Adaptation in practice: lessons from teenage pregnancy programmes in Sierra Leone

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Description:
Sierra Leone has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy in the world. Several recent research studies have generated evidence as to why. Drivers of this problem include lack of information, knowledge and skills among girls, their sexual partners and their families; weak institutions and services, such as health, education, social work and justice; poverty and girls’ limited access to assets; widespread sexual violence and exploitation, for which there is both social and legal impunity; and engrained social and gender norms that make girls vulnerable to early sex and pregnancy. This brief discusses initial learning emerging from the Adaptive approaches to reducing teenage pregnancy in Sierra Leone action research project. The project is accompanying three international NGOs in Sierra Leone as they trial adaptive approaches to addressing teenage pregnancy.

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