

TEEN MOTHER VULNERBILITY ASSESMENT SURVEY REPORT

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Background

Through its vision of the world of empowered youth, children and communities committed to social justice and peace, CCAYEF has been implementing projects in areas of , Maternal and child health; and Adolescent Health and Empowerment using Social-economic interventions, boosting Nutrition and Health care among children and establishment of youth corners at health centers, teenage mother rehabilitation and vocational skills training; promotion of soya growing for nutrition; teen mothers among youths and their babies have been identified as the most beneficiary and identified as the most group that would require the service in the greater Mukono district.



Source: *CCAYEF Teenage Mother Rehabilitation and Vocational Skills Training 2013*

Purpose of the Assessment study

The study was to find out the demographics characteristics that predisposed the existing teen mothers to pregnancy by assessing the nature of persons responsible for the pregnancies; family back ground; and establishing the life of the teen and her baby after delivery.



Source: The CCAYEF Teen Class Program 2013

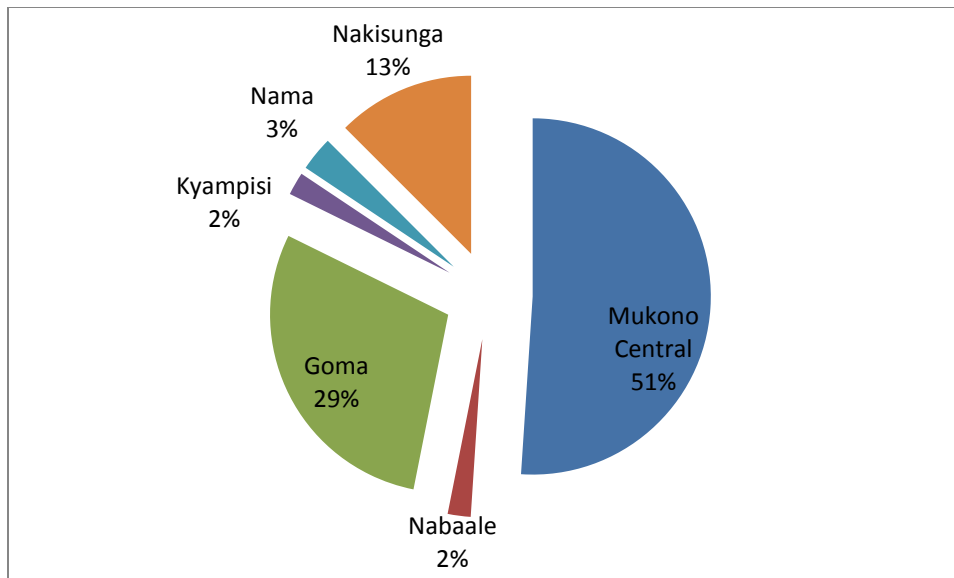
STUDY FINDINGS

Distribution of teen mothers by sub-county

The study considered 150 teen mothers identified by CCAYEF and recruited into the teen mothers' rehabilitation and vocational skills training program. They were all from the urban areas of Mukono district, especially Mukono Municipality. They were identified from health centers during antenatal care visits, pregnancy tests visits and Immunization days.

The study revealed Mukono Central and Goma with the highest number of Teen mothers (51%) and (29%) respectively as detailed in Figure 1 below. The reasons for over whelming teen mothers in Mukono central and Goma sub counties mainly are said to be as a result of high rates of urbanizations with lots of urban excitements, urban suffering, limited parental care and poverty of most parents incapable to full fill their children's essential needs; child headed households and Orphanage without hope for tomorrow. Further, due to urbanization, most teens work in those areas as maids without enough parental care and guidance from their bosses hence many end up moving out with sex hungry men and who in most cases don't support them during and after pregnancy and others run away.

Figure 1: Showing the distribution of teen mothers by Sub County



Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment survey-CCAYEF 2013

Place of birth of the teen mothers

The study revealed that, some teens among those identified are born from other districts such as Kampala,(2%) Lira (1%), Mpungi(1%) and Wakiso (4%); but majority (92%) and originally born children of Mukono district as detailed in figure 2 below.

The same study revealed that among the young mothers from other districts, some reside in Mukono due to the expulsion of parents from home hence finding refuge from relatives around Mukono, others are as a result of migration of parents from other places to Mukono; and others work in Mukono as maids or casual laborers and students.

The study revealed only 1% of teens being non- national of Uganda- from Rwanda as the country of origin.

