

Item 2: Evidence for action: Pathways to better health in 2050

Overview of Adolescent Well-Being Investment Case

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Addressing the gap: Evidence for Adolescent Well-being

2019

September 2019

Call to Action for Adolescents launched

October 2020

Definition and Conceptual Framework for Adolescent Well-being published

March 2021

Stakeholders endorse the Call to Action published in the BMJ

May 2021

15 technical papers on Programming to Promote Adolescent well-being published

March 2023

Adolescent Well-being BMJ Collection Bundle 2 launched

October 2022

GFA Curtain Raiser Launch of: "What Young People Want" Chatbot, 1.8 campaign, Adolescent Well-being BMJ Collection -First bundle

April 2022

Global summary report of the Multi-stakeholder Consultations, launched at ECOSOC Youth Forum

June-August 2021

8 regional multi-stakeholder consultations on "Effective Programming to Promote Adolescent Well-being" convened

August 2023

What Young People Want
Interim analysis report published

October 2023

Global Forum for Adolescents:

- Launch of Global AA-HA! 2.0
- Agenda for Action for Adolescents
- Interim Summary investment case

November 2023

Adolescent Well-being Investment Case :

- Executive Summary
- Global Summary Report
- Global Methodological toolkit

May 2024

Adolescent Well-being Investment Case :

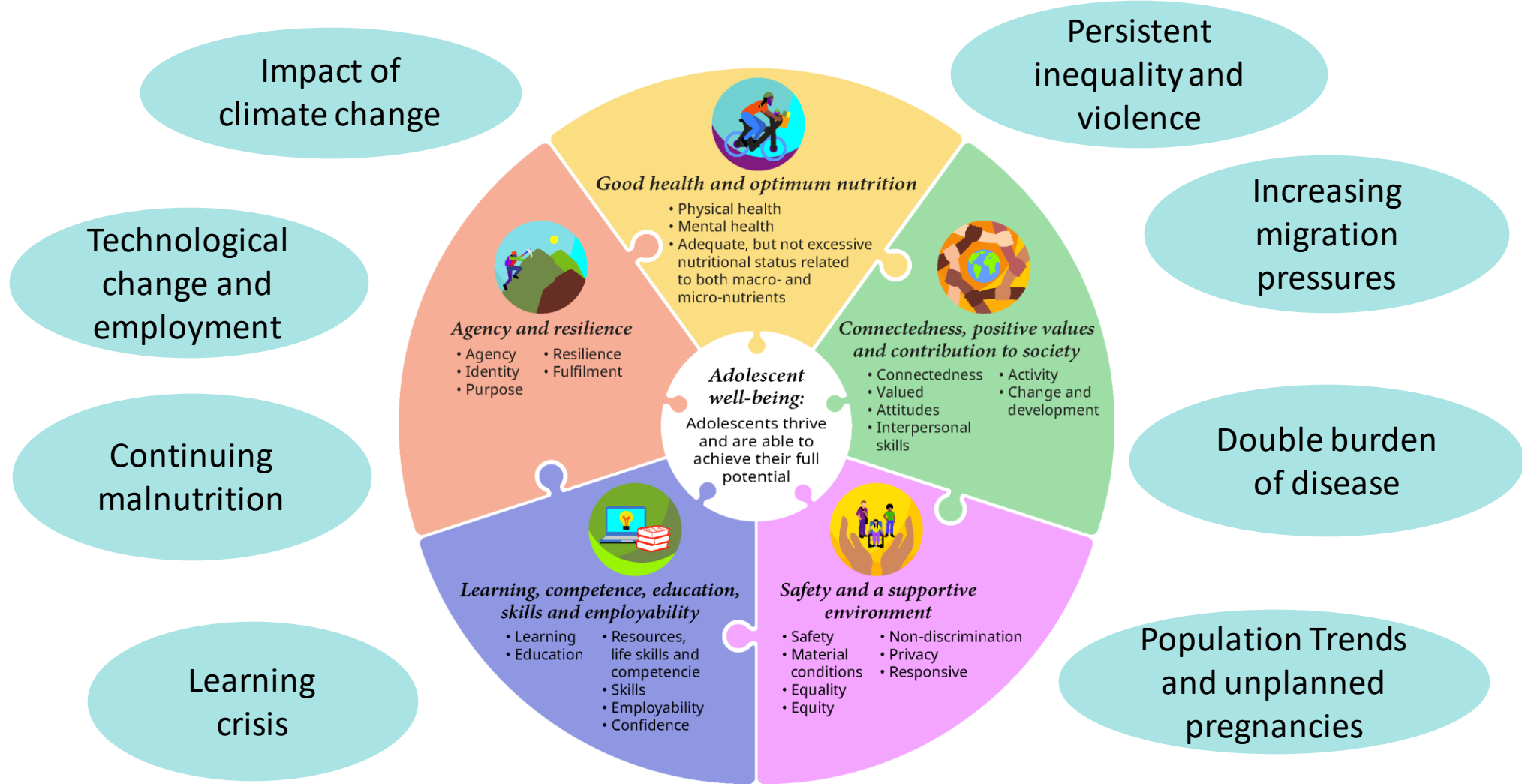
- National Summary Reports
- National Methodological toolkit

