Voices of Youth on Teenage Pregnancy

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Participatory Action Research involving 18 male and female youth aged 15–18 years in 2 Secondary Schools in Dar es Salaam and Mtwara, Tanzania. They visualized in video clips:

(1) Key reasons for teenage pregnancy
(2) Key informants/sources of information related to teenage pregnancy
Workshop with policy makers

Youth presented their videos on 06.05.2011 in a workshop to 20 different policy makers and practitioners (SDC, GTZ, USAID, MoE, MoH etc.).

→ Discussion about role of parents, youth magazines, transactional sex, initiation rites etc.
Content of DVD

- 2 Videos by Youth in Mtwara and Dar es Salaam – 17 minutes each
- The Process of Participatory Video Production – 12 minutes
- Key Messages by the Youth – 17 minutes
- Extra Features: Key messages from Policy Makers; Production Stills
Critical reflections

• Why did youth represent themselves in this way? Did they reproduce social stereotypes?

• Did our presence influence the stories?

• Did the locations (at school) in which youth developed the videos influence the stories?

• What did youth expect in return for their voluntary participation in the project?
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