

# MIGORI COUNTY

## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

### FACTSHEET

#### Migori County Demographics



<b>POPULATION:</b>	<b>917,170 (2009)</b>
Male	49%
Female	51%
Population Density	353 people per Km <sup>2</sup>
National Percentage	3.6 %
Growth Rate	2.38%

<b>Age Distribution</b>	
0-15 years	48%
15-24 years	21%

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, (2010): The 2009 Kenya population and Housing Census.

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

- The county Poverty Rate in 2011 was at 32.0 % (8)
- The major economic activity is agriculture, while other economic activities include fishing, manufacturing and mining with potential for minerals such as zinc, copper, galena, gold, carbon dioxide.
- Nearly all (96%) children in the official primary school-age are enrolled in primary school - 93% and 99% being boys and girls respectively
- Despite the high primary school enrolment, only half (50%) of pupils in primary school transition to secondary school.
- Moreover, girls in Migori are disproportionately at risk of dropping out of secondary school. About 43% of primary school girls transition to secondary school compared to 56% of their male counterparts.

### SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

#### Main health problems affecting young people in Migori County

Main health problems	Causes	Consequences	Ways of addressing these problems
STIs/HIV, Drug and substance Abuse (DSA), Teenage pregnancy, Sexual and Gender based violence (SGBV)	Peer pressure, Poverty, Inadequate Knowledge on SRHR, Negative cultural practices	School dropout, Early Marriage, Mental health problems, Unsafe abortion	Create more Public education/ Awareness, Counseling, Parental guidance, Law enforcement on DSA

Source: National Council for Population and Development (NCPD). 2017

### SEXUAL DEBUT AND MARRIAGE

- Migori County has the lowest median age at first sexual intercourse with women (20-49 years old) reporting to first have had sex by age 16, two years earlier than the national average of 18 years. Half of the men (20-54 years old) report first sex by age 17year, similar to the national figure.
- Migori County women (25-49 years old) first married by age 17 and half of the men (30-54 years old) by age 22.

### TEENAGE PREGNANCY

- About 1 in 4 (24%) girls aged 15-19 years in Migori County have begun childbearing - 3.4% are pregnant with their first child and 20.9% have ever given birth. The proportion of adolescents who are already mothers is large relative to the national level (14.7%).

## TEENAGE PREGNANCY

- The County's age specific fertility rate for girls aged 15-19 (adolescent birth rate) is 136 births per 1000 girls, which is much higher than the national level of 96 births per 1000.
- Lifetime births per woman (Total fertility rate) is 5.3 higher than the national rate of 3.9 while the average woman's age at first birth is 17.9. (2)
- Migori County's adolescent birth rate is higher than the national rate - more than 1 in every 10 babies is born to an adolescent girl aged 15-19 (10)

## CONTRACEPTION

- Only 44% of currently married women aged 15-49 in Migori County use a modern contraceptive method compared to the national rate of 53% .(10)
- Only about 1 in 5 (17%) currently married girls aged 15-19 use contraceptives compared to 37% at national level.
- Unmet need for contraceptives, refers to the proportion of women who would like to avoid pregnancy but are not using a modern contraceptive method. About one in three (34%) of currently married women age 15-49 in Migori County have an unmet need for contraceptives, which is twice as high compared to the national rate of 17%. (10)
- More never married men use condoms than the never married women. In 2014, 69% of never married women used a condom during their last sexual encounter compared to 81% of their male counterparts

## HIV/AIDS

- With a HIV prevalence rate of 14.3%, the county has been categorized among the 9 Counties that account for the highest new HIV infections in the country.
- HIV prevalence among women in Migori County is higher (15.2%) than that of men (13.1%).(3)
- By end of 2015, there were 83,603 people were living with HIV in the County, with 22% being young people aged 15-24 years and 6% being children under the age of 15 years.
- There are about 8,000 adolescents living with HIV who are between the ages of 10-19 and 18,411 young people (15-24 years) living with HIV annual new HIV infections among adolescents 10-19 years old is 1,600 and 2,895 for 15-24 year olds

## FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

- Nationally, the prevalence of FGM has dropped from 38% in 1998 to 21% in 2014.
- The Kuria community in Migori County practice FGM for cultural reasons and have one of the highest rates of FGM in Kenya. In 2008/09, 96% of Kuria women had undergone female circumcision
- In 2015, a study showed that Migori County had FGM prevalence rate of 21%.
- FGM is not practiced among the Luo community in the County

## CALL TO ACTION

### All county leaders should:

- **SPEAK UP PUBLICLY** in favour of programmes that provide access to age-appropriate reproductive health information, counselling and services for all adolescents and youth as well as quality sexual and reproductive health services and commodities.
- **ADVOCATE FOR, SUPPORT AND PUT** in place programmes that promote innovative county-specific interventions to curb teenage pregnancy. County health department should be supported to ensure adolescent and youth-friendly SRH services are made available, accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable, and effective for all.
- **WORK CLOSELY** with law enforcement agencies to create awareness on legal standards concerning ages of marriage, consent, prosecution of perpetrators of sexual violence and access to social protection and sexual and reproductive health services.
- **WORK CLOSELY** with local administration and communities to address factor that predispose young girls to teen pregnancies

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