Figure 2 Showing District of birth of the teen mothers



Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment survey-CCAYEF 2013

Age Distribution of the Teen mothers, Persons responsible pregnancy and parents

On average teens are impregnated at age 16 years. The persons responsible for pregnancies based on the study findings, majority are aged 20 years but with older ones up to 60 years. Furthermore, there seem to be some young parents of the teens aged 28 years for fathers and 26 years for mothers, however most of the parents are elders aged 40 years and above as detailed in table 1 below.

Table1. Showing ages distribution of the teen mothers, persons responsible pregnancy and parents

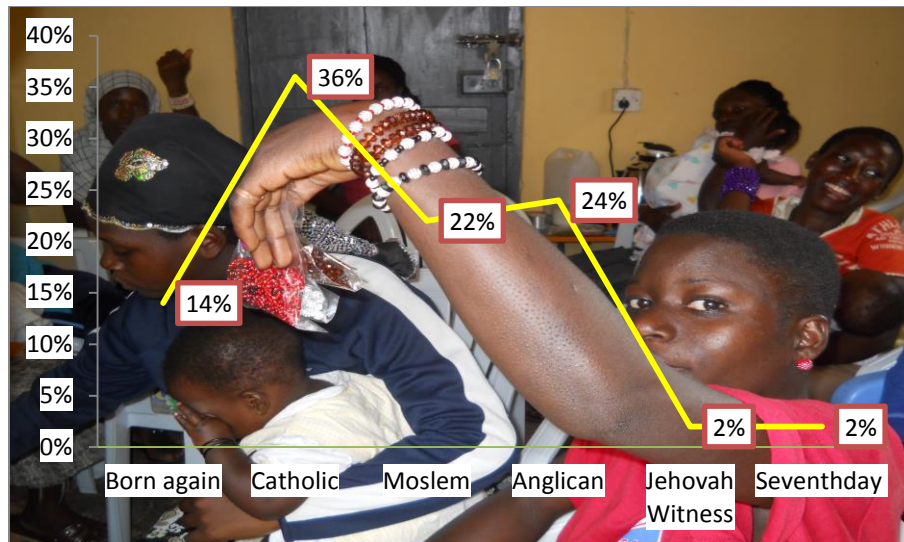
	Teen mother	Person Responsible for pregnancy	Parents of the teen	
			Father	Mother
Average	16	23	48	40
Mode (most age)	17	20	50	40
Median	17	21	47	38
Minimum age	13	16	28	26
Maximum age	19	60	75	62

Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment survey-CCAYEF 2013

Religion of the teen

The religion being the major institution in shaping personal morals and behavior it sounded vital in the study. The study pinned Majority of the teen mothers were reported to be Catholics (36%) Protestants (24%), Muslims (22%) and Born again (14%) respectively as detailed in Figure 3 below.

Figure 3: showing religion of the teen mothers

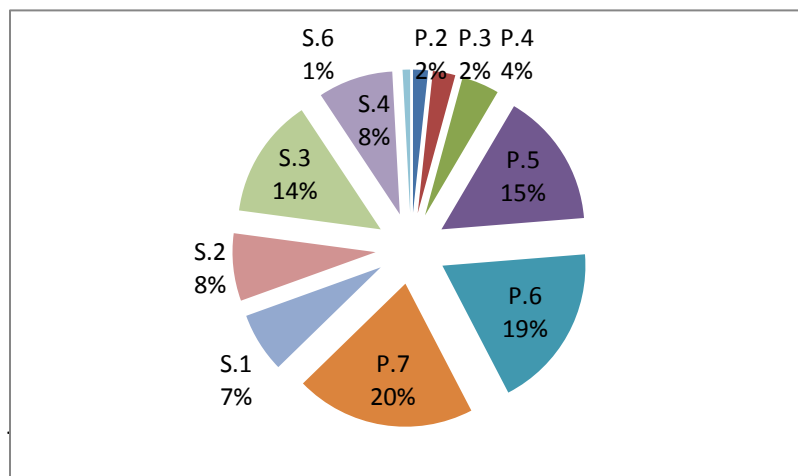


Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment survey-CCAYEF 2013

Highest level of education of the teens

Based on the study findings, majority of the teen mothers (54%) are impregnated after P.5 and p.7 (15% and 20%) respectively as illustrated in the figure 4 below

