FACTS ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS ISSUES AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN IN UGANDA



Risk Factors

Several factors expose AGYW to sexual activity which in turn expose them to the risks inherent to sexual activity such as teenage and unintended pregnancies, complications resulting from pregnancy and HIV infections. These factors include the age of first sexual encounter, the risk of sexual abuse and violence and the age of marriage.

20%

of adolescent girls between 15-19 years are living in union with a partner/married.

67.3%

of young women (20-24 years) are living in a union with a partner/married

18%

of women have had their first sexual encounter by 15 years.

77%

of adolescent girls in primary school are sexually abused in school.

88%

of girls in secondary school are sexually abused.



70%

of all new HIV infections among adolescents are found among AGYW.

25%

of adolescent girls have had their first child or are pregnant by the age of 19.

47%

of all pregnancies among adolescents are unintended.

15%

of the unintended pregnancies among AGYW end up in abortion with 83% of them being unsafe.

28%

of all maternal deaths in Uganda occur in women aged 15-24 years.



Information, use and access to SRHR services

35.6% of girls aged 15-19 years and 41.4% of young women (20-24 years) have comprehensive knowledge on HIV/AIDS.

13.1% of AGYW (15-24 years) in a marriage or union use any method of contraceptives.

of girls (15-19 years) and 35.4% of young women (20-24years) in a marriage or union have an unmet need for contraception.