Adolescent Well-being Indicators

2030

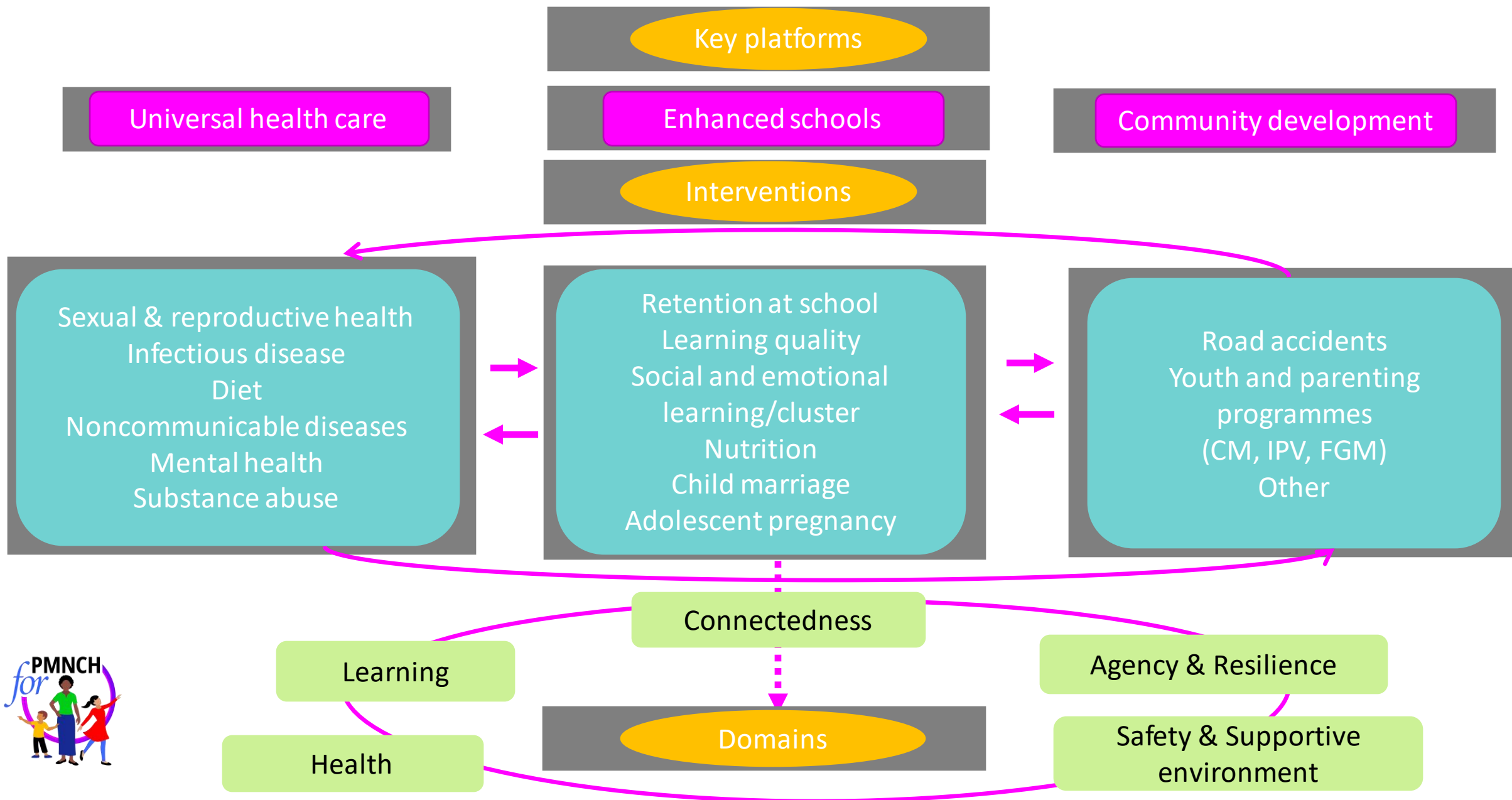


Scope of the IC: Five domains & emerging challenges



Goes beyond economic returns to include: human capital, human rights, and demographic perspectives

Interlinkages of interventions and domains



Development of an Adolescent Well-being Investment Case

Product	Timeline
<i>Global Summary Report</i> Interim Summary Executive Summary Full report	2023-completed
<i>Global Methodological Toolkit</i>	2023- completed
<i>3 National Methodological Toolkit</i>	2024
<i>3 Case Study Reports (South Africa, India, Chile)</i>	2024
<i>Knowledge Translation Tools: Journal articles, Advocacy brief</i>	2024

This work is supported by an Expert Consultative group of 32 experts across 20 PMNCH partner organizations across various constituencies including: UN agencies, academic institutions, donors and foundations, youth champions, NGO's. The group has met 4x since its inception in May 2023

Key Findings

Programme	Benefit/cost ratio ¹	Number of countries modelled	Cost of inaction
Reducing child marriage	26.2	71	- At least USD 20.5 trillions over the next 12 years (2024-2035). - Averaging 1.7 trillion per year. Equivalent to 6.1% of total GDP
Mental health- prevention and treatment ³	23.6	36	
HPV	20.2	78	
Education and training	17.2	60	
Nutrition- school feeding programmes ²	17.0	14	
Reducing traffic accidents	15.8	77	
¹ Benefit/cost ratios are unweighted averages of ratios for the countries studied, evaluated at a 3% discount. Source: Authors estimates except for (2) Verguet et al, (3) Stelmach et al			

Limitation: It is not possible to estimate such BCRs for some areas – such as connectedness, agency and interpersonal violence – because the underlying empirical work is not available



Priority areas for investment

Priority Areas for investment	Agenda for Action for Adolescents:
Education: Learning and employment	Ask 1: Provide universal primary, secondary, and tertiary education, and vocational training
Nutrition	Ask 2: Provide affordable, high-quality adolescent health and well-being service
	Ask 5: Strengthen and establish social protection policies • Safety nets including cash transfers and food security
Mental health: prevention & treatment	Ask 3: Ensure mental well-being and resilience
Reducing child marriage and adolescent pregnancy	Ask 4: Reform harmful and punitive laws: Ensure access to essential SRH services and information, HIV services, contraception, and safe abortion, while protecting against child, early and forced marriage
	Ask 6: Prevent stigma and discrimination • Providing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in and out of school
Violence and injury: prevention & treatment	Ask 4: Reform harmful and punitive laws: • Laws and policies should protect adolescents and youth from all forms of violence, discrimination, and harm, including sexual, gender-based, and domestic violence.

Ask 7: Strengthen the agency of adolescents and youth by providing meaningful social and civic participation and allocating adequate resources to support youth and adolescent centred accountability mechanisms

Timeline and next steps

