

Teen Pregnancy in Rural Western Kenya

Access to new resource related to reducing teen pregnancies in Kenya added to PMWL



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16 September 2020 – Kisumu, Kenya – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global human and social problems. The new resource titled “**Teen Pregnancy In Rural Western Kenya: A Public Health Issue**”, is a paper by T. Omoro, S. Gray, G. Otieno, C. Mbede, P. Phillips-Howard, T. Hayes, F. Otieno and D. Gus, Published in the *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth* in 2017.

Teenage pregnancy has remained a major health and social concern because it's mainly associated with high maternal and child morbidity and mortality. In Kenya, teenage pregnancy is not only a reproductive health issue, but is also an all rounded issue as it directly affects the current and future socio-economic well-being of women. Childbearing during the teenage years affects female educational attainment, as young girls who become mothers in their teen period, become more likely to curtail their education.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) emphasized that governments need to support adolescents in their basic needs, as well as aspirations and eliminate practices that do not contribute to the development and empowerment of children. The ICPD put forth two objectives on the topic of reproductive health in adolescents: First, to address adolescent sexual and reproductive health issues, including unwanted pregnancy, unsafe abortion, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS, through the promotion of responsible and healthy reproductive and sexual behaviour. Second, to substantially reduce all adolescent pregnancies (UN Populations Fund, 2014).

Despite country agreements to international charters and conferences like the ICPD, rates of teen pregnancy remain high in economically developing countries. Dynamics such as gender inequality, preference for boys over girls for schooling as well as poverty and humanitarian crises together work to encourage adolescent pregnancy.

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