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1-Minute Talking Points

Regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, and their link to the overarching message that “Demography is not destiny”:

Incremental investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights programs yields a 5- to 20-fold return in future public expenditure savings, for **both** developed and developing countries, as has been shown by our research. Similar cost-benefit analyses need further investigation.

These investments can contribute to stabilizing populations and relieving already excessive pressures on our planet’s finite resources, and should be emphasized as a crucial means to supplement sustainable consumption and production patterns.

We therefore support the inclusion in the SDGs of a target for ensuring women’s access to integrated, voluntary sexual and reproductive health and rights, including voluntary family planning programs expanding individual choice and opportunity. Possible indicators include meeting the unmet need for family planning.

Regarding initial funding trade-offs, we would like to bring notice to the comprehensive funding plan presented by the Major Group on Children and Youth during yesterday’s civil society meeting.