

## The Burden of Teenage Pregnancies and motherhood in Kenya

SCHOOL



About 1 in every 5 school going teenage girl gets pregnant by the age of 20



The National teenage pregnancy prevalence rate is **18%**;

**378,397** adolescent girls (10-19) presented with pregnancy in health facilities across 47 counties between July 2016-June 2017

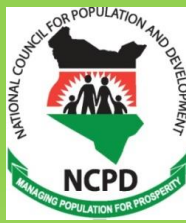
### What are the implications of early child bearing?



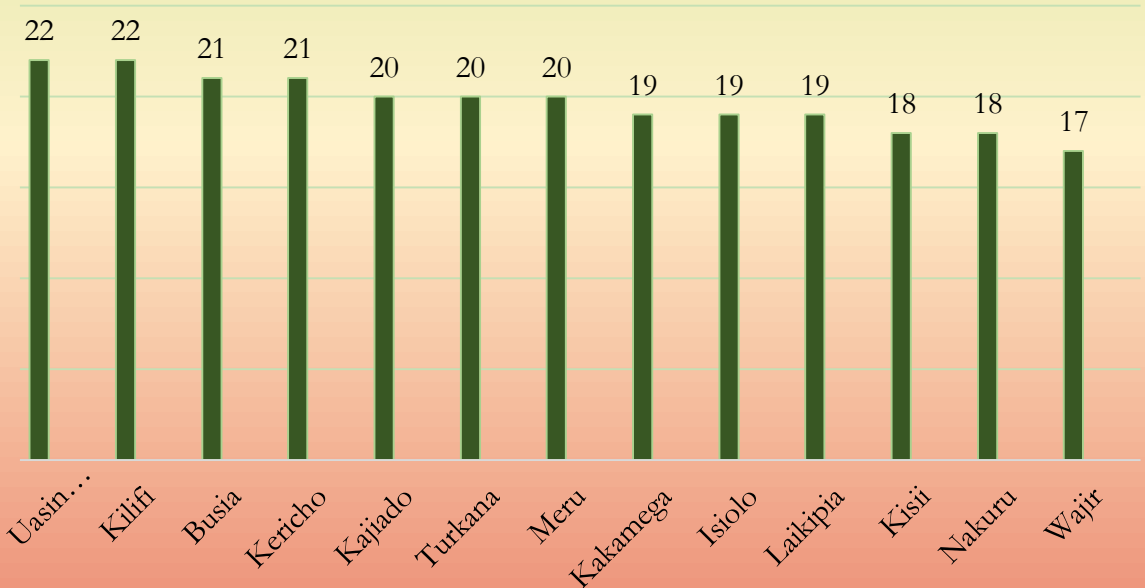
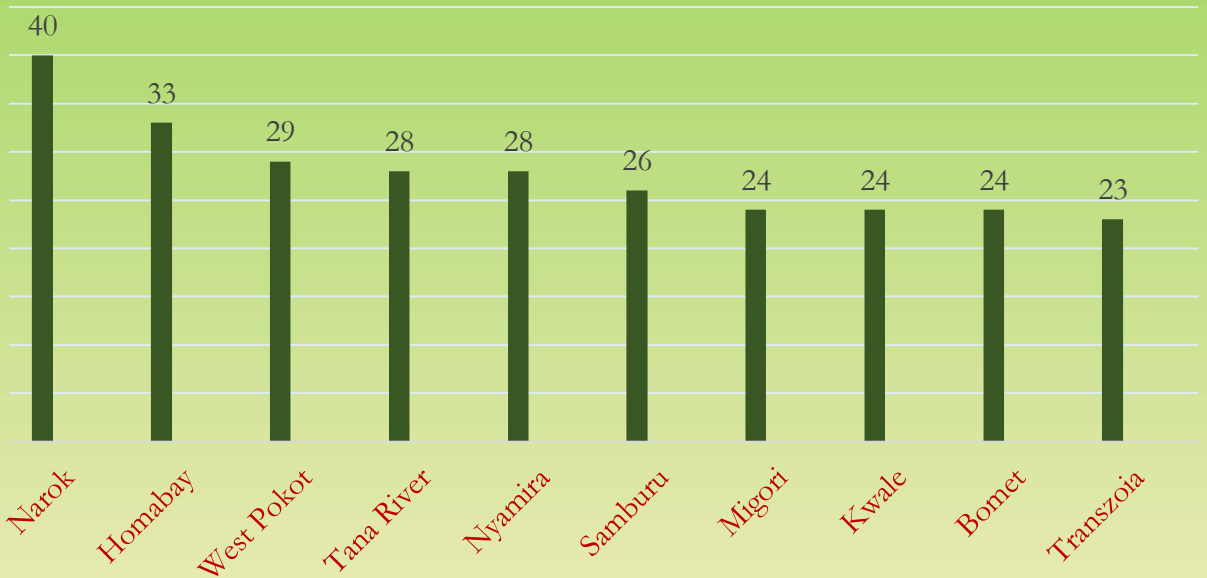
- Compromises girl child education attainment and ability to secure decent economic opportunities;
- High morbidity and mortality rates for both the mother and the child;
- Early child marriages and;
- Economic and social burden on families



