UGANDA’S YOUTHFUL POPULATION

Quick facts

**Population Growth**
Uganda’s annual population growth is 3%, meaning 1,200,000 Ugandans are born every year.

**Young Population**
34.8% of Uganda’s 34.6 million population are adolescents with a similar sex distribution.

**Dependency Ratio**
Uganda’s dependency ratio is 103. Per 100 working age adults in Uganda, there are 103 dependents.

**Residence**
80% of Uganda’s youth live in rural areas. One out of four young people age 10-24 reside in urban areas.

**Poverty**
- 10.9% young males aged 10-24 are heading households.
- 38.5% of young people aged 10-19 live in the two poorest wealth quintiles
- 19.6% of young people aged 10-19 live in households where the head of household has no education.

**Employment**
- 64% of the young persons aged 15-29 years in Uganda are in some form of employment.
- Among the working population aged 10-24 years, 54.3% are females and 55.1% are males
- 15% of youth in school are also engaged in employment.

**School Attendance**
- 78% of young people aged 13-18 years are currently attending school.
- 10% of the 6-12 year olds have never been to school.

**School Drop out**
22% of adolescents age 13-18 have left school.

**Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET)**
8.8 million young people aged 15-24 are not engaged in education, employment or under any training.
Teenage Pregnancy
- One in four teenage girls in Uganda age 15-19 have had a child or are pregnant.
- 42% of all the pregnancies among adolescents in Uganda are unintended.

Health Risk Behaviors
- 22% of adolescents have ever had sexual intercourse.
- 10% of the sexually active adolescents aged 15-19 years had their first sexual encounter before age 15.

HIV/AIDS
- 94% of adolescents are aware about HIV
- Only 43% adolescents have ever tested for HIV.
- Every year 9,600 young people aged 15-19 years are newly infected with HIV.
- 66% of all the new HIV infections are concentrated among adolescent girls.

Family Planning
- 49% of the sexually active adolescents used a contraceptive method the last time they had sex.

Obstetric Fistula
- 1% of girls age 15-19 have experienced obstetric fistula.

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