

PROJECT LAUNCH

CENTERING MARGINAL VOICES

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- NASCENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Building Research and Advocacy skills for young mothers to advocate for their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

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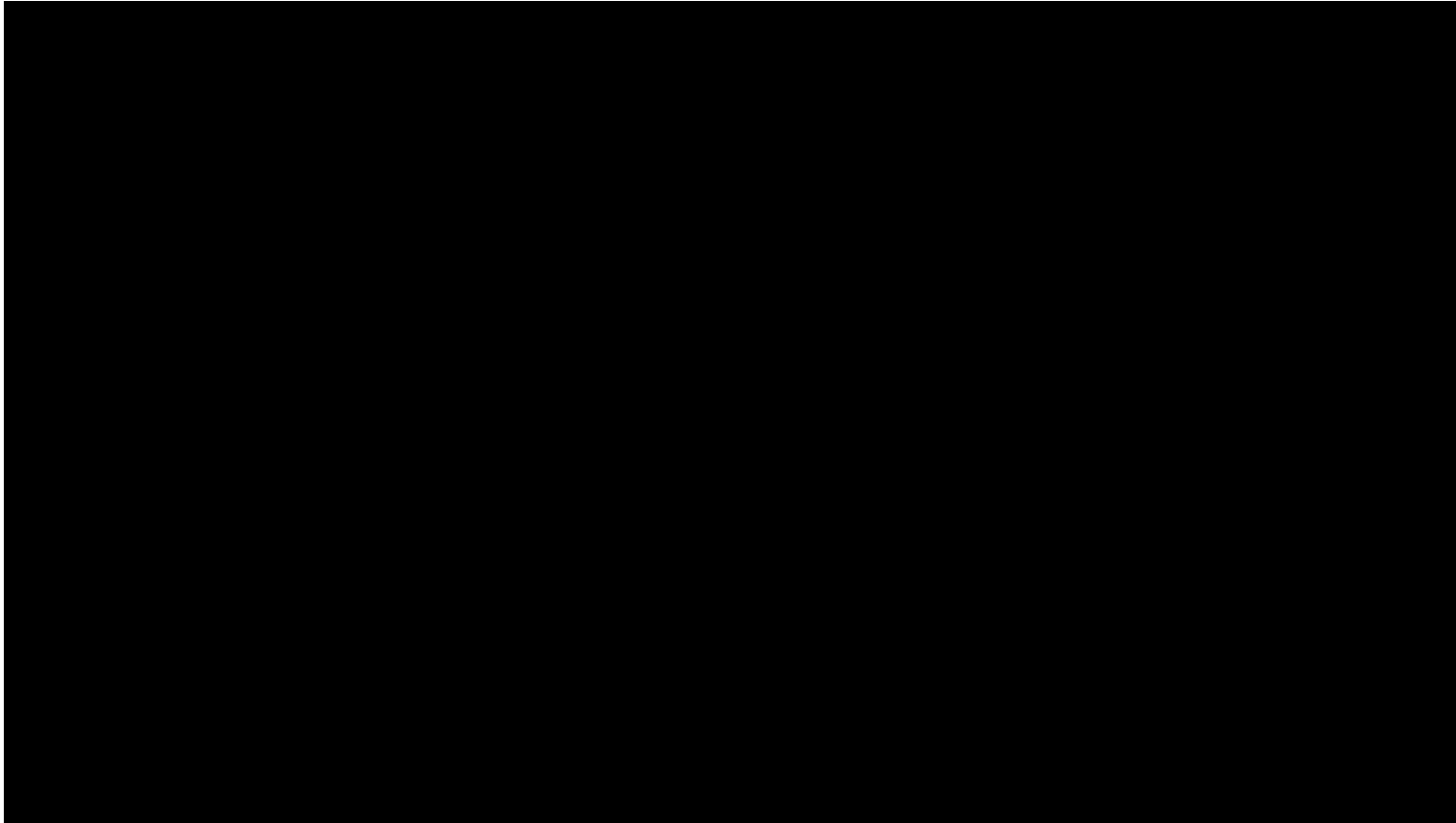
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Webinar Objective

To introduce the project to and seek support from stakeholders

Uvic Dean HSD Prof. Helga Hallgrimsdottir



Re-Imagining Young Motherhood in Uganda

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Introduction

Teenage pregnancy as an ancient notion

Rate stagnant for over ten years and off-target ...