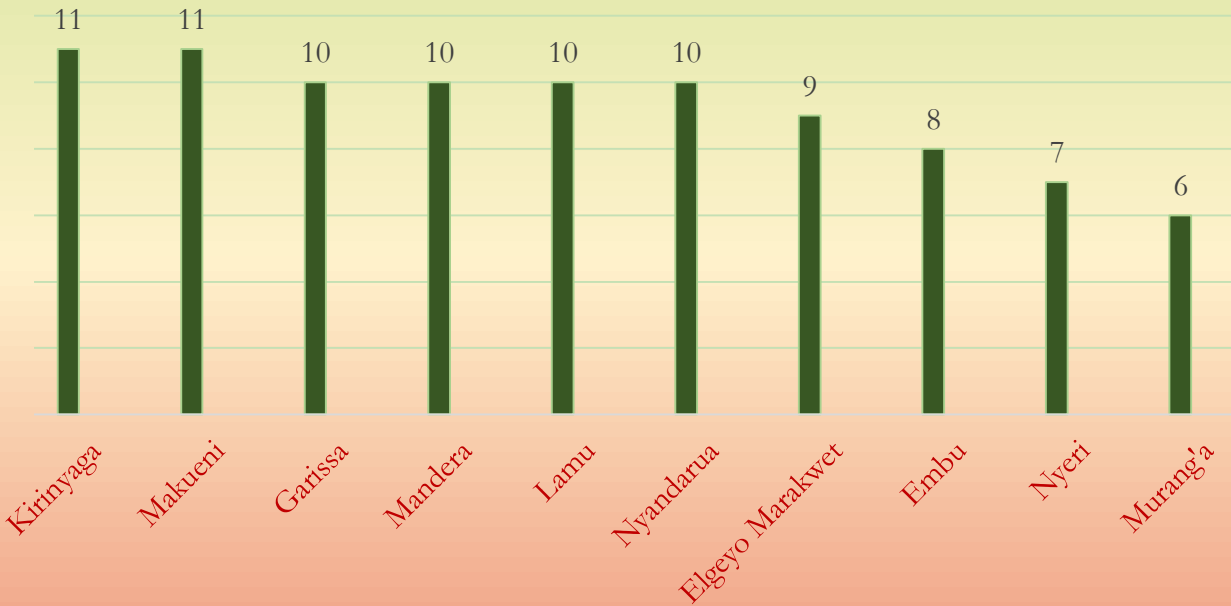
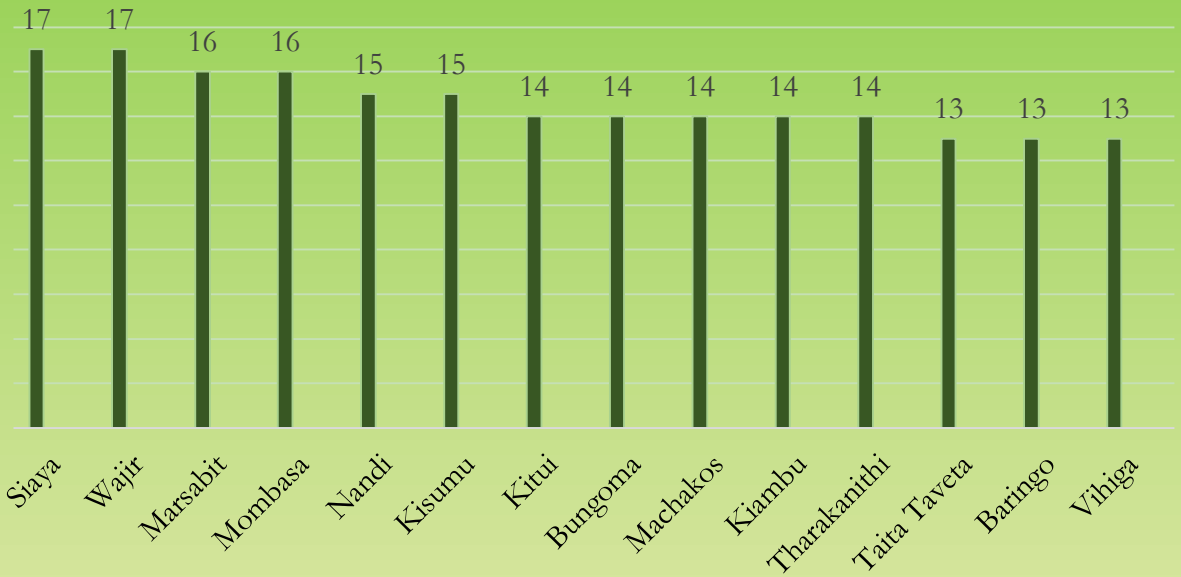
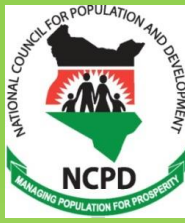
Some counties however are disproportionately affected than others as demonstrated in the Bar graphs below:



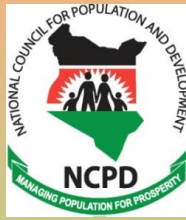
## Teenage Pregnancy Prevalence Rate (in Percentage) per County from the Highest to the Lowest



Source (2014,KDHS)



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## Recommendations to help reduce Teenage pregnancy

- Embrace family life education in schools;
- Encourage girls to stay and work hard in school,
- Promote county specific interventions to curb teenage pregnancy;
- Eliminate retrogressive cultural practices like FGC and early marriage;
- Parents should maintain a close and strong relationship with their children and have honest communication about sex