

MOTHERHOOD IN ADOLESCENCE

— VOICES FROM THE MARGINS —

SUMMARY TABLES



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SUMMARY RESULTS

Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1.2 Age group				
10 – 13 Years	70	18.3	51	13.3
14 – 16 Years	97	25.4	107	27.9
17 – 19 Years	215	56.3	226	58.9
Total	382		384	
Average	16.3		16.5	
Median	17		17	
1.3 Location				
Rural	16	4.2	379	98.7
Urban	366	95.8	5	1.3
1.4a. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest public health facility				
Half an hour	295	77.2	154	40.1
Half an hour to 1 hour	75	19.6	177	46.1
1 to 2 hours	10	2.6	39	10.2
More than 2 hours	2	0.5	14	3.6
1.4b. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Private health facility				
Half an hour	363	95.0	292	76.0
Half an hour to 1 hour	15	3.9	82	21.4
1 to 2 hours	4	1.0	8	2.1
More than 2 hours			2	0.5
1.4c. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Public primary school				
Half an hour	248	64.9	222	57.8
Half an hour to 1 hour	119	31.2	143	37.2
1 to 2 hours	14	3.7	12	3.1
More than 2 hours	1	0.3	7	1.8

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1.4d. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Private primary school				
Half an hour	330	86.4	230	59.9
Half an hour to 1 hour	46	12.0	129	33.6
1 to 2 hours	6	1.6	21	5.5
More than 2 hours			4	1.0
1.4e. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Public secondary school				
Half an hour	191	50.0	96	25.0
Half an hour to 1 hour	145	38.0	207	53.9
1 to 2 hours	38	9.9	54	14.1
More than 2 hours	8	2.1	27	7.0
1.4f. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Private secondary school				
Half an hour	259	67.8	123	32.0
Half an hour to 1 hour	99	25.9	162	42.2
1 to 2 hours	23	6.0	63	16.4
More than 2 hours	1	0.3	36	9.4
1.4g. How long does it take for you to walk from your home to the nearest Police station				
Half an hour	301	78.8	158	41.1
Half an hour to 1 hour	68	17.8	171	44.5
1 to 2 hours	13	3.4	37	9.6
More than 2 hours			18	4.7
1.5 Which of the options best describe your housing situation				
Owner	115	30.1	337	87.8
Rental	263	68.8	47	12.2
Homeless	4	1.0		
1.6 Number of people who live in your home				
0 - 3	118	30.9	93	24.2
4 – 6	159	41.6	131	34.1

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
7 - 10	93	24.3	128	33.3
11 or more	12	3.1	32	8.3
Average	5.2		6.1	
1.7 Marital status				
Never married	298	78.0	250	65.1
Currently married (Monogamous)	47	12.3	92	24.0
Currently married (Polygamous)	1	0.3	34	8.9
Co-habiting	15	3.9	1	0.3
Separated	21	5.5	7	1.8
1.8 Who else lives in the household (Multiple)				
Husband	56	14.7	88	22.9
Child or Children (belonging to husband)	17	4.5	43	11.2
Child or children (for another man)	8	2.2	13	3.4
Biological father	81	21.2	166	43.2
Biological mother	154	40.3	220	57.3
Brothers	135	35.3	199	51.8
Sisters	165	43.2	192	50.0
Grandmother	40	10.5	62	16.1
Grandfather	10	2.6	22	5.7
Uncle	17	4.5	17	4.4
Aunt	29	7.6	20	5.2
Male cousin	6	1.6	12	3.1
Female cousin	8	2.2	13	3.4
1.9 How many children do you have				
Never had a child	279	73.0	206	53.6
Currently pregnant	9	2.4	21	5.5
One child	64	16.8	119	31.0

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Two or more	19	5.0	19	4.9
Miscarried	4	1.0	2	0.5
Pregnancy terminated	5	1.3	6	1.6
Baby died (after birth)	2	0.5	11	2.9
1.10 Who takes care of your child (n=Kawempe,83; Iganga, 154)				
Self	29	34.9	42	27.3
Father of the child	38	45.8	54	35.1
My mother	8	9.6	36	23.4
My grandmother	4	4.8	10	6.5
The child's father's family member/relative	4	4.8	12	7.8
1.11 Has ever attended school				
Yes	371	97.1	381	99.2
No	11	2.9	3	0.8
1.12 Highest level of schooling you completed				
None/never went to school	11	2.9	3	0.8
Pre-primary school			1	0.3
Lower primary (P1-P4)	70	18.3	55	14.3
Upper primary (P5-P7)	146	38.2	237	61.7
Lower secondary (S1-S4)	141	36.9	87	22.7
Upper secondary (S5-S6)	14	3.7	1	0.3
1.13 Can read and write a sentence in a local language				
Read and write	268	70.2	161	41.9
Read only	25	6.5	55	14.3
Write only	18	4.7	23	6.0
Cannot read and write	71	18.6	145	37.8
1.14 Can read and write a sentence in English				
Read and write	307	80.4	199	51.8

