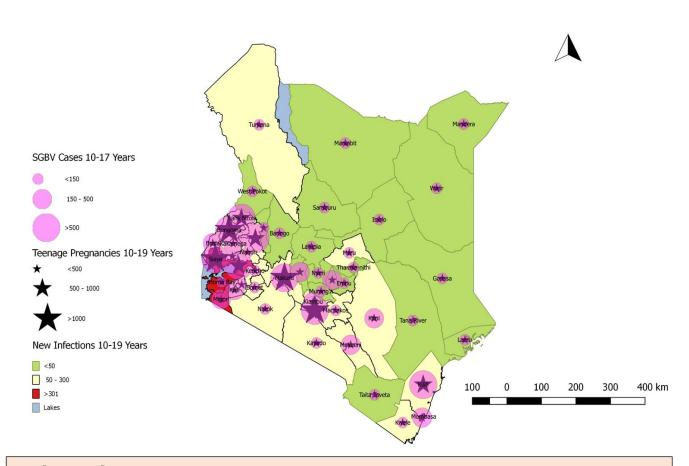




# TRIPLE THREAT FACTS AND FIGURES

**MURANG'A COUNTY** 

#### THE TRIPLE THREAT IN KENYA



#### **Background**

Kenya is committed to ending HIV as a public health threat by 2030. AIDS related deaths have reduced by 67% from 58,446 in 2013 to 19,486 in 2021; attributed to the 83% increase in the number of people on antiretroviral treatment from 656,369 in 2013 to 1,199,101 in 2021. New HIV infections have also reduced by 68.4% from 101,448 in 2013 to 32,027 in 2021 with an attendant decline in HIV prevalence from 6% to 4% during this period. HIV transmission from mother to child has also reduced from 13.9% in 2013 to 9.7% in 2021, averting an estimated 65,000 new HIV infections among children between 2013 and 2020.

Kenya has a predominantly young population, with 67% aged 29 years and below. Whereas a 47% reduction in AIDS-related deaths was registered among adolescents and young people between 2015 and 2021, this population continues to be disproportionately affected by HIV compared to older adults. In 2021, 42% of new adult HIV infections were attributed to adolescents and young people aged 15-24 years with significant geographical variations.

The 'Triple Threat Campaign' is a multisectoral, whole government approach to ending new HIV infections, unintended pregnancies, and sexual and gender-based violence among adolescent girls and young women by addressing the drivers of risk and vulnerability in this population.

#### POPULATION PROFILE

Kenya has high youthful population with about 59% of the population aged below 24. This is slightly lower in Murang'a County where 50% of the population is below 24 years. (Source: 2019 Census, KNBS).

