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ROADMAP TO 2030

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Today's rising generation of
1.3 billion adolescents
are tomorrow's future

We envision a gender-equitable world where girls and boys make a healthy and safe transition into adulthood and reach their full potential.



Introducing the GIRL Center



We are **thought leaders** – generating innovative research, tools, and engagement.



We are **catalysts** – ensuring that policy makers, practitioners, advocates, researchers, and donors make transformative change guided by data and evidence.



Why girls?

Adolescent girls fare worse than boys on a range of outcomes

- Girls are 1.5 times more likely than boys to be excluded from primary school.
- In low-income countries, less than two thirds of girls complete their primary education, and only 1 in 3 completes lower secondary school.
- 1 in 10 girls have experienced sexual violence.



Why girls?

Key events that happen to girls in adolescence - school dropout, early marriage, motherhood, sexual and gender-based violence - are irreversible

- 1 in 5 young women were married while children.
- Approximately 12 million girls aged 15-19 years and at least 777,000 girls under 15 years give birth each year in developing regions.



There is tremendous power in investing and intervening during adolescence

Adolescence is a short, critical window in our development.

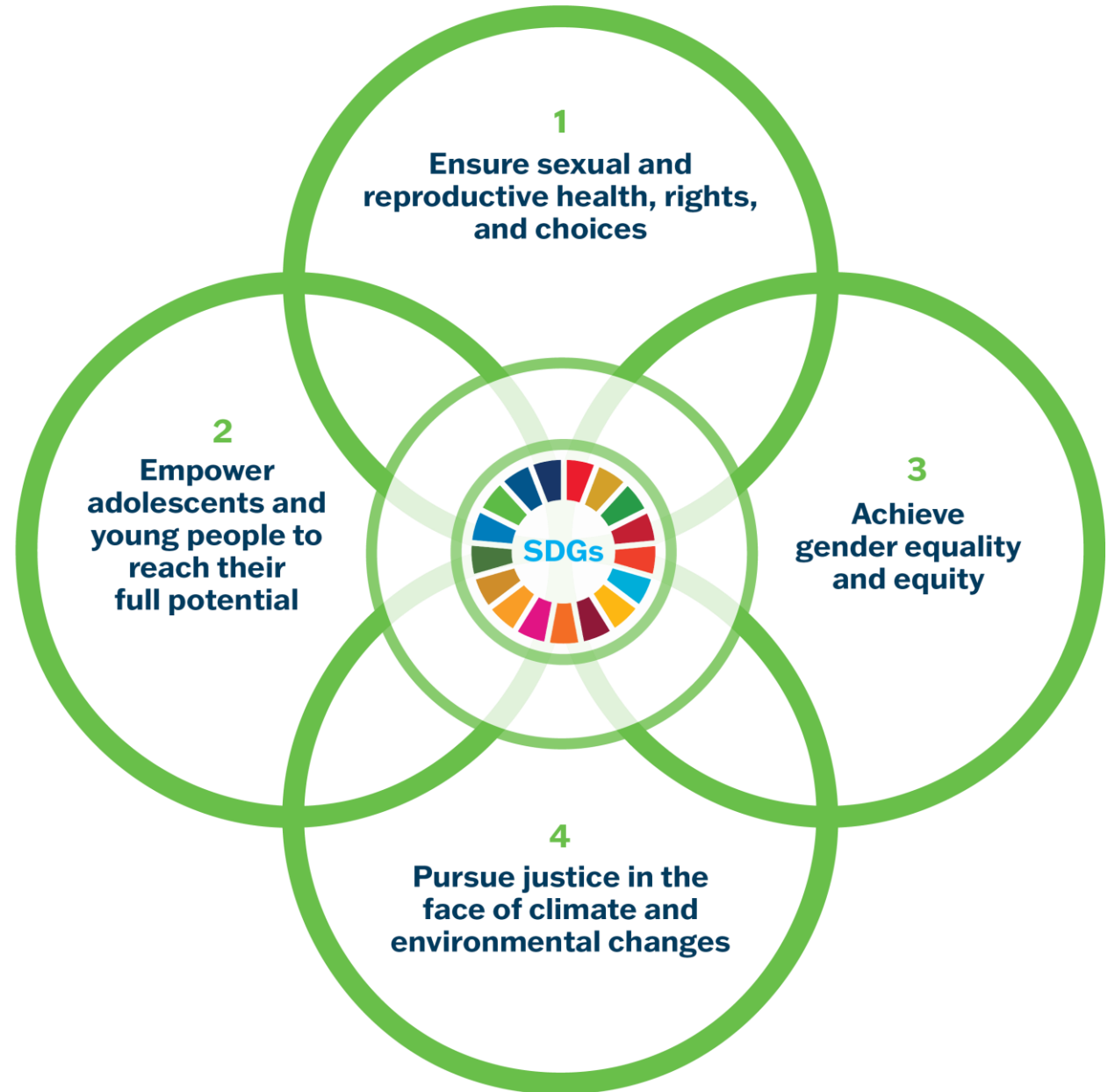
A short-term investment protects adolescents, especially girls, and lets them grow into healthy adults.