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Read only	16	4.2	42	10.9
Write only	21	5.5	26	6.8
Cannot read and write	38	9.9	117	30.5
1.15 What kind of school do/did you attend (n=Kawempe, 371; Iganga, 381)				
Boarding school	31	8.4	24	6.3
Mixed boarding and day school	176	47.4	123	32.3
Day school	164	44.2	234	61.4
1.16 Are you currently attending school? (n= Kawempe, 371; Iganga, 381)				
Yes	143	38.5	167	43.8
No	228	61.5	214	56.2
1.17 How old were you when you left school (n=Kawempe, 228; Iganga, 214)				
10 – 13 Years	60	26.3	37	17.3
14 – 16 Years	122	53.5	143	66.8
17 – 19 Years	46	20.2	34	15.9
Average	14.6		15.0	
1.18 Why did you leave school (Multiple, n= Kawempe, 228; Iganga, 214)				
Graduated	2	0.9	3	1.4
Domestic work	10	4.4	4	1.9
Forced marriage	2	0.9	3	1.4
Early marriage	11	5.1	14	6.5
Work	14	6.1	3	1.4
Pregnancy	24	10.3	39	18.2
COVID lockdown	78	34.2	61	28.5
Sex work	2	0.9	5	2.3
Illness	10	4.4	5	2.3
Lack of school fees and scholastic materials	159	69.7	123	57.5
Menstruation-related challenges	10	4.4	3	1.4

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Other (Mother died, father refused, father died, I got tired)	18	7.9		
1.19 What kind of work do you do to earn money (Multiple)				
Agricultural work	0	0.0	136	35.4
Service sector	0	0.0	2	0.5
Care takers	5	1.3	7	1.8
House cleaning	42	11.0	16	4.2
Water carrier	3	0.9	4	1.0
Sex work	7	1.8	11	2.9
I don't know/none	246	64.4	190	49.5
Hawking/vending	51	13.4		
Other (Making crafts, Tailoring, hair dressing, mobile money, money lending)	31	8.1	32	8.3
1.20 Religion				
Catholic	99	25.9	71	18.5
Anglican	61	16.0	82	21.4
Muslim	123	32.2	161	41.9
Pentecostal	93	24.3	68	17.7
SDA	6	1.6	2	0.5
1.21. Leisure activities you engage in (Multiple)				
Dancing	122	31.9	99	25.8
Parties	48	12.6	70	18.2
Movies/cinemas	126	33.0	69	18.0
Religious activities	48	12.6	65	16.9
Singing/Choir	129	33.8	100	26.0
Games	77	20.2	98	25.5
Concerts/Festivals	37	9.7	26	6.8
None of these	40	10.5	40	10.4

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Other (reading books, resting, making baskets, digging, doing housework)	62	16.2	72	18.7
SECTION 2: YOUNG MOTHERS' AND SOCIETAL PERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUNG MOTHERHOOD				
2.0 Has ever been pregnant				
Yes	107	28.0	182	47.4
No	275	72.0	202	52.6
2.1 Age at first pregnancy (n= Kawempe, 97; Iganga, 182)				
10 – 13 Years	6	6.2	8	4.4
14 – 16 Years	38	39.2	88	48.4
17 – 19 Years	53	54.6	86	47.3
Average	16.4		16.2	
2.2 Circumstances that best define the cause of the pregnancy (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 107, Iganga, 182)				
Mutual sexual relationship	46	43.0	136	74.7
Rape or sexual exploitation	3	2.8	19	10.4
Coerced or pressured into sex	24	22.4	11	6.0
Sex work	4	3.9	3	1.6
One-time financial need	16	15.0	10	5.5
I was married when I got pregnant	18	16.8	6	3.2
Failed contraceptive	17	16.0	1	0.5
Under influence of alcohol	2	2.0		
Other (Bad situation, because my parents, I wanted to)	5	4.7		
2.3 How did you find out you were pregnant (n= Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
I missed my period	52	48.6	134	73.6
I was tested at school	7	6.5	12	6.6
I was tested at health facility	28	26.2	28	15.4
I took a home pregnancy test	13	12.1	2	1.1