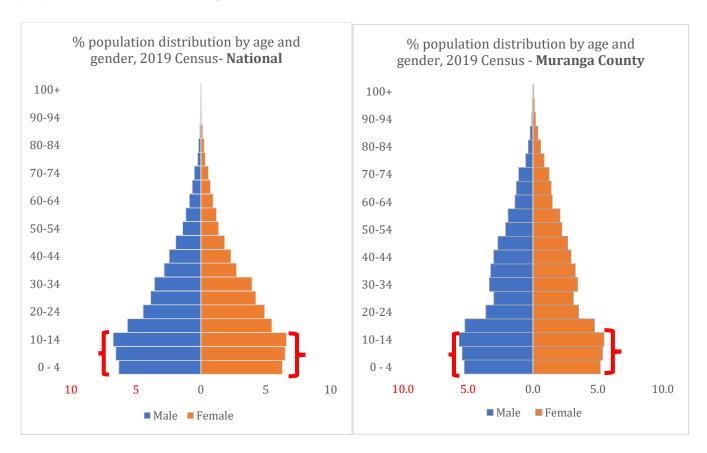


Figure 1: Population distribution in Kenya and Murang'a County

Source: KNBS 2019 Population Census

# **HIV IN ADOLESCENTS**

INDICATOR	POPULATION		KENYA	MURANG'A COUNTY	
INDICATOR		2015	2021	2015	2021
	All ages	1,517,707	1,435,271	27,245	19,824
	15+ Adults	1,419,537	1,356,806	26,238	18,715
Estimated PLHIV	10-19	133,455	99,159	1,160	1,395
	15-24	268,586	173,228	2,707	1,550
	0-14 Children	98,170	78,465	1,006	1,108
	All ages	77,647	32,027	1,670	228
	15+ Adults	71,034	26,826	1,640	171
Annual new HIV infections	10-19	18,004	5,294	135	37
	15-24	35,776	11,229	460	62
	0-14 Children	6,613	5,201	29	56
	All ages	35,821	19,486	617	266
	15+ Adults	30,817	16,394	587	223
Annual AIDS related deaths	10-19	2,793	1,473	22	29
	15-24	3,853	2,196	36	33
	0-14 Children	5,004	3,092	30	43
	All ages	897,644	1,199,101	10,933	16,232
PLHIV on ART	15+ Adults	826,097	1,130,513	10,007	15,457
	0-14 Children	71,547	68,588	926	775
	Need of PMTCT	79,475	53,889	751	573
DNATCT	Receiving PMTCT	59,214	50,612	465	540
PMTCT	MTCT Rate	8.3%	9.7%	19%	9.7%
	PMTCT Coverage	75%	94%	62%	94%

Table 1: National and Murang'a County overview of the HIV epidemic, Source: HIV Estimates 2021, KHIS MOH 731)

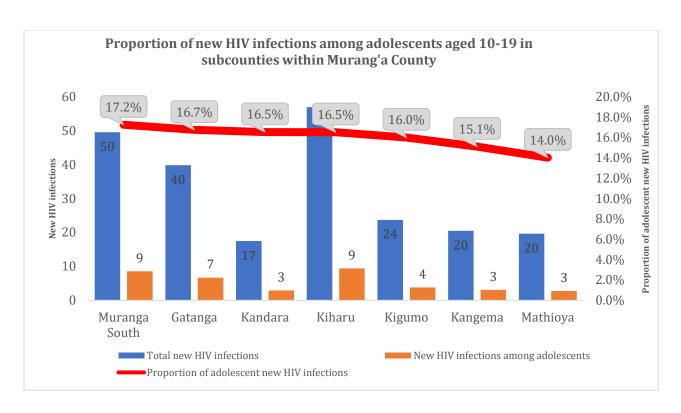


Figure 2: Adolescent new HIV infections per sub county, Source: HIV Estimates 2021

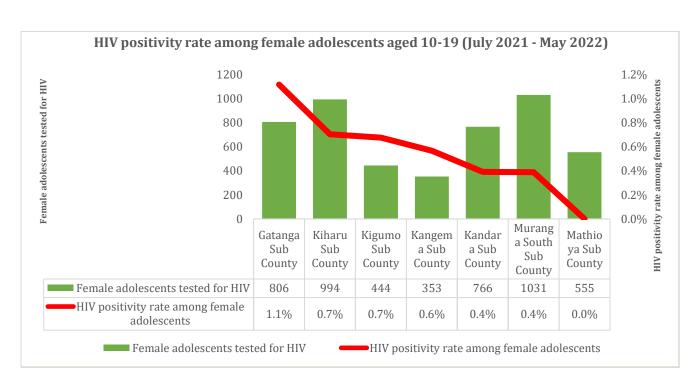


Figure 3: Female adolescents testing HIV positive per sub county (July 2021 – May 2022), Source: KHIS\_MOH 731 1

# > Adolescents living with HIV:

 Nationally, there are an estimated 99,159 adolescents aged 10-19 living with HIV of whom 1.4% % (1,395) were in Murang'a county. (2021, HIV Estimates)

## > Adolescents' new HIV Infections:

- New HIV infections among adolescents aged 10-19 reduced by 71% from 18,004 in 2015 to 5,294 in 2021 translating to 98 new HIV infections every week.
- Murang'a county recorded a higher reduction of 73% in the same period.
- Adolescents aged 10-19 in Murang'a south sub county contributed to
   17.2% of the total estimated new HIV infections (228)

## > AIDS related deaths among adolescents:

- Despite a 47% decline in AIDS related deaths among adolescents in the country,
- Murang'a county increased adolescents AIDS related deaths by 24% between 2015 and 2021.

