

Indicators

Adolescent birth rate

Number of births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

Child marriage

Percentage of women aged 20-24 years old who were first married or in union before they were 15 years old.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

Not in education, employment or training

Percentage of adolescents aged 15-19 not in education, employment or training.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

School completion rates - primary education

Number of children or young people aged 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of primary education.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

School completion rates - lower secondary education

Number of children or young people aged 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of lower secondary education.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

School completion rates - upper secondary education

Number of children or young people aged 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of upper secondary education.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

First intercourse by age 15 among people aged 15-24

Percentage of young women and young men aged 15-24 who had their first intercourse by exact age of 15.

Statcompiler.com

Knowledge of fertile period

Percentage of women aged 15-49 who know the correct location of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle.

Statcompiler.com

Female genital mutilation (FGM) among adolescents aged 15-19

Percentage of women aged 15 to 19 who have experienced FGM.

UNFPA, Adolescents and Youth Report: West and Central Africa, 2018

Alcohol use among adolescents aged 15-19

Percentage of adolescents aged 15-19 who have had at least one alcoholic drink at any time during the last twelve months.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among adolescents aged 15-19

Percentage of adolescents aged 15-19 who correctly identify the two ways of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV, who know that a healthy-looking person can be HIV-positive and who reject the two most common misconceptions about HIV transmission.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

New HIV infections among young people aged 15-24

Number of new HIV infections among young people aged 15-24.

UNAIDS, 2020

Demand for family planning satisfied with modern methods among women aged 15-49

Percentage of women of reproductive age (15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

Adolescent justification of wife beating among girls and boys aged 15-19

Percentage of girls and boys 15-19 years old who consider a husband to be justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons, i.e., if his wife burns the food, argues with him, goes out without telling him, neglects the children or refuses sexual relations.

UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2019 Statistical Tables

The data presented here has been collected by:

- demographic and health surveys;
- education management and information systems;
- UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNESCO Institute for Statistics and WHO surveys.

These are national, official and country-validated data collected between 2010 and 2019.

These surveys are available on the following websites:

- <https://statcompiler.com/>, <https://mics.unicef.org/>, <http://data.uis.unesco.org/>, <https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>, <https://www.who.int/data>.

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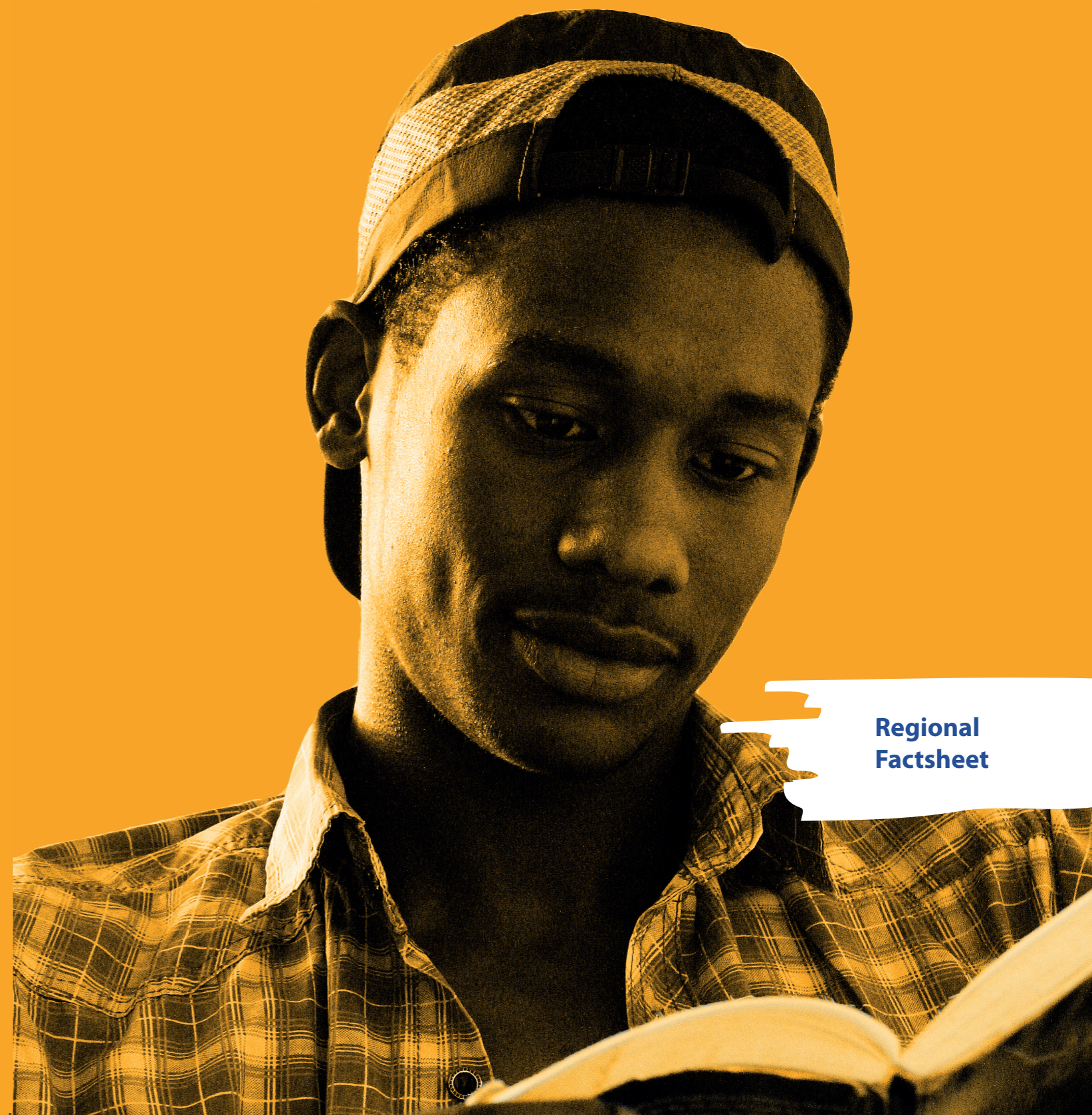
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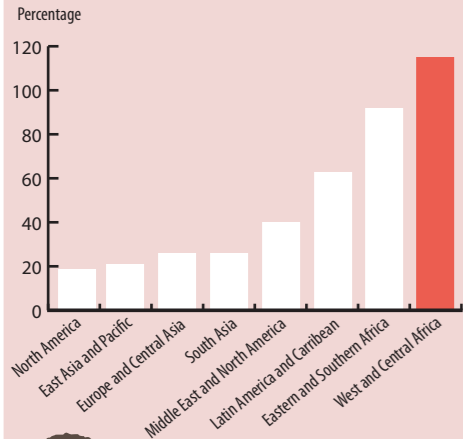


