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Motherhood in Childhood

Facing the Challenge of Adolescent Pregnancy

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Items Addressed

- Child Marriage & Adolescent pregnancy prevalence.
- Adolescent pregnancy as a Health and Development issue.
- Messages learned.
- Adolescent pregnancy in the post ICPD 2014 and Post 2015 Development agenda.
- The way forward.

Adolescents/ Population

It is estimated that 1.2 billion adolescents are living in 2010 representing 18% of the world's population and 88% of them live in developing countries.

Child Marriage/ Adolescent pregnancy

- 39.000 girls under age 18 are married/day.
- One in three girls is married before age of 18 in developing countries.
- 20.000 adolescent births in Developing countries/ day.
- 7.3 million adolescent births in Developing countries/ year.
- These represent 95% of global adolescent births.

Child Marriage/Adolescent Pregnancy

90% of adolescent pregnancies in developing countries are within marriage and these adolescents have the lowest use of contraception and highest unmet need of FP.

< 15y Child Pregnancy

Of the 7.3 million adolescent births in developing countries, 2 million of them are under age 15 (30%).

Adolescent Pregnancy in Developed Countries

In developed countries there are 680.000 births to adolescent mothers annually. Nearly half of these occur in the US.

Adolescent Pregnancy and Health

Maternal Mortality/Morbidity

In developing countries an estimated 70.000 adolescents die each year from complications during pregnancy and childbirth (MMR 1000/100.000 LB).

Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

< 15 years

Girls who become pregnant before 15 y in low and middle income countries have double the risk for maternal death and obstetric fistula than older women specially in Sub. Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Adolescent Pregnancy

Health Risks

- Higher maternal mortality & Morbidity.
- Accounts for 3.2 million unsafe abortions/year.
- 30% of obstetric fistula.
- SB and newborn deaths are 50% higher among infants of adolescent mothers
- About one million of the 13.1 million children born every year die during 1st year of their life.

(Infant Mortality 90/1000)

Adolescent Pregnancy and Health Risks under 15 years In Developing Countries

- Risk of maternal death doubles.
- Risk of obstetric Fistula doubles.
- More likely to experience:
 - Premature delivery.
 - Low infant birth weight.
 - High perinatal mortality.
 - Development of health problems.

Adolescent Pregnancy and Development

- Interruption of education.
- Job's prospects evaporate.
- Vulnerability to poverty, health problems, social exclusion and dependency are increased.

Adolescent Pregnancy and Development

The lifetime opportunity cost related to adolescent pregnancy, measured by mother's foregone annual income over her lifetime, ranges from 1 percent of annual GDP or \$124 Billion in China to 30 percent of annual GDP or \$15 billion in Uganda.

The International
community spends
less than 2% of every
dollar spent on
International
development towards
adolescent girls.

Messages Learned

Education (1)

- Education Continues to be the single most important predictor of age at marriage.
- Child marriage is strongly associated with early pregnancy.
- Becoming pregnant often prevents girls from completing their education.

Messages (2)

Child Behavior

-Change behaviors of young girls is not the only answer. We need to change the actions of:

-Their Families.

-Communities. **And**

-Governments.

Messages (3)

Adolescent Pregnancy is a symptom of:

- Poverty.
- Little or no access to school.
- Unemployment.
- Abuse of the female child.
- Powerlessness of young girls.
- Lack of access to quality SRH information and services.
- Irresponsible behavior of boys, men and communities.

Post ICPD 2014 AND 2015 Development Agenda

Less than 800 days left for the
MDGs including Universal access
to Sexual and Reproductive
Health which only got in MDGs in
2007

For sustainable Development
we need to do something
different to move forward with
the post ICPD 2014 and Post
2015 Development agenda for
the adolescents.

We need to do something
different to achieve
universal access to quality
SRH information and
services specially for the
adolescents.

Human Rights Lens

We need to enhance national capacity to achieve access to quality SRH information and services, gender equality, women empowerment within the lens of Human Rights.


SRH for the adolescents
should not be caught under
the health umbrella only
and should also be included
under the umbrella of
sustainable development.

Actions Required

Action (1)

-Help girls to stay at school until at least 18 years.