The long-term, generational benefits for women and their children and communities are critical.



Population Council's strategic goals through 2030

The GIRL Center drives Goal 2 on adolescents and young people - on its own, and as it intersects with the other three strategic goals.





GIRL Center: The go-to for solutions for girls



INNOVATORS

in finding
evidence-based
solutions for girls



TREND SETTERS

driving global efforts –
of today and tomorrow
– to support adolescent
girls and boys



THOUGHT LEADERS

who meet the current
moment



Why the GIRL Center?

- ✓ Brings the needed combination of **specialist knowledge** and **technical expertise**
- ✓ Bridges the fragmented ecosystem by combining and investing in **research, programming, and policy** in one place
- ✓ Draws on Population Council's **multi-decade history** of going deep and broad on adolescent girls
- ✓ Driven by over two-dozen **adolescent-focused researchers** across many **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)**



What is our mission?



Generate
Evidence



Communicate &
Convene



Nurture
Talent



Girl-centered

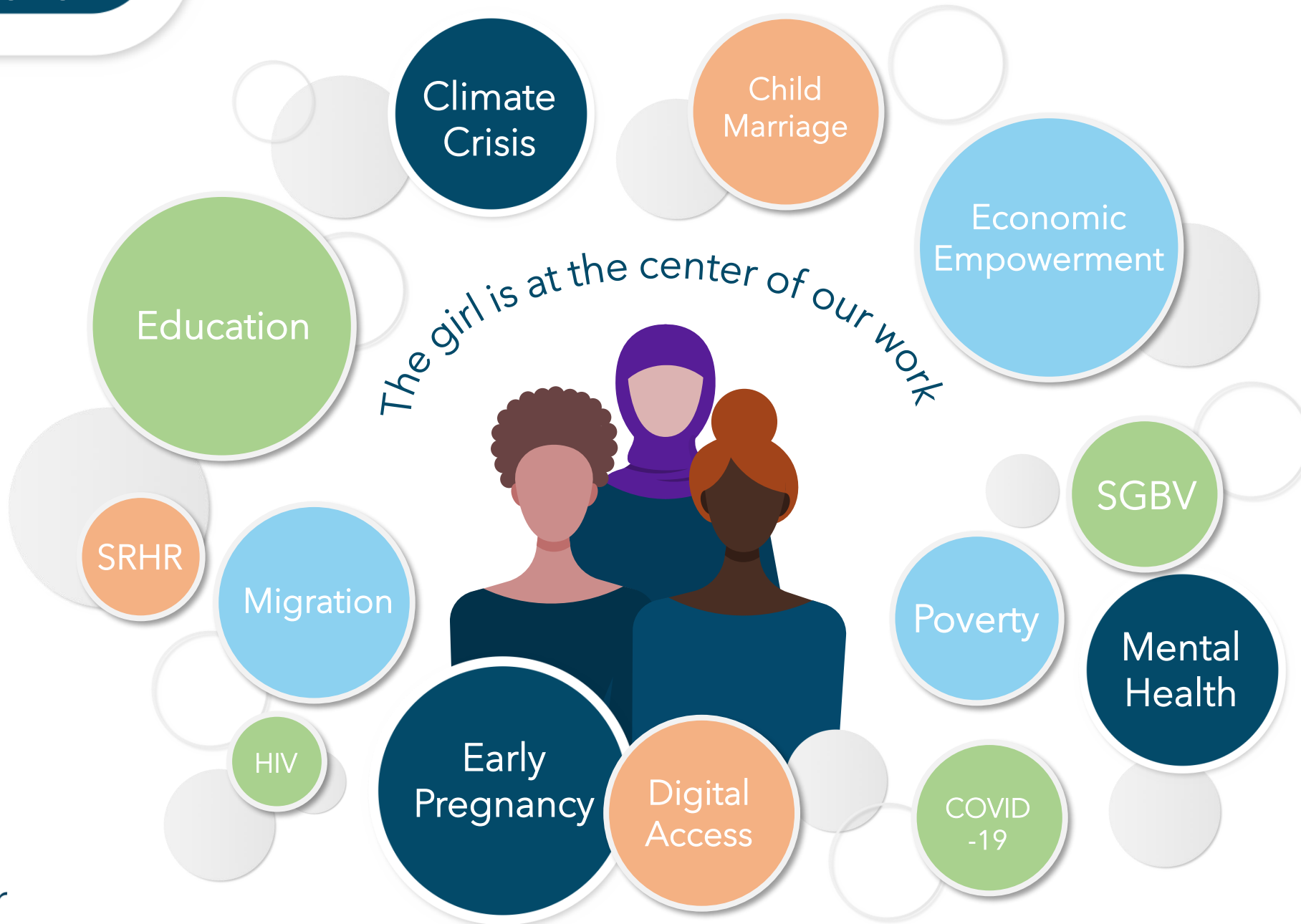
Actionable

Inter-sectional

Evidence-driven

Innovative

Grounded in LMICs





How our research will change the world

End child marriage
in a generation



Break
intergenerational
poverty



Create a gender- equitable
entry into adulthood





Thought Leadership & Research Agenda

Intergenerational Poverty and Gender Inequity

What are the most effective programs to jointly address the multi-dimensional needs of adolescent mothers and their young children? Done right, this can prevent those children falling behind and ultimately break the cycle of poverty.

Adolescents and the Digital Space

How do we harness digital platforms to uplift young people? How do we apply our knowledge of interventions to deliver digital programming to the most marginalized adolescents, reducing exclusion and opening new pathways?

Adolescents in Humanitarian Settings

How can we most impactfully support adolescent girls and boys in humanitarian settings? What are their unique needs?



Thought Leadership & Research Agenda

Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

How do we maximize the value of investing in ASRH? How does ASRH interact with girls' multi-dimensional needs?

Adolescent Economic Empowerment

How can we build reliable pathways to economic empowerment for girls and young women?

