Who are we failing? How marginalisation and vulnerability affect adolescents' needs for and access to SRHR

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Summary report

Description:
This report summarises a rapid review carried out by Interact Worldwide and funded by Countdown 2015 Europe. The review addresses the perception that, in the context of SRHR, all adolescents are equally 'marginalised' and 'vulnerable' due to their age. It explores how such a general assertion neglects the dramatically different situations and experiences of adolescents throughout the world: in reality, not all are equally 'marginalised' or 'vulnerable'. The review asks Who are we failing and why? It aims to inform a disaggregation of the relevant factors, and to advocate for why it is critical to 'know your adolescent SRHR' and prioritise those that are most marginalised and vulnerable and have the greatest needs. The review used two methods: a literature review of over 90 papers, reports and websites; and 10 qualitative interviews with Interact Worldwide programme partners (in India, Malawi and Pakistan) and international NGOs, research institutions and multilateral agencies involved in SRHR. It focused on two primary and two secondary research questions: Primary research questions – What type of factors - socio-economic, cultural, institutional, etc - increase adolescents' marginalisation and vulnerability in the context of SRHR? What role do service delivery methods play in overcoming or exacerbating the factors that increase adolescents' marginalisation and ulnerability in the context of SRHR? Secondary research questions – What role do national policies play in overcoming or exacerbating the factors that increase adolescents' marginalisation and vulnerability in the context of SRHR? What role do donors play in overcoming or exacerbating the factors that increase adolescents' marginalization and vulnerability in the context of SRHR?

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