

**EFFECTS OF EARLY PREGNANCIES ON ADOLESCENTS EDUCATION IN  
NAIROBI: A CASE STUDY OF MATHARE SLUMS**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this study was to identify effects of early pregnancies among girls living in the Mathare slums and the characteristic effects. The research approach used for this study was qualitative approach. The sample size was 15 participants engaged in in-depth interviews and the location of the study Compassion International Centre at Mathare. The study was also informed by literature review of studies previously carried out by individuals or organizations around the same subject. The study analyzed the data and interprets the findings to draw conclusions and makes recommendations that could help reduce the number of teenage pregnancy in the slum area. The study found out that the cause of adolescent pregnancy in the slum area, the impact this has on the girl's education, family as well as the society and the possible solutions. The study concluded that early pregnancy has an adverse effect not just the immediate family members but that the effects extent outward to a national concern. The study recommended that the government should introduce sex education in the curriculum which will help young girls who are sexually active to know how to protect themselves from unplanned pregnancy. Some of these methods will be use of condoms for such as are practicing abstinence.