

## The Time Is Now: Invest in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Young People

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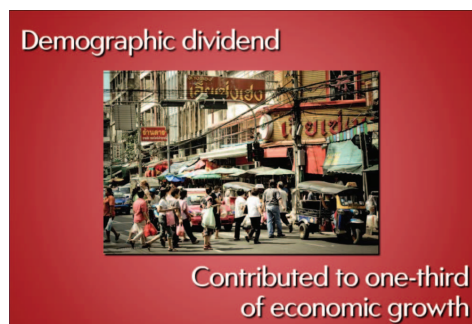
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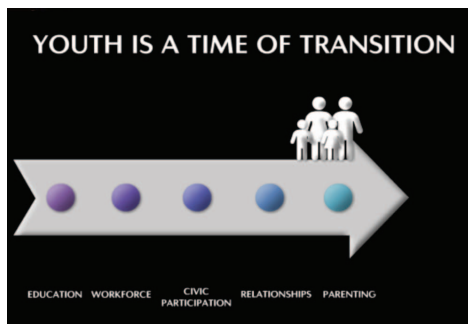


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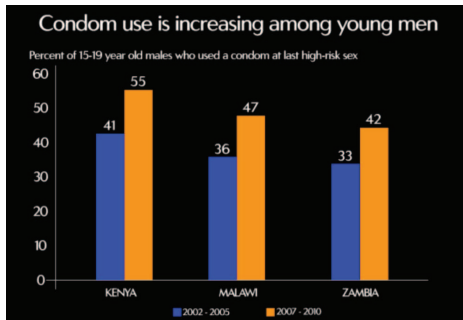


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### GNI Per Capita

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**If in Kenya...**

- 1.6 million adolescent girls completed secondary school
- 220,000 adolescent mothers were employed

**\$3.4 billion to Kenya's gross income every year**

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280 million young people  
280 million OPPORTUNITIES

UNDP World Population Prospects.

**Policymakers**

Increase funding and mobilize support for young people's sexual and reproductive health

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## Community leaders

Speak out about the importance of protecting the health and well-being of young people

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## All sectors

Ensure the availability of reproductive health information and services

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## Leaders at all levels

Involve young people in the design, implementation, and evaluation of policies and programs

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"THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE WAS 20 YEARS AGO..."



...THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW."

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