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Other (Vomiting, headache)	7	6.5	6	3.3
2.4. Age of sexual partner at the time he made her pregnant (n= Kawempe, 89; Iganga, 176)				
1-6 Years younger	2	2.2	15	8.5
Age mate	2	2.2	16	9.1
1-6 years older	56	62.9	118	67.0
7-10 years older	16	18.0	19	10.8
11+ years	13	14.6	8	4.5
Average	6.5		4	
2.5 Where did you first meet the sexual partner who made you pregnant (n= Kawempe, 89; Iganga, 182)				
My home	15	14.0	22	12.1
Their home	48	44.9	81	44.5
Place of worship	5	4.7		
School	5	4.7	22	12.1
Relative's home	3	2.8	6	3.3
Friend's home	8	7.5	2	1.1
Community event	2	1.9	1	0.5
Party	6	5.6	6	3.3
Bar	3	2.8	6	3.3
Disco	3	2.8	14	7.7
Other (at work, refused to answer, in the village)	9	8.4		
2.6 How many sexual partners have you ever had (n=Kawempe 107; Iganga, 182)				
One	41	38.3	147	82.1
Two	34	31.8	21	11.7
Three	10	9.3	9	5.0
Four or more	22	20.6	2	1.1

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2.8 Which option best describes the current relationship with the person who made you pregnant (n=Kawempe 107; Iganga, 182)				
The father denied responsibility for the child/pregnancy	34	31.8	51	28.0
The father was married to someone else	11	10.3	23	12.6
The father run off for fear of being arrested	4	3.7	25	13.7
I was forced into sex	1	0.9		
I am married to / cohabiting with the father (willingly)	22	20.6	31	17.0
I was forced to marry/ live with him	2	1.9	10	5.5
The father is supportive	24	22.4	28	15.4
Other (we are fine, gives little support, he disappeared, I aborted)	9	8.4	14	7.7
2.9 Relationship with the person who committed the rape (n= Kawempe, 1; Iganga)				
Stranger	1			
2.10 What she did to the person who committed the rape				
I told my sister	1			
2.12 How did you feel when you found out you were pregnant (multiple, n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga 182,)				
Terminating the pregnancy	17	15.9	12	6.6
Felt like committing suicide	12	11.2	5	2.7
Happy/excited	34	31.8	16	8.8
Scared	45	42.1	111	61.0
Unhappy	23	21.5	10	5.5
Mixed feelings	32	29.9	18	9.9
Other (I terminated the pregnancy)	2	1.9	10	5.5
2.14 Experiences of being a young mother (Multiple, n= Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
I feel good because I was not forced to get pregnant, it was my choice, and I love being a mother	34	31.8	38	20.9
I feel good /proud	34	31.8	33	18.1

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
I feel ashamed	22	20.6	85	46.7
I feel bad	21	19.6	34	18.7
I feel sad and lonely	22	20.6	21	11.5
I feel worthless	14	13.1	14	7.7
I feel Mature	19	17.8	8	4.4
I feel respected	37	34.6	7	3.8
Other (I need help, I fear to be a parent)	2	1.9	8	4.4
2.15 Rating of family/relatives' perceptions of young motherhood (n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga)				
Very good	10	9.3	16	8.8
Good	19	17.8	15	8.2
Fair	36	33.6	23	12.6
Bad	22	20.6	68	37.4
Very bad	20	18.7	60	33.0
2.16 Rating of community's perceptions of young motherhood				
Very good	8	7.5	22	12.1
Good	9	8.4	27	14.8
Fair	29	27.1	31	17.0
Bad	38	35.5	74	40.7
Very bad	23	21.5	28	15.4
SECTION 3: ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE				
3.1a How do you access information about sexual and reproductive health (Multiple)				
Parents	206	53.9	139	36.2
Pamphlet	14	3.7	26	6.8
Educational movies	24	6.3	11	2.9
Mass media	41	10.7	35	9.1
Internet/social media	41	10.7	9	2.3
Teachers	126	33.0	85	22.1