Figure 4 showing the highest level of education at conception

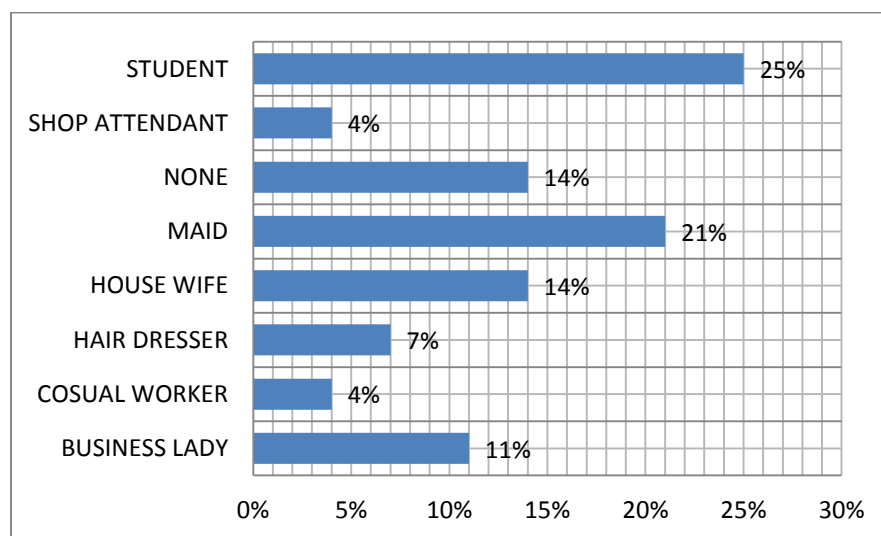


Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment report-CCAYEF 2013

Occupation of the teen at the time the pregnancy was conceived

Based on the assessment made on the existing teen mothers in Mukono, most of the impregnated teens are students (25%), and maids (21%). Further the same assessment revealed a high number of idle teens being also greatly impregnated (14%) who in turn get married after conception (14%) as illustrated in the figure5 below

Figure 5: Showing Occupation of the teen at conception



Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment report-CCAYEF 2013

Marital Status of the teen mothers

The study revealed only 1% of the teen mothers had remained in school even while pregnant. 73% were single and out of school and 27% of the surveyed teens were cohabiting by the time of the study. And the cohabiting teens, some reported had been expelled from home by parents and others expressed it that it was the only option they could take.



Source: CCAYEF Youth Corner Project 2013 (Teen mothers)

Monthly income of the men responsible for the pregnancy

Though there are Men impregnating teens with a monthly income of 680,000UgX, there are also those whose income is as below as 20,000Ugx received at the end of the month. However the study revealed an average income of men responsible for the pregnancies as 238,000Ugx though majority earn 200,000Ugx monthly and the same study pinned less income men as being the most in impregnating teens represented by the skewness values of 1.799 (tailed to the right) as detailed table 2 below:

Table 2: Showing income of the men responsible for Teen pregnancies

Statistics	
INCOME LEVEL	
Mean	238000.00
Median	200000.00
Mode	200000 ^a
Skewness	1.799
Minimum	20000
Maximum	680000

Source; Teen mother's vulnerability assessment survey-CCAYEF 2013

Table 4: Showing Number of Children under care by the teen mother

Statistics	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN YOU HAVE/ UNDER YOUR CARE	
Mean	1.10
Median	1.00
Mode	1
Std. Deviation	2.209
Skewness	4.575
Minimum	0
Maximum	12

Source; mother's vulnerability assessment report Teen -CCAYEF 2013

For the teens with children under their care, majority have one child , though those with many children they have 12 children they are taking care of and some have no child at all, as detailed in the table above.

Month/Duration of the Teen's pregnancy

The teens identified by the study, on average their pregnancies had 5.7 ~6 months old, and most of them at 6 months by the time the assessment was done. The assessment revealed the availability of teens whose pregnancies going up to 12 months before delivery.

Further,the study revealed the teens to be mostly being staying with; Parents, Aunties and ankles, Brothers and sisters, Good Samaritans, LC chair persons, boyfriends, Grand parents, Friends and family friends.

How do the teen intend to take care of the child?

- Take care of her child
- Take the child to the grad parents
- Become a house wife
- Aunt help in looking after the baby

- Proper breast feeding
- Father will be responsible
- Brothers help
- Feed the baby well
- Give the baby food
- Ask for help from in-laws

What do you plan to do after delivery?

- Attend hair dressing course
- Continue with business
- Continue working in a saloon
- Do avocation course
- Look for a job
- Get married
- Go back to school
- Husband promised to start a business for the teen mother after delivery

Conclusion:

The information above is analyzed from the Organisation's Vulnerability assessment form A and it is entirely available in CCAYEF only.