REGIONS MOST AFFECTED BY TEENAGE PREGNANCIES

Region	District	No. of teenage pregnancies
Busoga	Kamuli	6,535
	Mayuge	6,205
Buganda	Mukono	5,535
	Wakiso	10,439
	Rakai	2,711
	Luwero	4,545
	Kampala	8,460
Lango	Oyam	6,449
	Lira	4,697
West Nile	Arua	4,705
	Yumbe	3,973
Rwenzori	Kasese	7,319
	Kyenjojo	4,341

Source: UNFPA Uganda Fact Sheet on Teenage Pregnancy, 2021

Realities of Young motherhood

Muted realities.

- Inadequate information on SRHR.
- Contraceptive usage.
- Abortion.
- Pleasure.

Early and forced marriage.

Economic hardships.

Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

Covid-19 and related constraints.

What is the problem?

- Framing of 'teenage pregnancy.
- Problematizing the individuals.
- De-centered from the mainstream of motherhood.
- Marginalized category (in-between identity)
- Tensions and contestations in policy and practice.
- Silenced voices in SRHR decision-making.



Possibilities

- Evidence generation with youth peer researchers.
- Create avenues for illuminating youth voice.
- Listen to youth voice.
- Enhance youth actions.



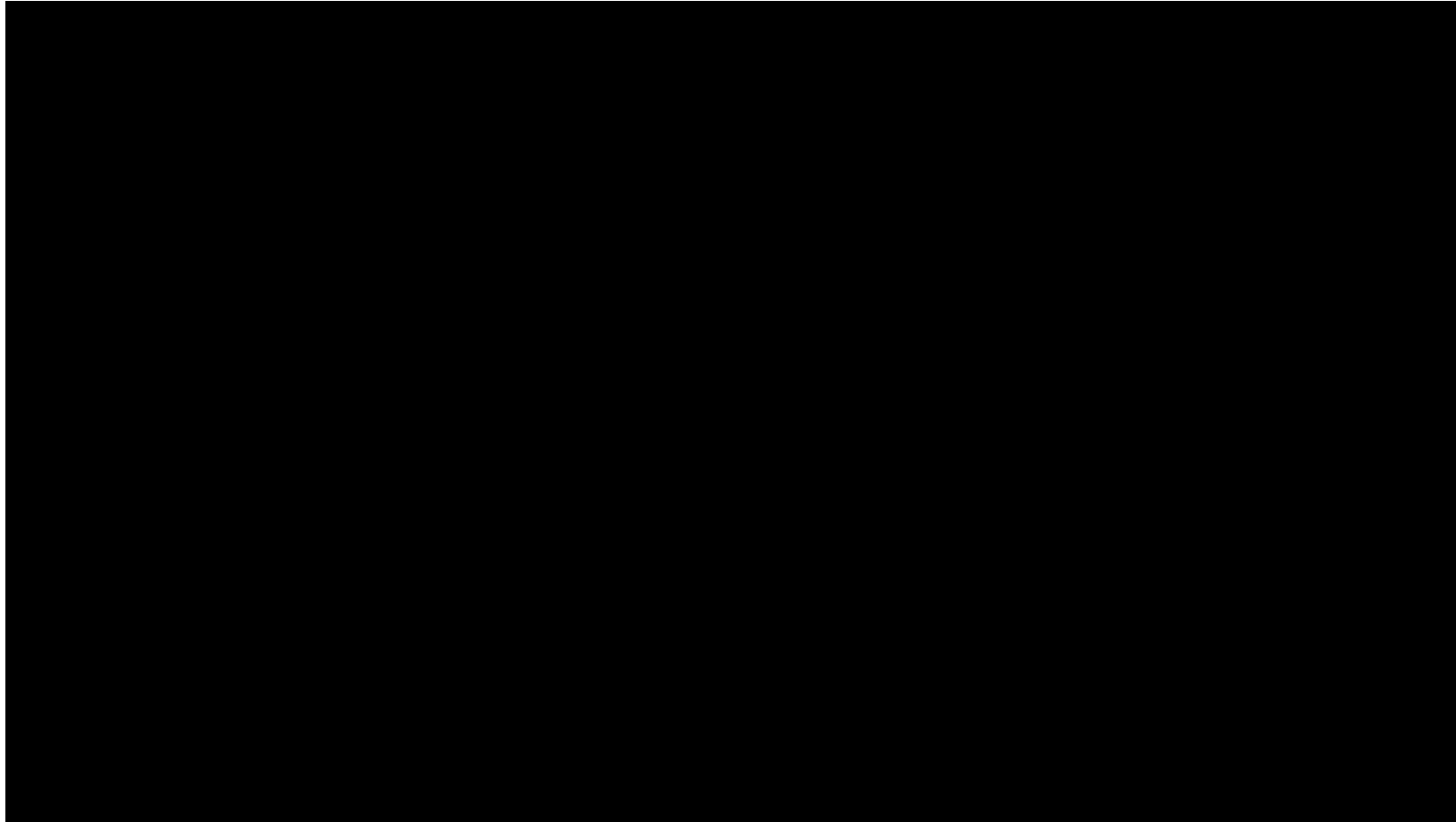
Why Should Young Mothers have a voice?

