



Gender Stereotypes in Tanzania

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Today, pregnancy ranks the second for secondary female students' dropout reasons in Tanzania. It is argued that poor school performance and intergenerational relationships are the reasons for early pregnancy. This presentation focuses on the latter, and explore the social/cultural contexts that encourage transactional sexual relationships among youths. It then moves on to discuss financial factors which is the key driving force to engage in intergenerational relationships. It then looks within the economical context, whether it is for survival, or other factors that maintain such relationships.

It argues that despite evitable economical hardship that are faced by women disproportionately in Tanzania, it is the social status that the young girls and adult men in intergenerational relationships seek for.

It concludes with future recommendations regarding education, particularly community education to include all age-groups.