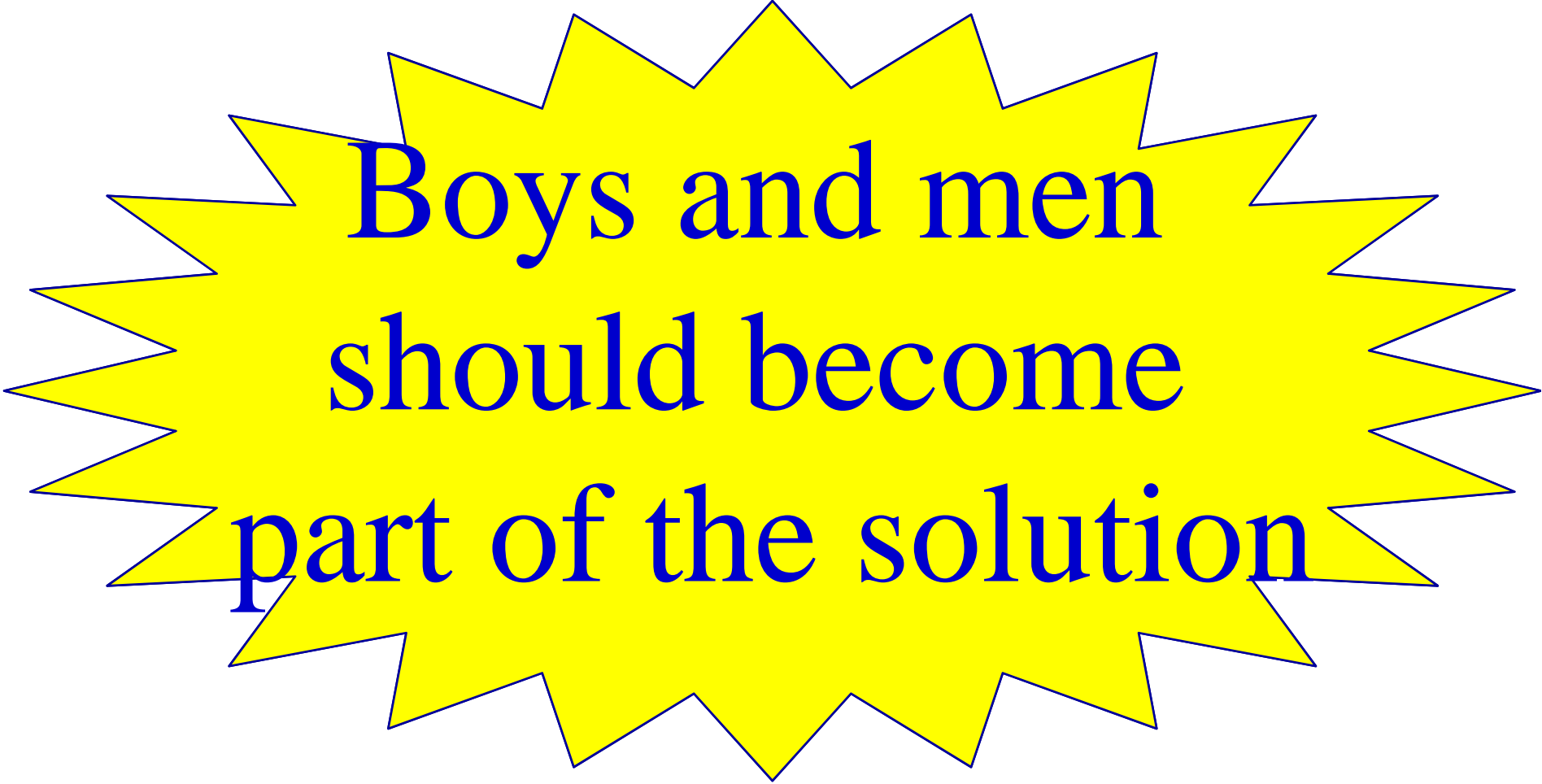
Action (2)



**Communities
must condemn
child marriage.**



Action (3)



Boys and men
should become
part of the solution

Action (4)

Governments
should enforce
laws to ban child
marriage.

Action (5)

-Girls do not get themselves pregnant by empowerment, access to quality SRH information and services and enabling them to make choices to prevent adolescent pregnancy.

Action (6)

Concerted efforts of governments and parliamentarians, both in office and opposition, UN organizations, civil society, the private sector, health care providers, FBOs and mass media are badly need to combat child marriage and adolescent pregnancy.

Change the child by education,
non discrimination and
stereotyping, child protection
against violence including
FGM/C, early and forced
marriage and adolescent
pregnancy we can change the
world.

World & regional data

	Population aged 10-19 % 2010	Secondary school enrolment net % of school age children, 1999/2010		Adolescent birth rate per 1000 women aged 15-19 1999/2010	Maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100.000 live births) 2010
		Male	Female		
World	16.7	64	61	49	210
More developed regions	11.5	90	91	24	16
Least developed countries	21.4	36	30	106	430
Arab States	20.6	64	58	48	140
Egypt	19	71	69	25	66

Thank you