



United Nations Population Fund - Mozambique

Girls and young women statistics in Mozambique



- ◆ Mozambique is a country located in southern Africa; it has borders with six other countries and more than 2,500 km of Indian Ocean coastline.
- ◆ Its population is strikingly young: children and youths accounting for 65% of the total population
- ◆ People aged 15-24 living in rural areas: 63%
- ◆ The percentage of poor people living in poverty is still around 55 per cent.
- ◆ Illiteracy: 47% among young women against 25% in young men.
- ◆ Girls 15-19 years who completed Primary/ Secondary Education: 13,2%/ 1,2%
- ◆ The feminization of the HIV epidemic in Mozambique is exemplified by the fact that more women than men are living with the virus and young women are three times more likely to be infected by the virus than young boys (11.1 per cent compared to 3.7 per cent).
- ◆ Increased natural disasters magnitude and frequency induce higher risk of internal

Adolescent fertility rate of girls aged 15 -19 (DHS 2011)	167 per 1,000
Early Pregnancy (15-19) (DHS 2011) (% of women aged 15-19 that are mothers or pregnant for the first time)	37.5 %
Early pregnancy before 15 (DHS 2011)	17,7 %
Early marriage (DHS 2011) (% of women aged 20-24 that were married before turning 18)	48,2 %
Early marriage before 15 (DHS 2011) (% of women aged 20-24 that were married before turning 15)	14,3%
Spousal age difference, girls aged 15-19 (+ 10 years difference) (MICS 2008)	21,8 %
Use of Contraceptives among girls and young women of 15 – 24 years during last sexual intercourse (INSIDA 2009)	45%
Condom use during first sexual inter-course in life by girls and women 15-24 who already had sexual intercourse (INSIDA 2009)	14,9%
% Women 15-49 that consider that the husband is justified to hit his woman (MICS 2008)	35,8 %
Maternal mortality ratio among girls and young women aged 15-24 (Census 2007) (approximately 20% of maternal deaths occurred in girls under 20 years old)	450,4/100.000 live births
Estimated annual incidence of obstetric fistula (National Fistula Strategy)	2000
HIV prevalence among girls and young women aged 15-24 (INSIDA 2009)	11,1% (3,7% among boys and young men)
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate 15-19 and 20-24 (DHS 2011)	8,3% and 15,1%