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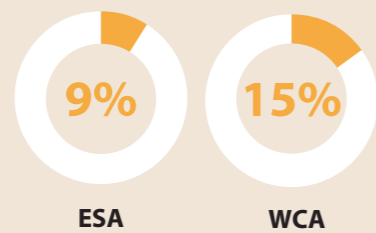
WCA has the highest adolescent birth rate in the world

Child marriage

In WCA, more than 1 in 7 girls are married at the age of 14 or younger



In some countries, it is as high as 3 in 10 girls



Not in education, employment or training

In WCA,

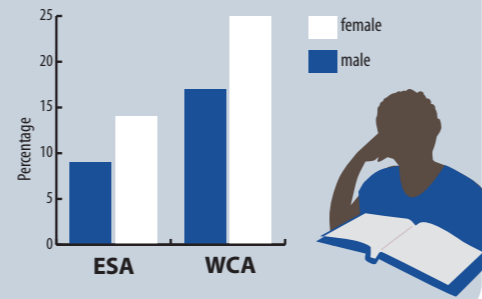


1 in 4 adolescent girls and...

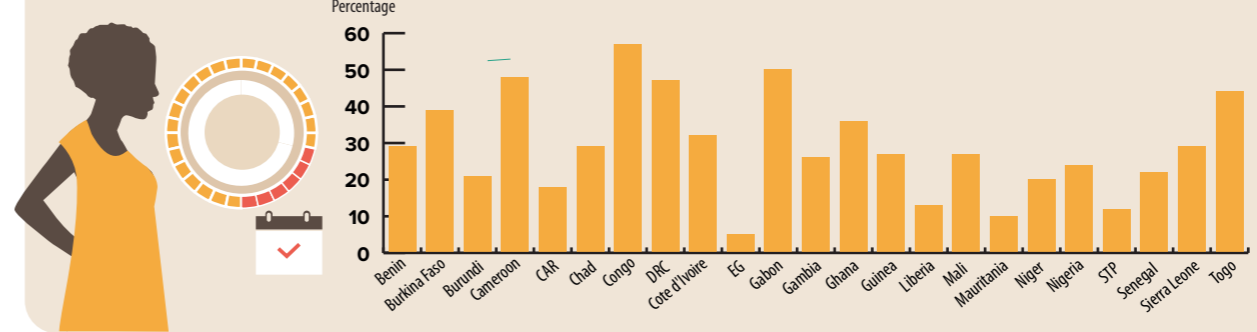


nearly 1 in 5 adolescent boys...