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
School clubs	54	14.1	99	25.8
Health workers	142	37.2	111	28.9
Siblings	37	9.7	16	4.2
Friends	62	16.2	61	15.9
Counsellors	53	13.9	11	2.9
Other (Neighbors, NGOs, husband, on phone, none, Aunt, Jaja)	27	7.1	83	21.6
3.1b. Broadly speaking, when you reflect on your experience as a young mother, is there anything you wish you knew before getting pregnant? (n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
I knew everything I needed to know	27	25.2	29	15.9
How to avoid pregnancy	67	62.6	96	52.7
Dos and don'ts of first pregnancy	28	26.2	53	29.1
How to avoid sexual violence	15	14.0	46	25.3
What to do when one experiences sexual violence	9	8.4	20	11.0
How to avoid forced/early marriage	16	15.0	33	18.1
What to expect during antenatal care	13	12.1	4	2.2
What to expect during postpartum care	10	9.6	5	3.0
Other (Nothing, Family Planning, doesn't know)	13	12.1	8	4.4
3.2 Is your father /guardian alive				
Yes	250	65.4	320	70.6
No	109	28.5	118	26.0
Don't know	23	6.0	15	3.3
3.3 Does your father /guardian live in the same household as you (n=Kawempe, 250; Iganga, 320)				
Yes	69	27.6	155	48.4
No	181	72.4	165	51.6
3.4 Have you ever discussed reproductive health-related matters with your father (n=Kawempe, 250; Iganga, 320)				
Yes	34	13.6	33	10.3

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	216	86.4	287	89.7
3.5 How difficult or easy is it for you to talk with your father about SRHR? (n= Kawempe, 34; Iganga, 320)				
Very easy	12	35.3	25	7.8
Easy	5	14.7	39	12.2
Fairly difficult	8	23.5	63	19.7
Very difficult	8	23.5	185	57.8
Do not see him/ don't live with him	1	2.9	8	2.5
3.6 What did you discuss with your father? (n= Kawempe, 34; Iganga, 33)				
About the person responsible for the pregnancy	6	17.6	3	9.1
Marriage	4	11.8	10	30.3
Childbirth	10	29.4	2	6.1
Menstrual hygiene	6	17.6	2	6.1
Abstinence	12	35.2	13	39.4
HIV	27	79.4	19	57.6
Pregnancy	20	58.8	8	24.2
Sexual violence			2	6.1
Contraceptives	2	5.9	3	9.1
Other (studies, STIs)	3	8.8	3	9.1
3.7 Which option best describes your experience talking about reproductive health with your father? (n=Kawempe, 250; Iganga, 320)				
It is taboo to talk about reproductive health with men	41	16.4	95	29.7
My religion or cultural practices forbid me to have these conversations	18	7.2	30	9.4
My father thinks it is not proper to discuss reproductive health matters with girls	39	15.6	26	8.1
I'm afraid to talk with my father about sexuality and reproductive health because he'll think I'm mature and ready to get married	45	18.0	64	20.0

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
I'm afraid to talk with my father about sexuality and reproductive health because he'll punish me	28	11.2	34	10.6
I'm uncomfortable and embarrassed to talk to my father	43	17.2	51	15.9
I prefer to discuss dating, and relationship matters with people who are not related to me, such as friends, teachers, and neighbours	9	3.6	5	1.6
My father is ill-prepared to have these conversations with me and often shares inaccurate information with me	4	1.6	7	2.2
I have open conversations about menstruation, healthy relationships, sexually transmitted infections, consent, contraception, etc. with my father and know my questions and concerns will be kept confidential	23	9.2	8	2.5
3.8 How old were you when you first started talking about reproductive health with your father? (n=Kawempe, 27; Iganga, 15)				
less than 10	2	7.4	2	
10 to 12	5	18.5	2	
12 to 14	13	48.1	6	
14 to 16	5	18.5	4	
Over 16	2	7.4	1	
3.10 Is your mother/guardian alive?				
Yes	306	80.1	343	89.3
No	60	15.7	37	9.6
Don't know	16	4.2	4	1.0
3.11 Does she live in the same household as your mother/guardian (n=Kawempe, 306; Iganga, 343)				
Yes	180	58.8	209	60.9
No	126	41.2	134	39.1
3.12 How difficult or easy is it for you to talk with your mother about SRHR? (n=Kawempe, 306; Iganga, 343)				
Very easy	118	38.6	108	31.5
Easy	67	21.9	178	51.9

