



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: FROM OPTIONAL TO ESSENTIAL



Adapted from: World Bank Development report 2007

The three-lens approach to youth participation
(SPW/ DFID-CSO Youth Working Group, 2010)



YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT

Realizing the
Demographic Opportunity

USAID POLICY YOUTH

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Goal:

Improve the capacities and enable the aspirations of youth so that they can **contribute to** and benefit from more stable, democratic and prosperous communities and nations.

Objectives:

- 1) Strengthen youth programming, **participation** and partnership in support of Agency development objectives:
- 2) Mainstream and integrate youth issues and **engage young people** across Agency initiatives and operations.

Guiding Principles:

Recognize that youth participation is vital for effective programs.

“Young people will be the **torch bearers** of the next sustainable development agenda through 2030.”

Synthesis Report of the Secretary-General On the Post-2015 Agenda, point 3



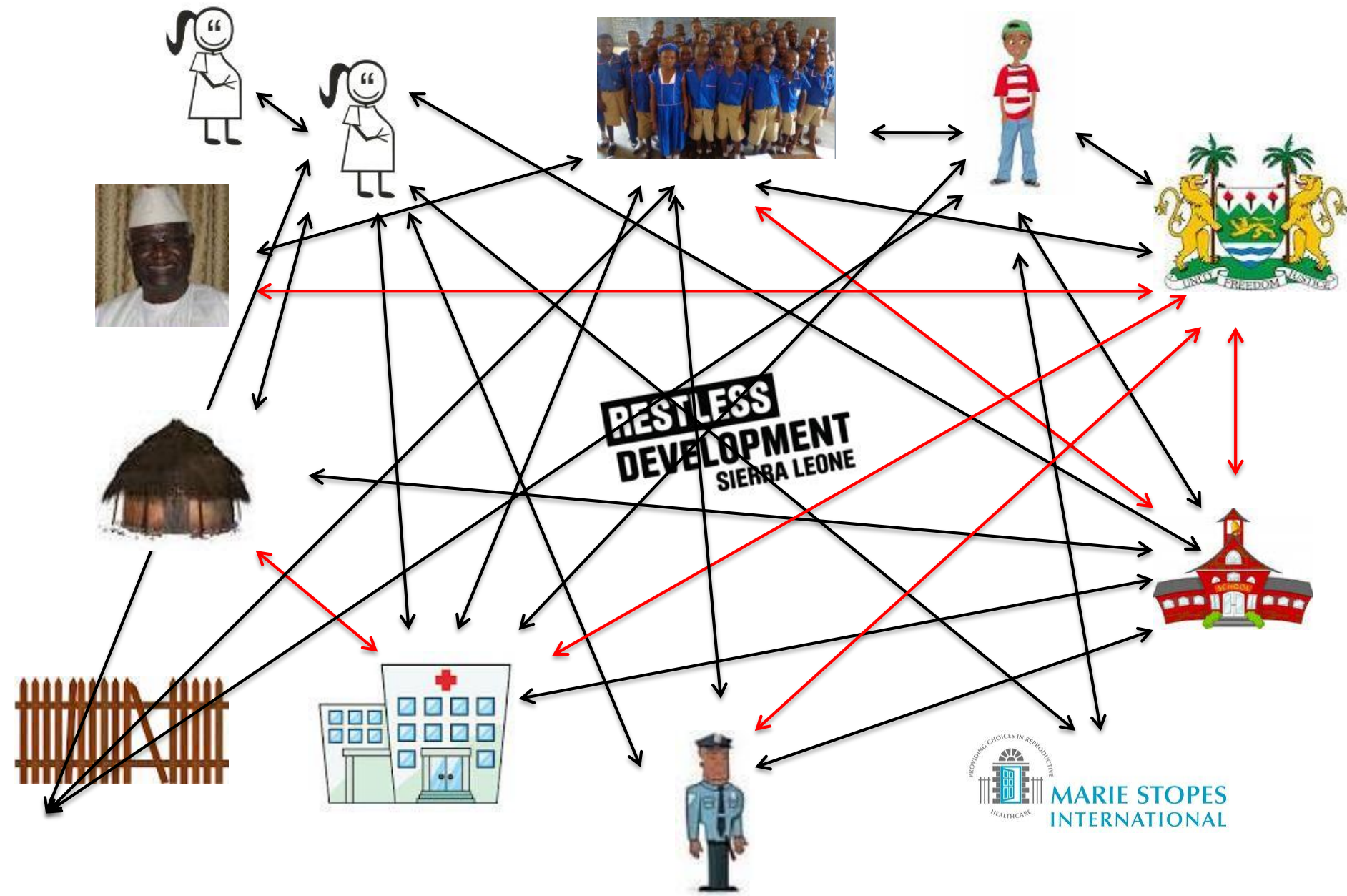
“Children, young women and men are **critical agents of change** and will find in the new Global Goals a platform to channel their infinite capacities for activism into the creation of a better world”

‘Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, point 51











“Young people were the one group we could put our faith in; they have been with us leading our communities for so long, they could guide us in a way others could not”

Head-man of the Funkia Community, Freetown.

“Youth have done this; medics have saved lives, but young people have been on the front line changing practices community-by-community”

UNFPA Deputy Representative





Youth Voices on a Post-2015 World



Young people want to see effective governments that are held to account, and governance structures where young people have access to decision making processes.

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DEVELOPMENT**