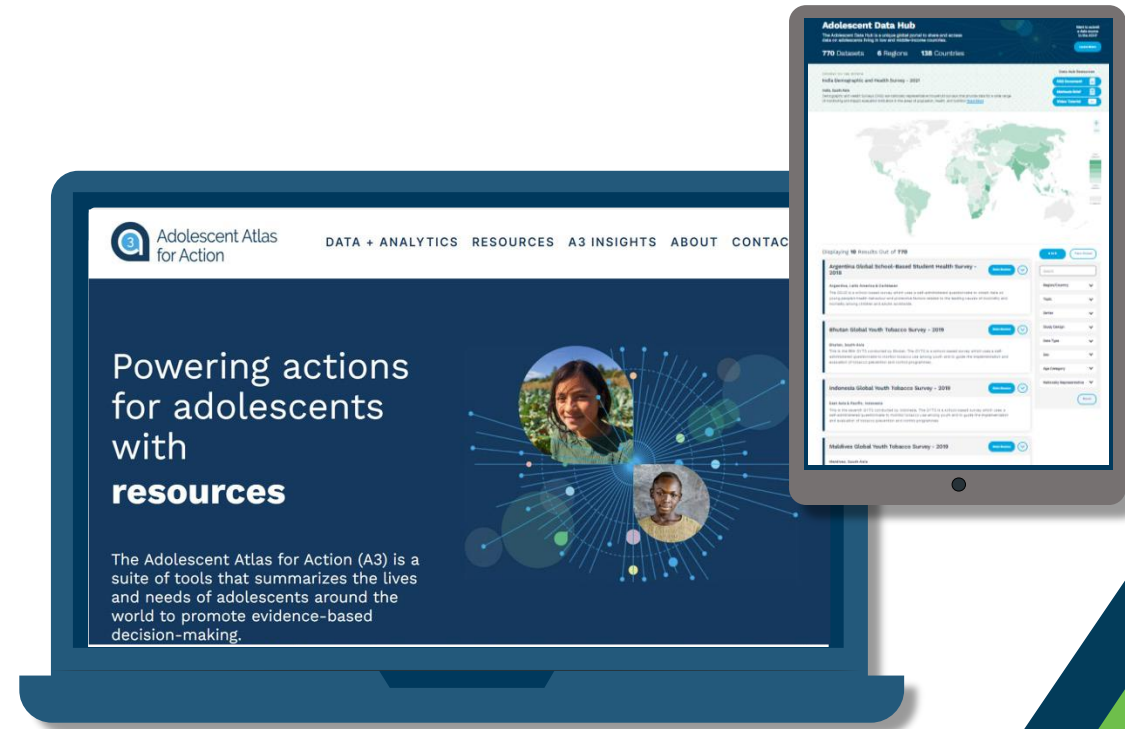
Adolescents and Climate

How can adolescents lead and thrive despite and in response to the climate crisis and growing injustice, ensuring optimal health and wellbeing?



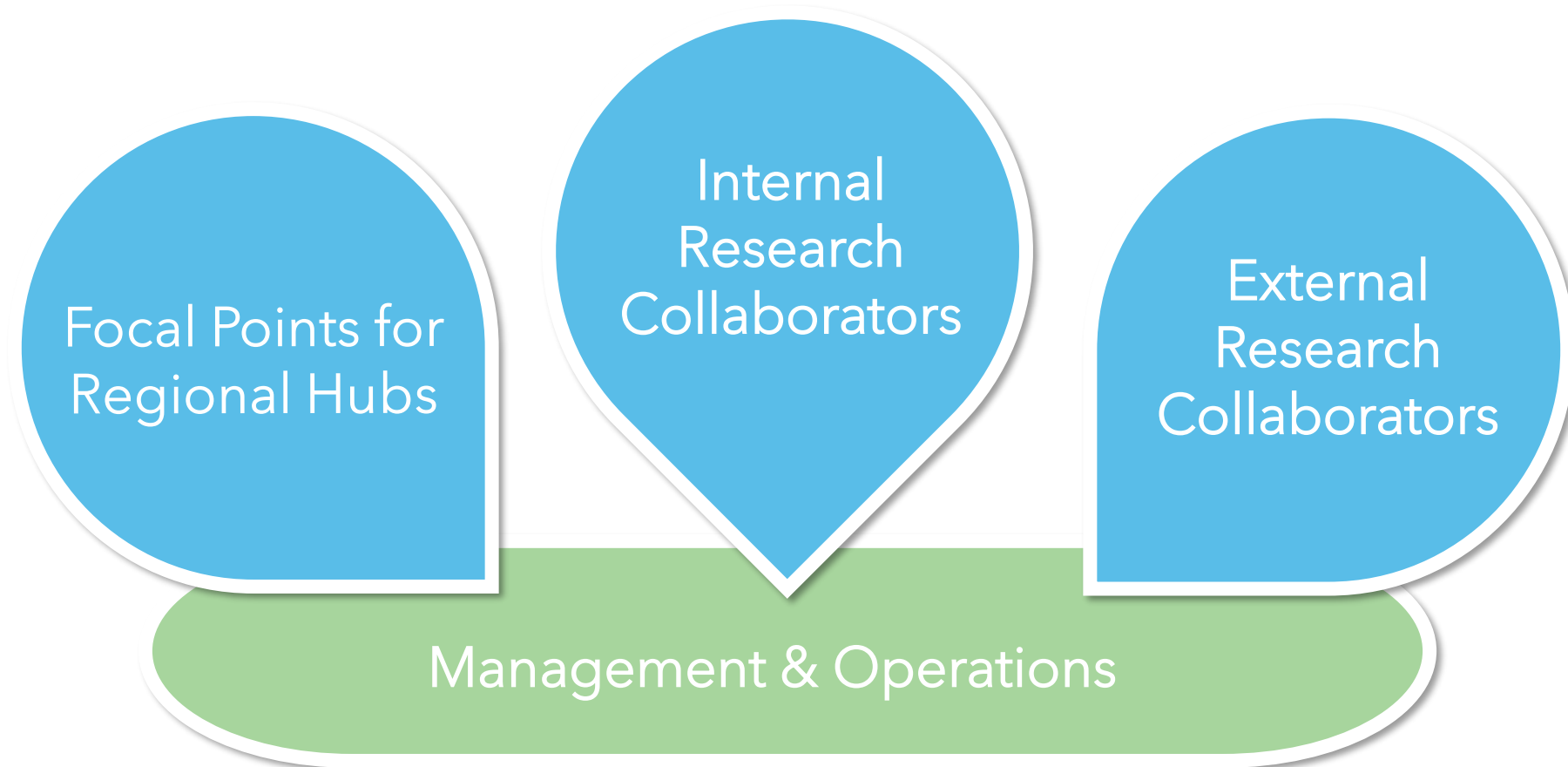
One-stop shop for data and insights

- [Adolescent Atlas for Action \(A3\)](#)
- [Adolescent Data Hub](#)
- [Evidence for Gender and Education Resource](#)
- [Longitudinal Data Sets](#)
- [Adolescent Girls Community of Practice](#)





