The GAMA Advisory Group

GAMA is a global initiative to improve adolescent health measurement and reporting. It is guided by a Technical Advisory Group consisting of 16 selected global experts, including 4 young experts, and convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) with support from UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, the World Bank Group, and the World Food Programme (WFP).

Goals of GAMA’s work

- To provide technical guidance to WHO, other UN agencies and relevant measurement groups to define a core set of adolescent health indicators, for the purpose of harmonising efforts around adolescent health measurement and reporting.
- To promote harmonised guidance for adolescent health measurement, supporting countries and technical organizations in collecting useful data to track progress in the improvement of adolescent health.

Scope of GAMA’s work

Age range
Adolescents aged 10-19 years.

Adolescent target populations
All adolescents, including younger (10-14 years) and older (15-19 years) adolescent age groups. GAMA also ensures that adolescents in humanitarian settings, adolescents living with disabilities, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants, institutionalised adolescents, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and intersex adolescents are included.

Measurement focus

Priority areas
GAMA’s early work focused on defining priority areas for adolescent health measurement, under six framework domains including health determinants; health behaviours and risks; policies, programmes and laws; systems performance and interventions; well-being; and health outcomes and conditions. In total, 33 core, 19 expanded and six context-specific adolescent health measurement areas were identified, considering input from young people, countries, the adolescent disease burden, and existing measurement initiatives.

Indicators
GAMA has identified priority indicators for global adolescent health measurement, as well as gaps in the priority areas.

GAMA guidance
Guidance for harmonized measurement of the priority indicators, and for filling gaps will be developed and promoted.

More information

GAMA website: https://www.who.int/data/maternal-newborn-child-adolescent/gama
GAMA commentary: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1054139X19301661

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