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**10 facts about adolescent pregnancy**

* Every day, **20,000 girls below age 18** give birth in developing countries.
* Of the **7.3 million** girls below age 18 who give birth each year in developing countries, **2 million** of them are under age 15.
* **95 per cent** of adolescent births occur in developing countries.
* In developed countries, there are **680,000** births to adolescent mothers annually. Nearly half of these occur in the United States.
* Adolescents make up about **18 per cent** of the world’s population. **88 per cent** of them live in developing countries.
* The lifetime opportunity cost related to adolescent pregnancy—measured by the mother’s foregone annual income over her lifetime—ranges from **1 per cent of annual GDP, or $124 billion**, in China to **30 per cent of annual GDP, or $15 billion**, in Uganda.
* Adolescent girls between the ages of 15 and 19 account for as many as **3.2 million** unsafe abortions annually in developing countries.
* An estimated **70,000** adolescents in developing countries die each year from complications during pregnancy and childbirth.
* Girls who become pregnant before age 15 in low- and middle-income countries have double the risk for **maternal death and obstetric fistula** than older women, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
* **Education** continues to be the **single most important predictor** of age at marriage over time. Child marriage is strongly associated with early pregnancy. An estimated 39,000 girls are married every day.