



## What's new? Highlights of our recent activities & impact!

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Countdown 2030 Europe participated at the [High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#) in New York in July, which provided a great opportunity for partners to advocate towards their governments and other Member States on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning (SRH/FP)-related indicators, best practices and lessons learned, as well as gaps and challenges in improving SRH/FP. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 and 5, including universal access to sexual and reproductive health, were at the centre of the HLPF. Countdown 2030 Europe members contributed in several ways, including as part of their governments' delegations.

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## "Unveiling the SDGs' Silent Killer": Barriers to Contraceptive Access for Young People in Uganda



**Sophie Nabukenya**, a youth activist with Plan Uganda, is calling for young people to be included in the drafting, design and implementation of all policy processes. She highlights that stigma, a lack of sexuality education, inadequate funding, and poor youth-friendly services are all huge barriers to contraceptive access in Uganda.

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Countdown 2030 Europe Brussels-based partners successfully proposed amendments to the [EU Annual Budget 2018](#) on human development. The Annual Budget is a key instrument to ensure that EU commitments towards Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning (SRH/FP) effectively translate into its development cooperation programming.

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*Countdown 2030 Europe* advocates for universal access to reproductive health in the developing world, working in 12 European countries and with the EU institutions to ensure funding and policy commitments for family planning and reproductive health in Europe and around the world. Visit our [website](#) for up-to-date information about related policies in European countries and the EU, as well as data about their funding commitments. We are also part of *Joining Voices*, a global advocacy project that aims to tackle the unmet need for family planning.



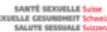
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