

**PREVALENCE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
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ABSTRACT

Teenage pregnancy is a matter of concern in secondary schools around Giyani area. The rate of teenage pregnancy is escalating on a yearly basis. The aim of this study was to investigate the prevalence of teenage pregnancy in secondary schools around Giyani area. The study was quantitative in nature and collected data through questionnaires. A sample of 107 educators and learners from 5 selected schools were used. The results showed that teenage pregnancy was prevalent in schools around Giyani area. Lack of knowledge and the need for a child support grant were found to be the main contributory factors in the increase of teenage pregnancy. The study recommends that guidelines on sex education at schools be encouraged and that parents to talk about sex with their children, including educating the community on the effects of teenage pregnancy.