

Title: Influences on Fertility Control and Early Parenthood in a Rural District of Zimbabwe

Abstract

This study investigated influences on fertility control and early parenthood among teenage learners from a rural district in Zimbabwe. Data on perceived influences on risks for early parenthood were collected from 1320 female secondary school learners (mean age=16 years, SD=1.35) using a semi-structured questionnaire. The data were analyzed descriptively. Teenagers believed to be at risk for early parenthood from early sexual debut, material poverty and peer influences to engage in sexual relationships.