

Module 1: Introduction to adolescence and to adolescent health - Adolescent health and development with a particular focus on sexual and reproductive health - Assignment

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World Bank. World Development Report 2007. Development and the next generation. Washington: World Bank; 2007.

In this document, the researcher concentrated on the investment of the families in the youth and young adults, besides the investment of the government in both families and youth, through giving multiple chances in education, which proved to increase the income and indirectly the life expand. Accessible health services are also one of the key elements that authorities should care about. Moreover, youth should be involved in decision-making and give them another chance if they failed to achieve certain goal, besides giving the youth the opportunity to develop their human capital.

UNFPA. UNFPA framework for action on adolescents and youth. Opening doors with 4 keys. New York: UNFPA; 2007.

In response to the needs of the adolescents concerning sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and education, UNFPA highlighted the role of funds to achieve SRH through implementation of the MDGs 2, 3, 5, and 6. (Education, Gender equality, Maternal mortality and HIV prevention).

The document also highlighted the adolescent's rights in free expression, health access, empowerment, and employment. To apply the above-mentioned strategies UNFPA is suggesting 4 keys which are, Supportive policy making that focus on young people, Gender-sensitive, life-skills-based SRH education, SRH services, and young people's leadership and participation.

The fund is not only for SRH and education, but also to make some long lasting strategies to prevent poverty among the targeted group.

WHO. Strengthening the health sector response to adolescent health & development. Geneva: WHO; 2009.

This document concentrates on the 4-S framework focusing on sexual and reproductive health, and HIV /AIDS among the adolescent group, putting the responsibility of the application of frame work not only on governments, but also with active participation from all sectors including NGOs and Private sector.

Also in this module it's believed on that through the 4-S frame work, we can address other public health issues affecting adolescents such as nutrition, mental health and violence. Moreover it's clearly stated that why we should invest in adolescents health, justifying by the 1.4 millions death that occur annually as a result of RTAs, suicide, HIV, and pregnancy, that could be prevented if we had invested in adolescents health. Above all the adolescents represents 1/5 of the total population.