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Page 1: A survey of your organization's approach to meaningful adolescent and youth engagement

Q1

Please check the boxes below.

I understand that the data collected by this survey will be collated, stored and analysed in order to monitor and report on progress towards the commitments made in the Global Consensus Statement on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement.

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Page 2: Section 1 - General Information (one or two respondents per organization)

Q2

Organization name:

Children's Investment Fund Foundation

Q3

First respondent's name:

Linda Weisert

Q4

First respondent's email address:

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Q5

First respondent's position:

Strategic Engagement and Communications Manager

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Second respondent's name:

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Second respondent's email address:

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Second respondent's position

Q9

Private foundation

How would you categorize your organization?

Q10

International

What is the geographical reach of your organization?

Q11

How would you describe your organization's work? Please check all relevant activities.

Programming and community outreach,
Service delivery,
Advocacy,
Research,
Funding

Q12

Please describe how your organization is implementing MAYE (no more than 350 words). Where have you done well, and why? Where are you struggling most, and why?

Since 2015 CIFF has been investing in youth-led advocacy and movements in accordance with a set of meaningful youth engagement investment principles (ciff.org/about-us/our-approach-and-values/) developed in partnership with past Youth Fellows at CIFF. Thus far, CIFF MAYE investments have focussed on adolescent-centred design and testing fit-for-purpose approaches to supporting youth-led advocacy and accountability, including investments in movement and campaign building and strengthening; digital youth advocacy; edutainment platforms for local activism; global advocacy movements and mechanisms; and evidence generation to support advocacy. In 2019, CIFF commissioned a review of our Meaningful Adolescence and Youth engagement portfolio with a view to identifying learnings and challenges and informing our future grantmaking (LINK: <https://ciff.org/news/partnering-with-youth-to-drive-change-and-accountability/>). In the external evaluation, relevant CIFF investments were reviewed through the Youth Investment, Engagement, and Leadership Development (YIELD) Process Map criteria: Find, Equip, Enable, Connect, Track, and Impact. The evaluation provided insights and recommendations for CIFF to guide growth of our MAYE processes and portfolio, including: continuing to support youth-led coalitions in both the SRH and climate space, and more intentional support to young feminist leaders and movements; balancing short- and medium-term initiatives while planning for long-term investment in youth; exploring long-term core support to youth-led organisations; and continuing to strengthen and disseminate the evidence base and good practice for investing in youth.

In response to these recommendations, CIFF has begun exploring ways to better support young women-led organisations and movements, which face a significant funding gap in the field – building on our existing partnership with FRIDA and the Global Fund for Women. We are also exploring opportunities to incorporate capacity building, organisational development and cross-sector movement building more systematically in our grant making for youth-led and youth-centred organisations. This will be supported by the development of a cross-organisation approach to equity and intersectionality.

Q13

Agree

To what extent do you believe your organization's work reflects the definitions and principles of the Statement?

Q14

Where is your organization making the most progress? Provide an example.

CIFF has made progress in investing across multiple models of youth advocacy as discussed above (movement and campaign building and strengthening; digital youth advocacy; edutainment platforms for local activism; global advocacy movements and mechanisms; evidence generation to support advocacy; and adolescent-centred design). Social data intelligence has been central to many investments.

We have been making particular progress in catalysing meaningful engagement of youth leaders in global platforms (in particular through our support to the PMNCH Adolescent & Youth Constituency). We have also made progress in supporting young feminist organisations and will be making additional investments to build the evidence base and test inter-sectoral, intersectional models of young feminist movement building.

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Q15

Yes

Does your organization have protection policies, protocols and mechanisms in place to protect young people and ensure their safety? [Principles 3, 5; Checklist strategy 9]

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Q16

Please describe and/or provide links to the policies, protocols and mechanisms here. (We urge you to share links because concrete examples are needed by our community.)

At CIFF, it is a compulsory measure for all grantees to have in place - or develop - a child protection policy.

You can view CIFF's child protection policy here: <https://ciff.org/about-us/safeguarding-child-protection-policy/>

And our policy on Modern Slavery here: <https://ciff.org/about-us/modern-slavery-statement/>

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Q17

Yes

Does your organization have additional protection mechanisms for adolescents under age 18?

Q18

Yes

Does your organization currently have a mechanism in place for receiving feedback/complaints/concerns from young people? [Principles 2, 3; Checklist strategy 3]

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Q19

How does your organization respond to feedback? (Please check all actions that apply.)

We respond to feedback on a case-by-case basis,

We have dedicated staff to respond to feedback,

Other (please describe):

Our legal staff respond to complaints and concerns regarding child safeguarding from any reporting individual.

We have a dedicated whistleblowing policy and email address for individuals to report any breaches.

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Q20

No

Does your organization have protocols, policies, and/or mechanisms in place to ensure the equitable engagement of marginalized young people? [Principle 4; Checklist strategy 10]

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Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate which marginalized/vulnerable groups are included in your protocols, policies and/or mechanisms. (Please check all included groups.)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe the mechanisms in place to ensure equitable engagement of marginalized/vulnerable young people.

