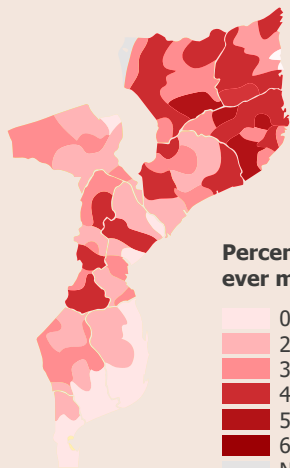
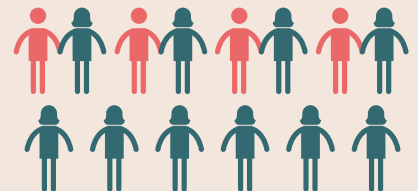


CHILD MARRIAGE IN MOZAMBIQUE



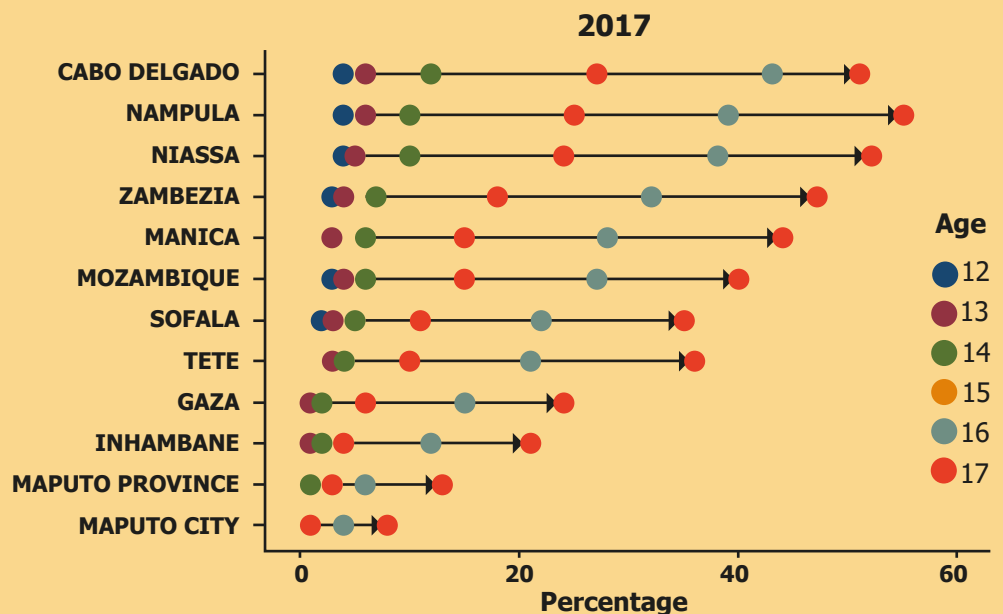
High Prevalence of Child Marriage

Below the age of 18,
4 in 10
girls are married



Girls in Cabo Delgado are 7x more likely to marry by the age of 18 than girls in Maputo city

Girls who have ever been in a union by exact age



Child marriage is frequently associated with teenage pregnancies

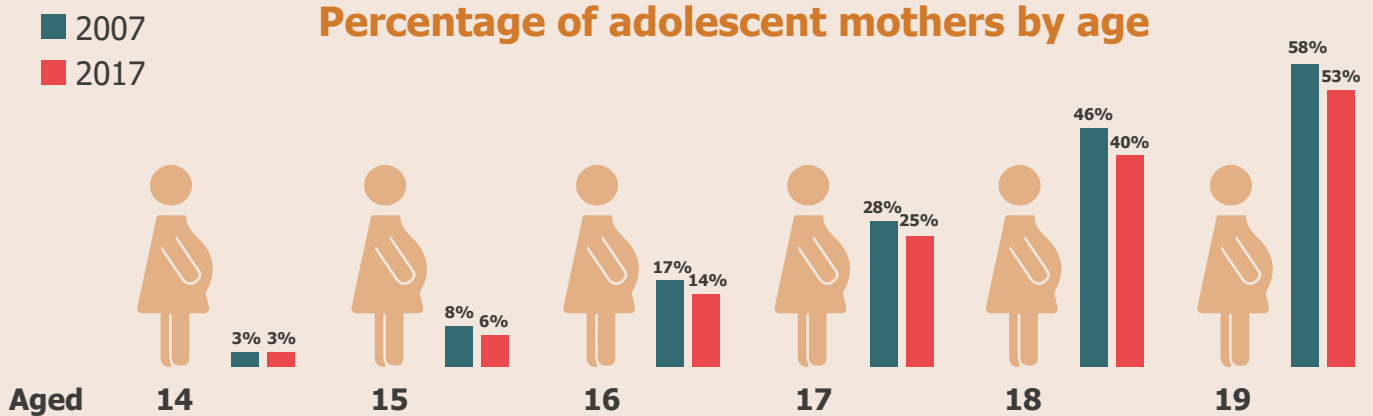


3%
of married girls are mothers by the age of 14

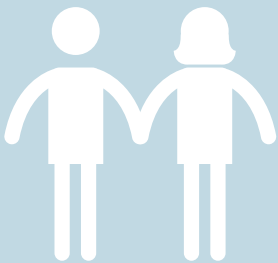
This increases by age, with

half
of girls age 19 already becoming mothers





Social inequalities in child marriage



The prevalence of child marriage is **35%** higher in rural areas than in urban areas



Child Marriage and Education

70%

higher probability that illiterate girls marry before the age of 17



compared to the girls who attend school frequently

Poverty Impacts

Girls who belong to well-off households are at a

50%

lower risk of child marriage compared to girls from lower-income homes



Recommendations:

1. Encourage policies to preventing child marriage and keeping girls in schools are key to reducing adolescent pregnancies.
2. Increasing access to contraception is critical, particularly amongst youth who have the lowest usage rates of contraception and are most likely to fall pregnant.