



Commission for Gender Equality

Public Education and Information on Empowering Young Women: Tackling Teenage Pregnancy for a Stronger South Africa

Teenage pregnancy continues to be a major challenge, cutting short dreams and limiting futures. The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) reminds us that when girls drop out of school due to pregnancy, their chances of securing decent work or starting a business shrink dramatically, impacting not just their lives, but South Africa's economic growth.

Despite national policies, adolescent mothers still face stigma, unsafe schools, and poor access to sexual and reproductive health services. These obstacles deepen poverty and restrict career paths. That is why the CGE's 2023 report calls for urgent, united action from government departments to strengthen school and community programmes, enforce policy, and provide academic and emotional support to pregnant learners.

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