Child and Youth Agency Framework

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

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.

Schools and Health

- Nutritional support
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Access to services
- Financial resources
- Policy environment
Guiding References

- Global: SDG 3.3:
  "By 2030, end the epidemic of AIDS"

- UNAIDS 2021-2026 Strategy
  Tackling inequalities to close HIV gap

- Switzerland: International Cooperation Strategy 2021-2024
  "Promote health, reproductive and sexual rights, maternal and child health"

- SADC revised RISDP 2020-2030
  "Increased access to quality HIV and AIDS services for the realisation of an AIDS-free generation in the region"