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Fairly difficult	47	15.4	9	2.6
Very difficult	63	20.6	43	12.5
Do not see her/don't live with her	11	3.6	5	1.5
3.12a Have you ever discussed SRHR matters with your mother? (n=Kawempe, 306; Iganga, 343)				
Yes	179	58.5	213	62.1
No	127	41.5	130	37.9
3.12b. What did you discuss with your mother? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 179; Iganga, 343)				
About the person responsible for the pregnancy	20	11.2	28	8.2
Marriage	51	28.5	65	19.0
Childbirth	52	29.1	34	9.9
Menstrual hygiene	96	53.6	64	18.7
Abstinence	77	43.0	113	32.9
HIV	148	82.7	168	49.0
Pregnancy	100	55.9	88	25.7
Sexual violence	15	8.4	20	5.8
Contraceptives	10	5.6	40	11.7
Other (over moving, going to school, work)	3	1.7	14	4.1
3.14 Which option best describes your experience talking about reproductive health with your mother? (n=Kawempe, 306; Iganga, 343)				
It is taboo or immoral to talk about reproductive health	14	4.6	45	13.1
My religion or cultural practices forbid me to have these conversations	6	2.0	26	7.6
I'm afraid to talk with my mother about sexuality and reproductive health because she'll think I'm mature and ready to get married	38	12.4	45	13.1
I'm afraid to talk with my mother about sexuality and reproductive health because she'll punish me	39	12.7	52	15.2

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
I think my mother wanted to talk to me about sex-related issues, but thought the conversation could prompt me to experiment with sex	24	7.8	56	16.3
I prefer to discuss dating, and relationship matters with people who are not related to me, such as friends, teachers, and neighbours	23	7.5	20	5.8
My mother is ill-prepared to have these conversations with me and often shares inaccurate information with me	11	3.6	14	4.1
I have open conversations about menstruation, healthy relationships, sexually transmitted infections, consent, contraception, etc. with my mother and know my questions and concerns will be kept confidential	130	42.5	60	17.5
My mother didn't explicitly talk about reproductive health with me. Instead, she talked about broader issues related to hygiene, education, morality, housekeeping, and dress code for girls	21	6.9	25	7.3
3.15 How old were you when you first started talking about reproductive health with your mother? (n=Kawempe, 162; Iganga, 99)				
less than 10 Years	14	8.6	1	1.0
10 to 12 Years	42	25.9	18	18.2
12 to 14 Years	51	31.5	38	38.4
14 to 16 Years	38	23.5	39	39.4
Over 16 Years	17	10.5	3	3.0
3.17 How often or occasionally do you hold such discussions/conversations? (n=Kawempe, 162; Iganga, 213)				
At least once a day	39	24.1	61	28.6
At least once a week	43	26.5	90	42.3
At least once a month	44	27.2	44	20.7
At least once a year	36	22.2	18	8.5
3.19 Where have you had lessons on SRH? (Multiple)				
Never	56	14.7	71	18.5
At school	232	60.7	141	36.7

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Church/mosques	28	7.3	35	9.1
Community	122	31.9	96	25.0
Hospitals/Health centers	163	42.7	141	36.7
NGOs	48	12.6	24	6.3
Others (radio, VHTs, mother, friends, father, Aunt)	33	8.6	49	12.8
3.20 What topics were covered in those lessons (multiple n=Kawempe, 326; Iganga, 313)				
Adolescent sexuality	93	28.5	24	7.7
STIs, including AIDS and HIV prevention	235	72.1	77	24.6
Abstinence	191	58.6	76	24.0
Being faithful	99	30.4	53	16.9
Correct and consistent use of condoms,	49	15.0	166	53.0
Medical male circumcision,	11	3.4	15	4.8
Treatments approved by the ministry of health	24	7.4	7	2.2
Risky sexual practices (sex without a condom)	16	4.9	11	3.7
Reporting physical and sexual violence	20	6.1	18	5.8
Contraceptives	68	20.9	101	32.3
Care during pregnancy	19	5.8	3	1.1
Young motherhood stigma	4	1.2	5	1.6
Puberty (body changes, period),	8	2.4		
Gender norms	8	2.4	5	1.6
Personal care and hygiene	47	14.4	6	1.9
Nutrition	18	5.5	1	0.3
Alcohol and substance use	7	2.1	2	0.6
Harmful and unlawful traditional practices and their effects (genital mutilation, early marriages, etc.)	11	3.4	1	0.3
Unsafe abortions and post abortion care services	15	4.6	3	1.1
Child abuse	29	8.9	33	10.5

