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Description:

In collaboration with the Strengthening Evidence for Programming on Unintended Pregnancy (STEP UP) Research Programme Consortium, the Population Council has implemented a project since 2014 to increase the demand for secondary school education in Homa Bay County, Kenya – an area characterized by high, unintended teenage pregnancy and female school drop-out rates. The main strategy employed for achieving this goal involves drawing on various communication channels for enhancing awareness in schools and communities of Kenya's school re-entry policy for out-of-school teenage mothers. This policy was introduced in 1994 to facilitate pregnant learners' re-entry into the school system after childbirth. It is undergirded by the country's National School Health Policy, which permits pregnant learners to remain in school for as long as possible.

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