...do not receive any formal education or training

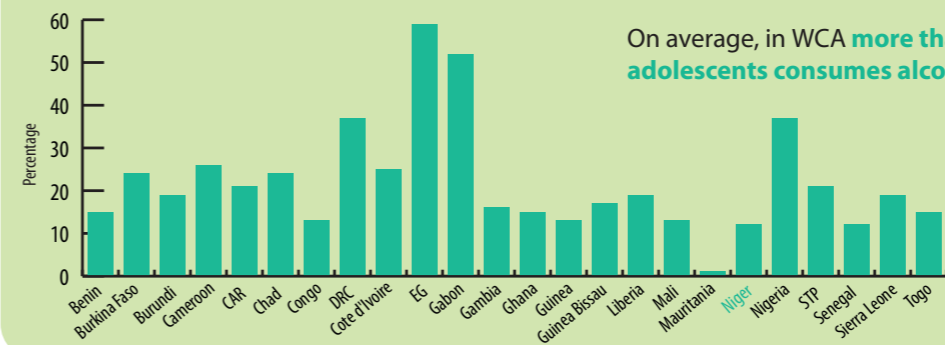


Knowledge of fertile period



There are **only two countries in WCA** where more than half of women have correct knowledge of their fertile period

Alcohol among adolescents aged 15-19



On average, in WCA more than 1 in 4 adolescents consumes alcohol



Primary school completion rates

BOYS 69%
GIRLS 65%

Lower secondary school completion rates

BOYS 54%
GIRLS 46%

Upper secondary school completion rates

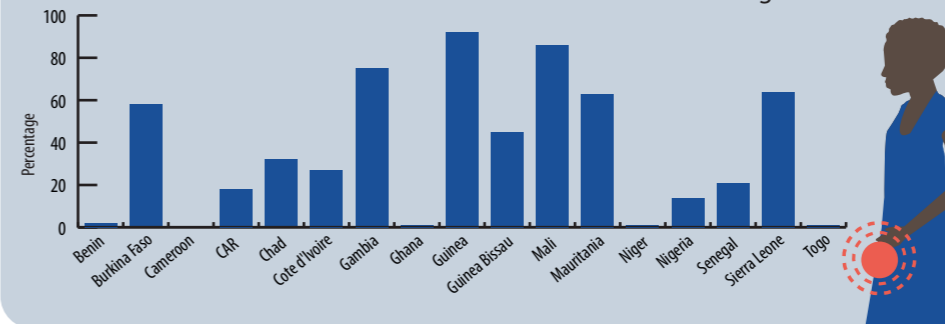
BOYS 41%
GIRLS 33%



Fewer girls than boys complete school and this gap increases with age

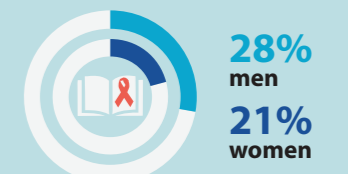
Female genital mutilation (FGM)

The percentage of adolescent girls aged 15-19 who experience FGM varies from less than 1% to more than 90% across the region

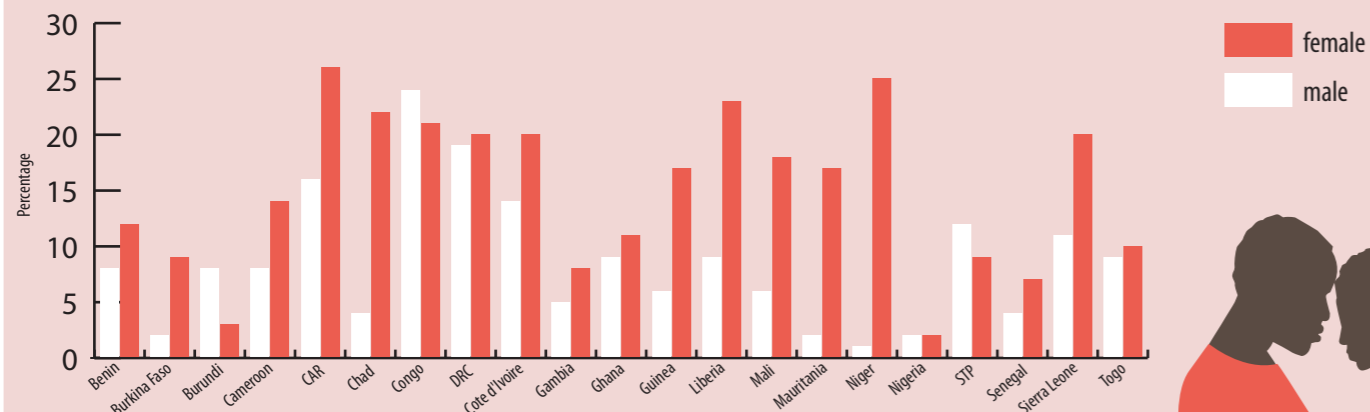


Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among adolescents age 15-19

HIV and AIDS knowledge levels remain exceedingly low in sub-Saharan Africa among adolescent boys and girls



First intercourse by age 15 among young people aged 15-24



In most countries, between 5 and 25% of young girls have had sexual intercourse by the age of 15. The percentage for girls is either similar to or significantly higher than that for boys.



Demand for family planning satisfied with modern methods

Only 2 in 5 women aged 15-49 in WCA have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods of contraception



Adolescent justification of wife beating

In WCA, almost half of adolescent girls and more than a third of adolescent boys will attempt to justify wife-beating

45% girls
37% boys



New HIV infections among young people aged 15-24

Adolescent girls and young women in WCA have a higher risk of acquiring HIV than their male counterparts