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
3.21 Who gave you that information at school? (multiple n=Kawempe, 326; Iganga, 313)				
Senior woman teacher	199	61.0	118	37.7
Senior male teacher	16	4.9	20	6.4
School nurse	181	55.5	157	50.2
NGO	71	21.8	34	10.9
Religious leaders	20	6.1	10	3.2
Peers	57	17.5	28	8.9
Prefects	42	12.9	6	1.9
School club members	49	15.0	3	0.9
Senga (Aunt)	38	11.7	58	18.5
Local leader	23	7.1	14	4.5
VHTs	27	8.3	45	14.4
Others (Mother, Jaja, community members, friends)	29	8.9	55	17.6
2.22 What kind of examination/test did you go through at school? (multiple)				
None	153	40.1	154	40.1
Pregnancy test	118	30.9	37	9.6
STI test	69	18.1	8	2.1
HIV test	211	55.2	167	43.5
Virginity test	13	3.4	10	2.6
Breast cancer	17	4.5	4	1.0
Vaginal screening	8	2.1	4	1.0
3.23 Did you consent to go through a physical examination at school? (n=Kawempe, 229; Iganga, 220)				
Yes	205	89.5	189	82.2
No	24	10.5	41	17.8
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3.24. Young people should protect themselves from HIV/AIDS				

Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	357	93.5	337	87.8
No	1	0.3	16	4.2
Not sure	24	6.3	31	8.1
3.25 Someone can protect him/herself from HIV/AIDS by (Multiple)				
Having sexual relations with one uninfected, faithful partner	106	27.7	141	36.7
By abstaining from sex	221	57.9	209	54.4
By bathing immediately after having sex	8	2.1	20	5.2
By using condoms only during the first sexual encounter	53	13.9	113	29.4
By using condoms consistently	146	38.2	138	35.9
By not sharing a plate of food with someone infected by HIV	50	13.1	17	4.4
Others (Not sharing sharp objects, doesn't know, not sleeping with infected person)	54	14.1	30	7.8
3.26. It is a duty of girls/women only to protect themselves from HIV				
Yes	349	91.4	288	75.0
No	33	8.6	96	25.0
3.27. It is a responsibility of girls/women only to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy				
Yes	361	94.5	313	81.5
No	21	5.5	71	18.5
3.28 You cannot get pregnant if;				
You use contraceptives.	260	68.1	170	44.3
Have sex while standing.	9	2.4	65	16.9
Bathe immediately after having sex.	17	4.5	40	10.4
Use condoms	292	76.4	264	68.8
The first time you have sex with a new boyfriend	5	1.3	6	1.6
Spend a short time in the act	6	1.6	3	0.8
Take Panadol before or after having sex	28	7.3	32	8.3

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Others (Withdraw method, doesn't know, avoid having sex	43	11.3	38	9.9
3.29 When a boyfriend beats his girlfriend or husband beats his wife and can justify why he beat her, it is not okay				
Yes	118	30.9	215	56.0
No	264	69.1	169	44.0
3.30. Sometimes I think men/boyfriends should discipline their wives/girlfriends.				
Yes	91	23.8	288	75.0
No	291	76.2	96	25.0
3.31. Sometimes I think even women/girls should discipline their husbands/wives				
Yes	89	23.3	244	63.5
No	293	76.7	140	36.5
3.32. Do you think that women have the right to refuse sex, even with their husband or partner?				
Yes	313	81.9	252	65.6
No	69	18.1	132	34.4
3.33. Do you think you can refuse sex with your boyfriend or girlfriend when he/she wants to, but you do not want?				
Yes	320	83.8	219	57.0
No	62	16.2	165	43.0
3.34. How easy would you find it to buy a condom at a local shop if you had money or ask for one at the health centre?				
Very easy	35	9.2	72	18.8
Easy	34	8.9	139	36.2
Difficult	112	29.3	9	2.3
Impossible	135	35.3	139	36.2
Don't know	66	17.3	25	6.5
3.35. Do you think it's right for you to have sex against your will?				
Yes	75	19.6	46	12.0

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	307	80.4	338	88.0
3.36. If a boyfriend/husband forces you to have sex when you do not want, you should not report him				
Yes	265	69.4	238	44.9
No	117	30.6	292	55.1
SECTION 4: YOUNG MOTHERS' ACCESS TO SRH PRODUCTS AND SERVICES				
4.1 At what age did you start menstruating				
10 – 13 years	190	49.7	173	45.1
14 – 16 years	133	34.8	144	37.5
17 – 19 years	5	1.3	9	2.3
Not yet started	54	14.1	58	15.1
Average	13.1		13.4	
Median	13		13	
4.2 What sanitary products did you use? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 328; Iganga, 326)				
Cloth	132	40.2	197	60.4
Nickers	31	9.5	61	18.7
Toilet tissue	37	11.3	5	1.5
Disposable sanitary pads	221	67.4	126	38.7
Re-usable pads	35	10.7	124	38.0
Menstrual cup	9	2.7	7	2.1
4.3 How did you access those sanitary products? (n=Kawempe, 328; Iganga, 326)				
Parents	192	58.5	192	58.9
School	18	5.5	33	10.1
Self	93	28.4	66	20.2
Peers	11	3.4	7	2.1
NGOs	2	0.6	10	3.1
Health center	1	0.3	5	1.5