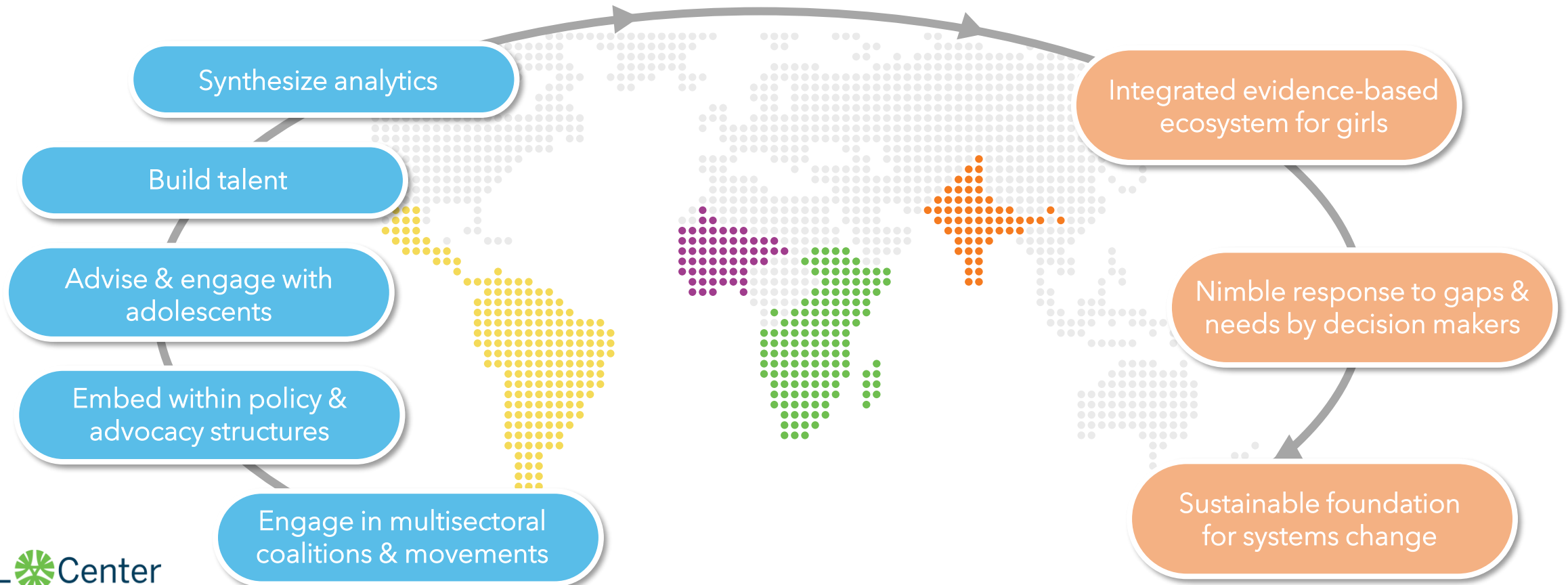
GIRL Center Structure





Regional hubs drive change from within LMICs

Integrating research and practice at the regional level





What will be achieved by 2030?

1

A robust pipeline of GIRL Center-led, innovative, and policy-relevant evidence generated and used

2

Integration in the adolescent ecosystem between researchers, advocates, policy makers, practitioners, and donors with GIRL Center as a convening force

3

A strong, promising, rising generation of adolescent researchers from and based in LMICs identified and mentored by the GIRL Center

4

Donors, policy-makers and practitioners make evidence informed decisions on adolescent-related investments due to the GIRL Center



How can you support the GIRL Center?



Evidence Generation Partnerships

- Collaborate on studies
- Share data in the Adolescent Data Hub



Research Impact Partnerships

- Co-host events
- Join our listserv, share our content, follow us on social media
- Co-author insights pieces, contribute to the A3



Funding

- Provide core support for the Center
- Fund specific projects through the Center
- Support GIRL Center fellows



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