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Q23

Please indicate the approximate percentage of your organization's programmes and projects which focused on young people in 2019. [Principle 4; Checklist strategies 1, 4, 5]

Percentage of programmes and projects focused on young people in 2019	50 - 75 %
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Q24

Please describe the frequency of participation by young people in your organization's activities which focused on young people in 2019. [Principle 4; Checklist strategies 1, 4, 5]

Participation in the design of programmes that affect them	Rarely
Participation in the implementation of programmes that affect them	Rarely
Participation in the monitoring of programmes that affect them	Rarely
Participation in the evaluation of programmes that affect them	Rarely

Q25

Please describe the type of support for young people's engagement that your organization currently provides.

Strengthening young people's capacity [Principles 1, 2, 4; Checklist strategies 1, 6]

We sometimes provide this type of support

Strengthening adults' capacity to work with young people [Principles 3, 5; Checklist strategies 6, 7, 9]

We sometimes provide this type of support

Using understandable, respectful and accessible language and communication methods for young people, including translation or interpretation services for young people [Principles 2, 5; Checklist strategy 7]

We often or always provide this type of support

Providing direct technical support for their initiatives and projects [Principle 2; Checklist strategies 1, 6, 9]

We sometimes provide this type of support

Fostering connections with broader networks [Principle 4; Checklist strategies 4, 5]

We sometimes provide this type of support

Mentoring (a more experienced/knowledgeable person guiding a less experienced/knowledgeable person in a specific area) [Principle 1; Checklist strategy 4]

We sometimes provide this type of support

Q26

To what extent are young people represented in decision-making bodies within your organizational structure? [Principle 1; Checklist strategies 1, 2]

No representation: Young people are not official members of decision-making bodies.

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Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Please briefly describe how young people are selected to participate in decision-making bodies.

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Q28

Please describe barriers preventing young people's representation in decision-making bodies.

CIFF is working to address the challenges of youth access to our governance structures. Based on learnings of previous engagement processes, we are working to identify a structure that is fit for purpose, effective, and meaningful. We have found that a more collective approach (such as a youth advisory board), may be more effective than an individual one (a youth fellow, for example).

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Q29

Yes

Does your organization partner with youth-led organizations and/or networks? [Principles 2, 3; Checklist strategies 1, 2, 8]

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Q30

Respondent skipped this question

Please briefly describe why your organization does not partner with youth-led organizations and/or networks.

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Q31

Sub-contract: a written agreement with the partner to perform obligations arising under another contract

What type of agreement does your organization have in place with your youth partners? (Please check all types that apply.)

Contract or Terms of Reference: a written agreement specifying the purpose, deliverables and timeframe of a specific project, committee or activity that partners will work on

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Q32

Most of the time

Do you financially compensate the young people or youth-led initiatives with whom you collaborate for their time (excluding expenses for visas, transportation, etc)? [Principle 4; Checklist strategies 1, 8]

Q33

Donor requirement/encouragement,

What enables your organization to financially compensate young people for their time? (Please check all relevant options.)

Internal financial policies,

Organizational mandate to compensate,

Internal advocacy to promote compensation for young people

Q34

Respondent skipped this question

What hinders your organization's ability to financially compensate young people for their time? (Please check all relevant options.)

Q35

What types of financial support does your organization provide to young people? (Please check all forms of support that apply.) [Principle 4; Checklist strategies 1, 8]

Payment of expenses related to participation: per diems, transportation, visa costs, accommodation, etc
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Financial compensation for young people's time: honorarium, stipend, salary, etc
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Project budget: financial support for young people to implement their own projects

Q36

To what extent does your organization expect to strengthen its MAYE work in 2020?

Significantly

Q37

Please, elaborate on your answer to the previous question.

In 2020, based on the learnings from our external review, CIFF is beginning a strategic process of mainstreaming MAYE as part of a broader approach to equity across the organisation, covering both programming and institutional processes. As a co-lead for the UN Women Action Coalition for Bodily Autonomy & Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, we also aim to champion meaningful youth engagement in critical high-level discussions, to ensure young people's perspectives and priorities in preparation for the upcoming Generation Equality Forums in 2021.

Q38

Did you have any problems in completing the questions in the survey? If so, please describe them.

Completing the form in its current structure yielded some difficulties, as we were not able to log-in with a common account from different computers and work collaboratively to review progress. We feel the survey form would also benefit from including a comments section under each multiple choice questions, as were not able to reflect the nuance in many of our answers. For example, whilst we are very advanced in integrating youth-led initiatives into some of our programming, there are other thematic areas where this isn't yet the case. It would have been useful to flag this in our answers and subsequently map out our responses against other foundations, to see if there are trends and potential for collective learning/progression.

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Q39

Aside from financial resources, what support does your organization need to fulfil your commitment to MAYE? (Please check all options that apply.)

Staff training,
Guidance on developing and strengthening feedback mechanisms
,
Examples of organizational policies related to MAYE

Q40

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide details about how the resources referred to in the previous question would be helpful.