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Others (Aunt, Sister, Jaja)	11	3.4	13	4.0
4.4 What are the challenges associated with menstruation? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 328; Iganga, 326)				
Lack of products	85	25.9	31	9.5
Abdominal pain	275	83.8	255	78.2
Shame/stigma	25	7.6	18	5.5
Missing classes	22	6.7	15	4.6
Irregular period	27	8.2	22	6.7
Lack of privacy	38	11.6	8	2.5
Lack of water	20	6.1	11	3.3
Lack of pants	21	6.4	15	4.6
Lack of soap	26	7.9	18	5.5
Others (Back pain, none, body weakness, headache)	44	14.9	44	13.5
4.5 Do you use contraceptives				
Yes	72	18.8	118	18.2
No	310	81.2	532	81.8
4.6 At what age did you start using contraceptives? (n=Kawempe, 69; Iganga, 118)				
10 – 13 years	13	18.8	13	11.0
14 – 16 years	13	18.8	50	42.4
17 – 19 years	43	62.3	55	46.6
Average	16.2		16.1	
4.7 What kind of contraceptives methods do you use? (multiple, n=Kawempe, 72; Iganga, 118)				
Herbs or traditional medicines	7	9.7	12	10.2
Condoms	19	26.4	12	10.2
Injections	47	65.3	82	69.5
Moon-beads	1	1.4		
Withdrawal	7	9.7		

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
IUD	11	15.3	15	12.7
Other (Implant, pills)	7	9.7	8	6.7
4.8 Who encouraged you to use contraceptives? (multiple, n=Kawempe, 72; Iganga, 118)				
Mother	19	26.4	46	39.0
Father	1	1.4	1	0.8
Teacher	9	12.5	16	13.6
Peers	22	30.6	27	22.9
Forced	6	8.3	3	2.5
Self	20	27.8	31	26.3
Partner	23	31.9	9	7.6
Other (Heard on radio, friends, health workers, sister)	6	8.3	19	16.1
4.9 How do you access contraceptives? (multiple, n=Kawempe, 72; Iganga)				
Parents	14	19.4	42	35.6
School	9	12.5	26	22.0
Self	12	16.7	20	16.9
Peers	14	19.4	30	25.4
NGOs	4	5.6	6	5.1
Health center	44	65.3	50	42.4
Others (VHT, sister)			8	6.8
4.10 Did you access antenatal services? (n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
Yes	75	70.1	163	89.6
No	32	29.9	19	10.4
4.11 What kind of antenatal services did you access (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 75; Iganga, 163)				
Regular clinical visits (at least one per month)	40	53.3	72	44.2
STIs testing and treatment	42	56.0	69	42.3
Information about how to ensure a healthy pregnancy, labour and delivery, and breastfeeding	15	20.0	21	12.9

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ultrasound to check if the baby was growing well	31	41.3	10	10
Immunisation	47	62.7	59	36.2
Mama kit	11	14.7	32	19.6
Counselling	42	56.0	26	16.0
Other (Weight check)	1	1.3		
4.12 How would you rate your experience at the health care facility during antenatal care? (n=Kawempe, 75; Iganga, 163)				
Not at all satisfied	9	12.0	12	7.4
Slightly satisfied	25	33.3	29	17.8
Neutral	4	5.3	19	11.7
Very satisfied	21	28.0	42	25.8
Extremely satisfied	16	21.3	61	37.4
4.13 What were the major challenges in accessing services during your pregnancy? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 75; Iganga, 182)				
Services are not available in my community	17	22.7	35	19.2
Services are available but expensive	21	28.0	45	24.7
Healthcare facility staff were not youth-friendly	20	27.0	28	15.4
Long waiting time	31	41.3	50	27.5
Long queues	38	50.7	45	24.7
Lack of privacy	6	8.0	4	2.2
Rude and judgemental service providers	32	42.7	6	3.3
Providers that lacked training for and in understanding adolescent and young women's reproductive needs	4	5.3	7	3.8
The overall quality of services was poor	5	6.7		
Mistrust of the health workers	3	4.0	3	1.6
Household financial status	8	10.6	7	3.3
Lack of transport	7	18.7	44	24.0
4.14 Why did you decide not to seek antenatal services? (multiple, n=Kawempe, 32; Iganga, 19)				

