeting to assess change during the time of the training; and
- 3) Three to six months after the training/activity has finished to assess whether knowledge is retained.

All youth should be given the pre-test and post-test. Only youth who attended at least 75 percent of the defined information sessions should be included in the survey three to six months afterward. The results of Step 3—the follow-up survey—should be used to calculate this indicator.

If the timing of a PCV's close of service (COS) or other factors will not allow for the survey to be conducted in the three- to six-month window, a survey could be conducted earlier, but some indicators may need to be modified. The survey should be conducted by the PCV and their counterpart or co-facilitator of the group following the instructions provided in the outcome survey tool closely. The survey should only include the topics that were included in the training on Youth Health and Well-Being. Questions should be removed from the survey if not discussed in the training.

Reporting

To be counted for this indicator the following criteria must be met:

- The individuals must have received at least 75 percent of the training sessions and/or information offered on understanding gender.
- The information must have been provided by a PCV or their partner in an individual or small group setting with 25 people or less.
- Attendance at each session must be documented by the Volunteer or their partner.
- The individuals must be assessed after the conclusion of the intervention using the Youth Health Outcomes Survey tool.

In the VRT, outcome indicators have two fields: “achieved” and “total.” Please enter the total number of individuals who took the survey in the “total” field and the number of individuals who gave the correct answer in “achieved.” The correct answer can be found in the instructions for the outcomes survey.