DEMOGRAPHY AND COVID-19 IN AFRICA - EVIDENCE AND POLICY RESPONSES TO SAFEGUARD THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND

## Safeguarding Africa's Demographic Dividend from COVID-19 Impact

Undermining human capital through disruptions in the education sector leading to loss of learning and increased drop-outs

Widening socio-economic inequalities further disadvantaging females, youth, poor and rural communities

**COVID-19** prospects for the demographic

Short-term effects through disruptions in health services and particularly Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Long-term social and economic impacts due to slow down in economic growth and the accompanying loss of jobs and income

## Key priorities to safeguard the demographic dividend

- 17 Adequate funding and full resumption of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services as part of essential health services (including family planning, adolescent and reproductive health services and youth friendly services).
- 27 Effective interventions to reinforce adherence to law measures to halt Sexual and Gender-based Violence.
- 37 Robust return-to-school strategies to ensure all students safely resume learning and that girls and other disadvantaged groups do not drop out of school.
- 47 Invest in **re-igniting the informal and gig economies** through incentives that will cushion the youth, women, and the poor who have been adversely affected by COVID-19.
- 57 Enhance implementing evidence-informed social protection measures such as cash transfers, social grants, food subsidies and free medical care.

67 Development and use of digital technologies to aid prevention and recovery measures across sectors.

Invest in data and measurement innovations and adaptations 77 to inform both the short-term and long-term responses to COVID-19 and similar future occurrences.

87 Multi-sectoral regional collaboration and inter-governmental partnerships to respond to COVID-19, including sharing best practices and developing an evidence and knowledge hub to address population dynamics and COVID-19.

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