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Girl Power and Potential:

THE FUTURE IS IN THEIR HANDS

There are 600 million adolescent girls living in developing countries.

However, many of these girls remain invisible to policy makers and in programme development.

Their full development potential has yet to be seen.

The opportunities they have in the coming years will shape their lives, families, and nations.

If educated, healthy, skilled and empowered, they can build a better life and combat poverty.

The United Nations Interagency Task Force on Adolescent Girls
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UNLEASH THE POWER OF GIRLS!

The United Nations Interagency Task Force on Adolescent Girls promotes and protects the rights of adolescent girls. It advocates for and makes strategic investments in national policies and development programmes focusing on adolescent girls.

THE UN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON ADOLESCENT GIRLS WILL:

- » Tell the world to prioritize and increase the resources dedicated to adolescent girls, unleashing their full potential.
- » Work to get adolescent girls counted in the next census rounds, ensuring

that data and programmes more accurately represent their different life situations.

- » Target adolescent girls, especially those ages 10-14 years old, to keep them in school and develop a range of skills so they may reach their aspirations.
- » “Deliver as One UN” by advocating for targeted, comprehensive policies and investing in programmes that reach marginalized adolescent girls in developing countries.
- » Support governments and partners to highlight that investing in adolescent

girls—their rights, education, health and life skills—is a critical development strategy for countries and the world, especially to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- » Contact the Task Force at laski@unfpa.org or mperisic@unicef.org to learn more.
- » The UN Foundation provides a vehicle through which donors can support the UN's groundbreaking work—The Girl Fund. To learn more, visit www.thegirlfund.org or contact tkreinin@unfoundation.org

The United Nations Interagency Task Force on Adolescent Girls was established in 2007, in partnership with the UN Foundation. It is co-chaired by UNFPA and UNICEF and includes UNESCO, UNIFEM, ILO, and WHO.