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
I didn't know where to go or who to talk to	21	65.6	3	
I preferred to go to a traditional herbalist than a health worker	11	34.4	2	
Services were unavailable in my village	10	31.3	4	
Services were too expensive	3	9.4	6	
Healthcare facility staff were not youth-friendly	2	6.3	3	
Long queues	2	6.3	1	
Rude and judgemental service providers	3	9.4	4	
Providers that lacked training for and in understanding adolescent and young women's reproductive needs			0	
My family forbade me to leave the house to preserve their reputation	1	3.2	0	
Other (No money, aborted,	7	21.9	0	
4.15 Where did you deliver your baby? (n=Kawempe, 104; Iganga, 165)				
Public health care facility	71	68.3	128	77.6
Private health care facility	15	14.4	29	17.6
At home	12	11.5	8	4.8
Other (not yet, I aborted)	6	5.8		
4.16 How would you rate your experience at the health care facility during labour and delivery? (n=Kawempe, 86; Iganga, 182)				
Not at all satisfied	10	11.6	25	13.7
Slightly satisfied	24	27.9	26	14.3
Neutral	13	15.1	24	13.2
Very satisfied	25	29.1	69	37.9
Extremely satisfied	14	16.3	38	20.9
4.17 Did you experience any challenges at the health care facility during labour and delivery? (n=Kawempe, 86; Iganga, 182)				
Yes	39	45.3	102	56.0
No	47	54.7	80	44.0

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
4.17b. What challenges did you face during labour and delivery? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 39; Iganga, 102)				
Baby died	1	2.6	17	16.7
Over bleeding	20	51.3	64	62.7
Harsh treatment	16	41.0	6	5.9
Lack of necessities	17	43.6	9	8.8
Lack of privacy	10	25.6	11	10.8
High costs	7	17.9	8	7.8
Other (over bleeding, too much pain)	5	12.8	16	15.7
4.18. Did you access postpartum services? (n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
Yes	65	60.7	148	81.3
No	42	39.3	34	18.7
4.19. What kind of postpartum services did you access? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 65; Iganga, 148)				
Mom and baby health check (1 to 4 appointments up to 6 weeks after birth)	33	50.8	104	70.3
STIs testing and treatment for the newborn	20	30.8	31	20.9
Breastfeeding education	34	52.3	21	14.2
Immunisation	50	76.9	43	29.1
Nutrition counselling	28	43.1	7	4.7
Counselling	21	32.3	16	10.8
4.20. What were the major challenges in accessing services after you delivered your baby (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 65; Iganga, 182)				
Services are not available in my community	21	32.3	45	24.7
Services are available but expensive	19	29.2	48	26.4
Healthcare facility staff were not youth-friendly	8	12.3	26	14.3
Long waiting time	27	41.5	37	20.3
Long queues	26	40.0	21	11.5
Lack of privacy	10	15.4	9	4.9

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Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Rude and judgemental service providers	22	33.8	13	7.1
Providers that lacked training for and in understanding adolescent and young women's reproductive needs	8	12.3	3	1.6
The overall quality of services was poor	3	4.6	2	1.1
Mistrust of the health workers	7	10.8	3	1.6
Household financial status	8	12.3	2	1.1
Lack of transport	16	24.6	43	23.6
4.21. Why did you decide not to seek postpartum services? (Multiple, n=Kawempe, 42; Iganga, 34)				
I didn't know where to go or who to talk to	30	73.8	5	14.7
I preferred to go to a traditional herbalist than a health worker	9	21.4	7	20.6
Services were unavailable in my village	14	33.3	10	29.4
Services were too expensive	13	31.0	4	11.8
Healthcare facility staff were not youth-friendly	3	7.1		
Long queues	6	14.2	3	8.8
Rude and judgemental service providers	6	14.2		
Providers that lacked training for and in understanding adolescent and young women's reproductive needs	1	2.4		
Other (Aborted)	2	4.8	8	23.5
4.22. Do you know anyone who has terminated their pregnancy? (n=Kawempe, 107; Iganga, 182)				
Yes	27	25.2	53	29.1
No	80	74.8	129	70.9
4.23. What procedure did they use to terminate the pregnancy? (n=Kawempe, 27; Iganga, 53)				
Support of a health care professional	19	70.4	10	18.9
Herbs	5	18.5	31	58.5
Sharp instrument	1	3.7	16	30.2
Pills	6	22.2	11	20.8
Taking strong tea	5	18.5	8	15.1

Question/Options	Kawempe		Iganga	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Drinking laundry detergent			2	3.8
Other methods (Doesn't remember)	4	14.8	6	9.8

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