

they remain invisible in most national and international contexts, where narrow policies and programmes often fail to acknowledge let alone meet their specific needs.

With young people aged 10-24 comprising 1.8 billion of the world's population,¹ the success of Agenda 2030 hinges on fulfilling their human rights, including their sexual and reproductive rights. It is thus essential that as part of strengthening the demographic evidence base, young people in all their diversity are made consistently visible through holistic and comprehensively disaggregated data. This would enable us to better understand whether services are available for young people, whether they are accessing them, and the persistence of

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to understand the realities behind the numbers, and undertake the means through which to fully remove the barriers they face, and realize their rights. Thank you.