Gender inequality

What does this mean for youth?
A diagram illustrating the Demographic Dividend, showing the positive outcomes of investments in health, education, and gender equity, leading to a secure old-age and wealth/child investment. The negative outcomes include missed opportunities due to child marriage, leaving school, repeat pregnancies, child illness & death, maternal morbidity, informal work, insecurity & displacement, and insecure old-age.

Source: UNFPA Global Value Proposition on Demographic Dividend (2016)
ARTICLE 11
THE GIRL AND BOY CHILD

1. States Parties shall adopt laws, policies and programmes to ensure the development and protection of the girl child by:

(a) eliminating all forms of discrimination against the girl child in the family, community, institutions and at state levels;

(b) ensuring that girls have equal access to education and health care, and are not subjected to any treatment which causes them to develop a negative self-image;

(c) ensuring that girls enjoy the same rights as boys and are protected from harmful cultural attitudes and practices in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

(d) protecting girls from economic exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence including sexual abuse; and

(e) ensuring that girl children have equal access to information, education, services and facilities on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

2. States Parties shall put in place legislative and other measures to ensure that the boy child enjoys the same rights as the girl child under sub-Article 1.

SADC Protocol on Gender and Development, 2008
GOAL 4: ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Proportion of out-of-school adolescents in lower secondary | Percent

16 AREAS ▼ MOST RECENT ▼ FEMALE 15-24 YR ▼

Proportion of out-of-school adolescents in lower secondary | Percent

16 AREAS ▼ MOST RECENT ▼ MALE 15-24 YR ▼
TR 3: END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ALL HARMFUL PRACTICES

Female genital mutilation/cutting | Percent

16 AREAS | MOST RECENT | TOTAL 15-49 YR

Tanzania 10
2015-2016

TR 3: END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ALL HARMFUL PRACTICES

Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in union before age 15 | Percent

16 AREAS | MOST RECENT | TOTAL

Madagascar 13
2018
TR 3: END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ALL HARMFUL PRACTICES

Proportion of women aged 15-24 years who have ever experienced sexual violence | Percent

16 AREAS ▼ MOST RECENT ▼ TOTAL 15-19 YR ▼

Congo DR
16
2013

Zimbabwe
4.7
2019
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

GOAL 5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Seats held by women in parliament | Percent

16 AREAS ▼ MOST RECENT ▼ TOTAL ▼

Source: UNFPA East and Southern Africa Data for Action Platform
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Challenges

Discriminatory social norms and misperceptions about young people’s agency and rights

Reluctant or judgemental attitudes by service providers or community actors

Lack of information on youth rights, on services available and where to seek help.
Thank you
Enabling factors for youth empowerment and development

Policy and Legal Environments
➔ Conducive/enabling legal and regulatory environment (including YP participation).

School
➔ Increase access, retention and transition to higher levels.
➔ Strengthen agency.
➔ Offer comprehensive sexuality education (CSE).

Health Services
➔ Respectful, non-judgmental, confidential, accessible, of quality.

Data Systems
➔ Generate disaggregated data (by age and sex).

Communities/Families
➔ Awareness and commitment to avoid GBV and Harmful Practices.
➔ Foster gender-equitable social norms.

» CSE delivered in formal or non-formal settings, makes a significant contribution to the elimination of GBV and harmful practices, including child marriage, FGM and child abuse.