Young
mothers'
Ambassador



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About the project



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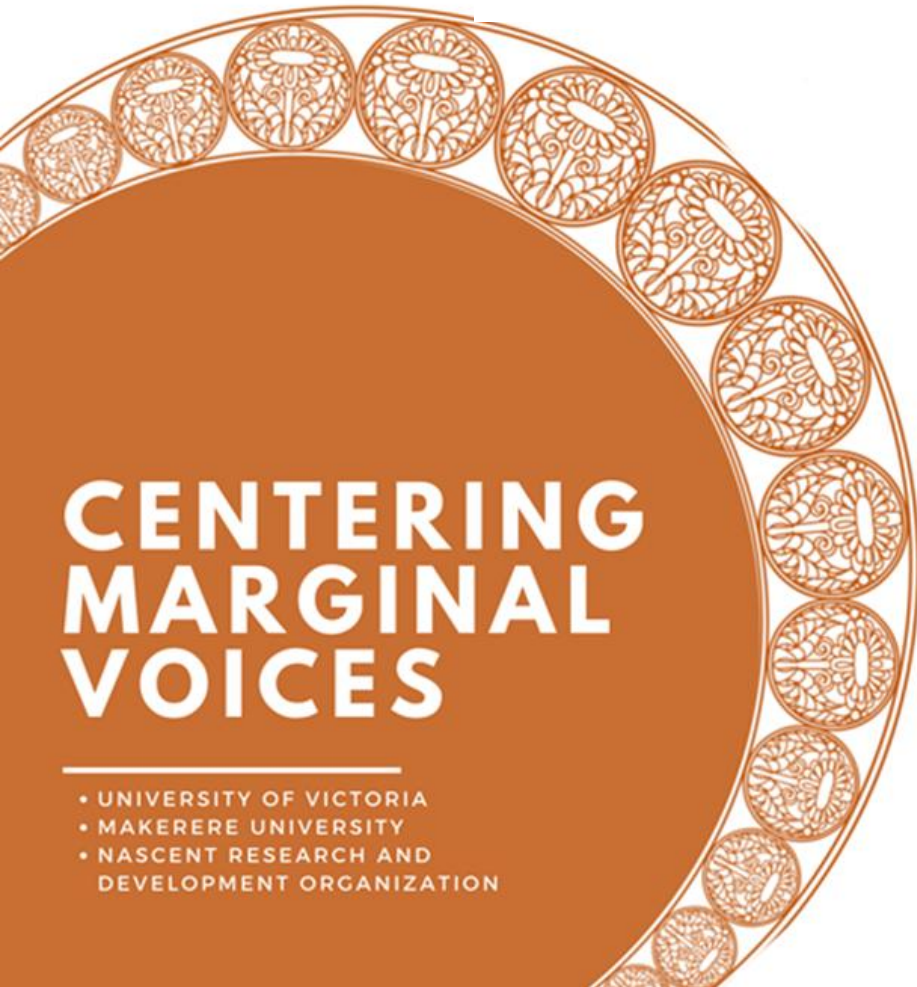
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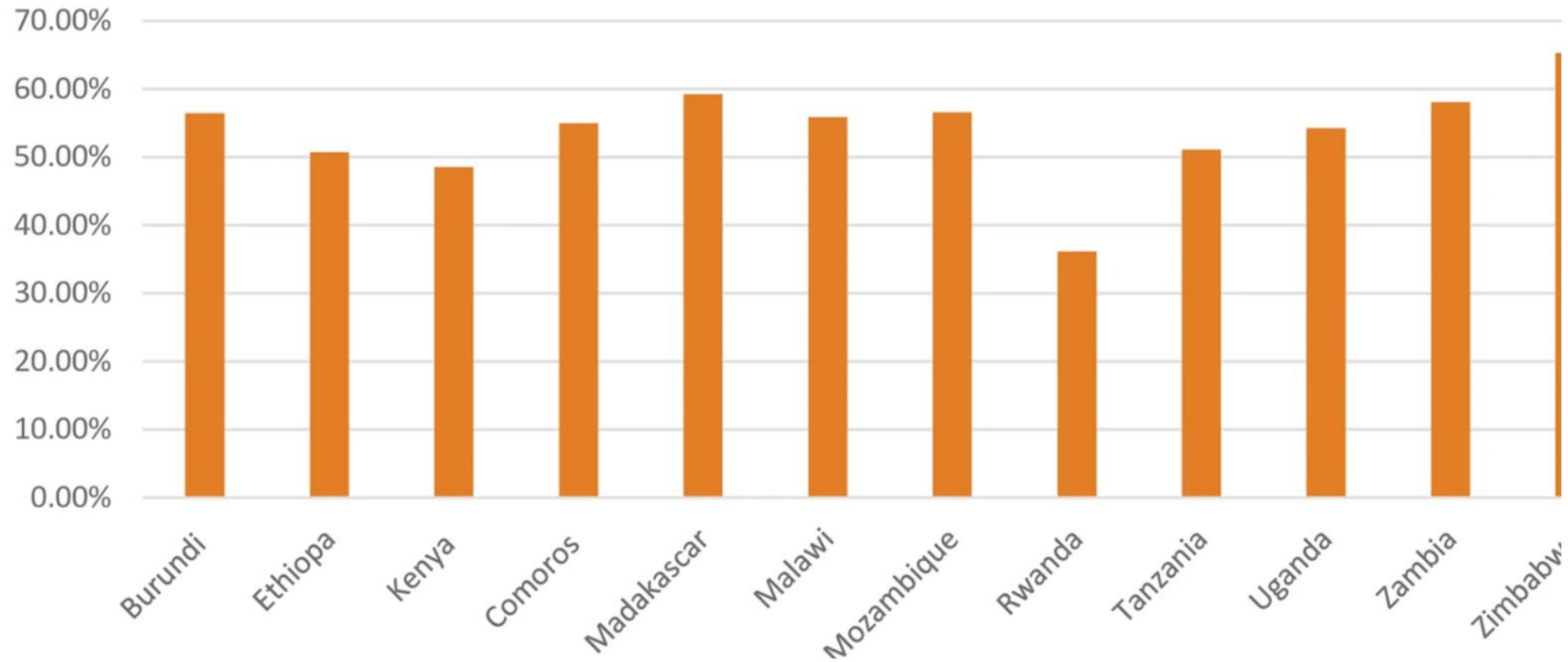
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Partnership Development Grants Program

Background

- Africa: 45% of the unintended pregnancies (15-19)
- 25% in Uganda (below 18)



Source: Worku et al. (2021)

Policies

THE **INDEPENDENT**

You Buy the Truth, We Pay the Price

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**New pregnancy
policy bears
twin problems**

Is Education
ministry aborting
discipline to
please donors?

- Protectionist & morally conservative policy regime
 - Based on adult-centric, Eurocentric, knowledge, & principles,
- Are young mothers' perspectives important/necessary?.

Study Objectives

- Existing policies, programs, and practices
- Young mothers' experiences
- Young mothers' **conceptualization of the gendered social norms**
- **Process of co-creating youth-focused, contextually relevant knowledge**
- Analyze public response.



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Methodology

- Kawempe & Iganga
- Relational epistemology &
- CPBR approach
 - Youth peer-to-peer participatory methods

Data collection

- Phase 1 Policy analysis and collection of baseline data
- Phase II Qualitative data
- Phase III: Public engagement and subsequent documentation



Data Analysis

- Descriptive statistics for quantitative data
- Qualitative data will be continuously analyzed as we go with the active involvement of young mothers



Dissemination & Advocacy

- Youth led dissemination strategies
- Youth led advocacy



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