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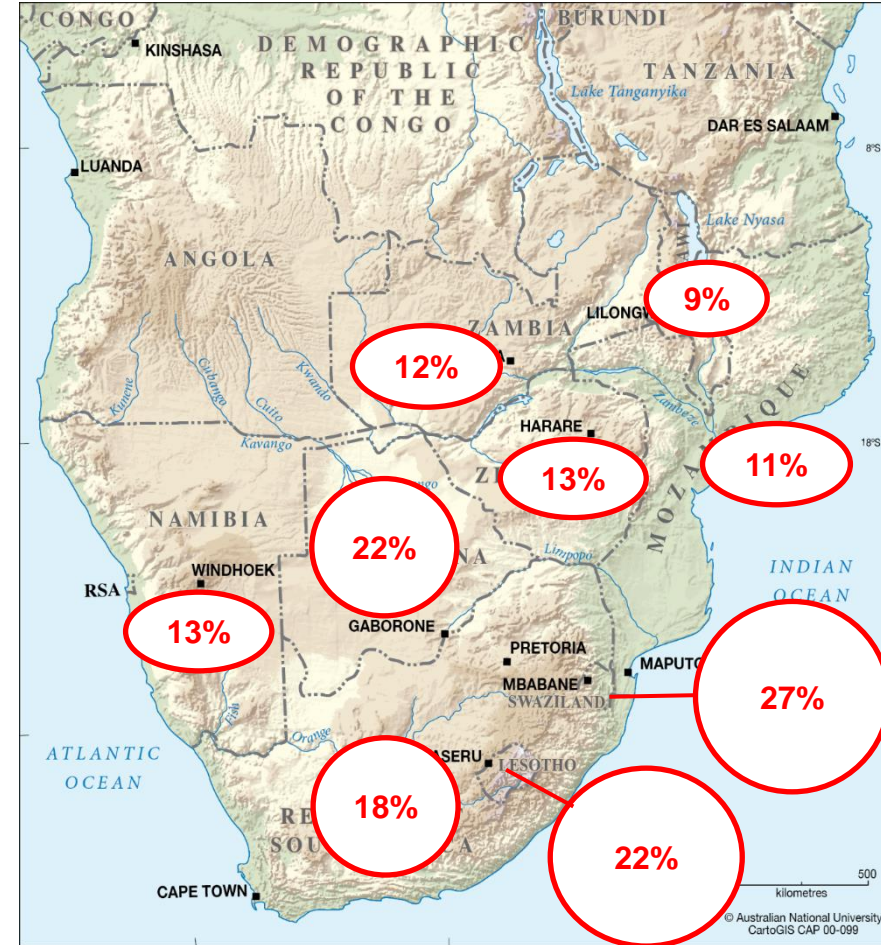
Critical Health and Education Challenges



HIV in Southern Africa

- **9 highest** HIV prevalence countries are in SADC
- **55%** of all people living with HIV live in East and Southern Africa
- **670,000** new infections/year in ESA
230,000 in age group 15-24
- **Main cause** of premature death 0-29 year in SADC
- **87%** (M) **92%** (F) know their HIV status in ESA

HIV Prevalence 2020 (%)



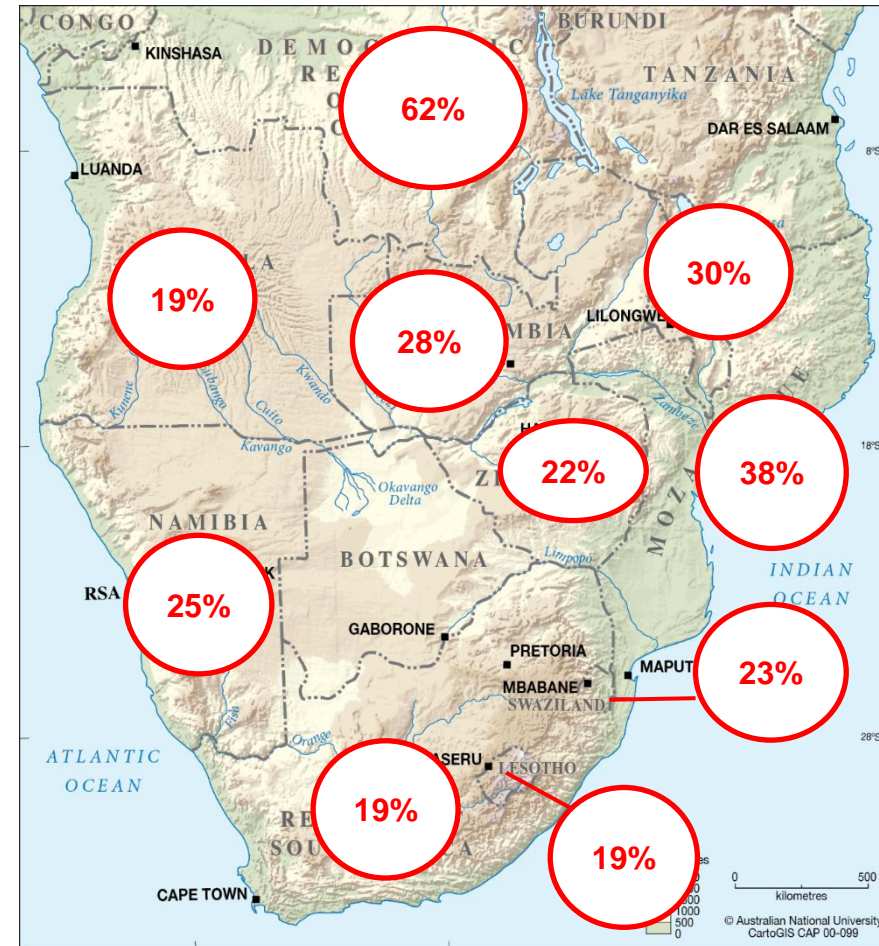
Source: UNAIDS Global HIV & AIDS Statistics



Early and Unintended Pregnancy

- 7 of the top 20 highest teenage (15-19) pregnancy rates are in SADC
- Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and gender inequalities are some of the root causes of the high pregnancy rate in the region
- In at least five SADC countries, almost 40% of children are married before age 18 (>50% in MAL, MOZ).
- AGYW are still confronted with negative and stigmatizing attitudes of health care providers when seeking health care

Teenage (10-19) Pregnancy Rates 2020 (%)



Source: Health Promot Perspect. 2020; 10(4): 325-337



Schools and Health

Nutritional
support

Comprehensive
Sexuality
Education

Access to
services

Financial
resources

Policy
environment



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