WHY IS THE NUMBER OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES NOT DECREASING?

Adolescents are engaging in sex

- Inadequate access to contraceptive information and services
- Inadequate access to education
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Child marriage, defined as marriage under the age of 18 years, is prevalent in Kenya and predisposes adolescent girls to early pregnancy

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT REDUCING TEENAGE PREGNANCIES?

Adolescents who initiate sex early are more likely to have been forced and to suffer sexual and gender-based violence

- Adolescents are more likely to suffer sexual and gender-based violence when they are forced to have sex early
- They are more likely to have sex early if they are less educated

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO REDUCE TEENAGE PREGNANCIES?

- Ensure more girls attend primary and secondary school.
- Strengthen the implementation of the free primary education policy and structural interventions to prevent school drop-out.
- Reduce poverty levels through effective implementation of poverty reduction policies.
- Increase access to comprehensive sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents.
- Eliminate child marriage and female genital mutilation through enforcement of existing laws (The Marriage Act & The Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act)

DATA SOURCES

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