# Routine HIV testing:

- o In Murang'a County, 70% (28) of the total HIV positive tests (40) between July 2021 and May 2022 were among females aged 10-19
- o with Gatanga sub county leading at a HIV positivity rate of 1.1%

#### > Low Condom use:

 Only 56.3% of sexually active population are aware of condom use as a protection strategy against HIV infection according to Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (2014).

## **ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES**

PREGNANCIES AMONG ADOLESCENGTS AGED 10-19										
Kenya				Murang'a County						
Year	10-14 years	15-19 years	Total adolescent pregnancies	New ANC clients	Proportion of adolescent s attending ANC	10-14 years	15-19 years	Total adolescent pregnancies	New ANC clients	Proportion of adolescent s attending ANC
2016	23,356	252,277	275,633	1,296,168	21%	44	4,352	4,396	20,207	22%
2017	23,516	316,160	339,676	1,223,317	28%	92	4,499	4,591	18,177	25%
2018	22,451	404,684	427,135	1,435,246	30%	86	6,595	6,681	21,717	31%
2019	20,121	376,719	396,840	1,429,951	28%	60	6,600	6,660	22,304	30%
2020	16,956	314,593	331,549	1,465,589	23%	61	5,458	5,519	23,191	24%
2021	21,823	294,364	316,187	1,547,656	20%	35	4,160	4,195	22,856	18%
Total	128,223	1,958,797	2,087,020	8,397,927	25%	378	31,664	32,042	128,452	25%

Table 2: National and Murang'a County annual trend in adolescent pregnancies (2016-2021)

Source: Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 731)

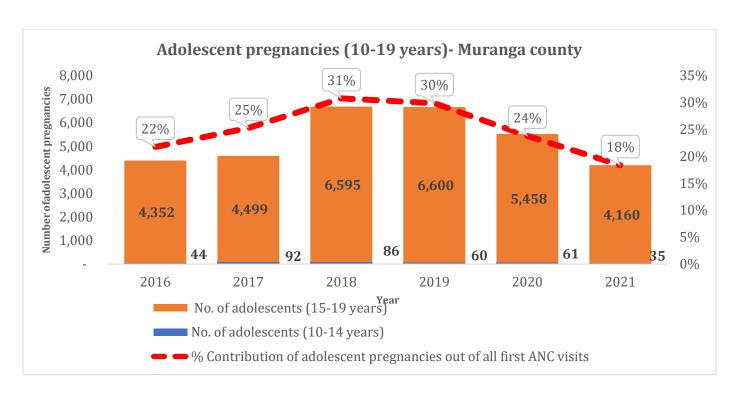
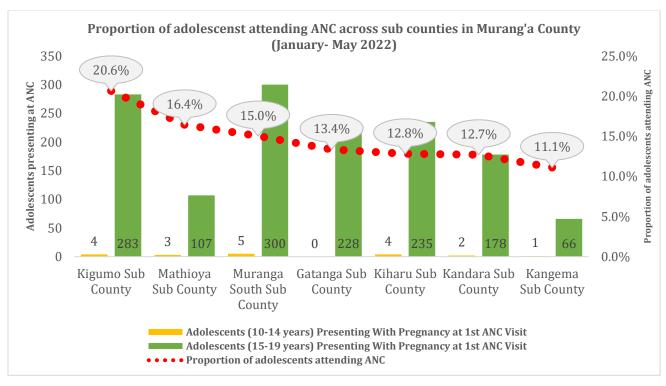


Figure 4: Annual adolescent pregnancies in Murang'a county (2016-2021) Source: Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 711)



**Figure 5:** Adolescent pregnancies across sub counties in Murang'a county (Jan-May 2022), **Source:** Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 711)

#### Sexual Debut:

o Approximately 55% of young people in the county had their first experience of sexual intercourse before the age of 15, an indication of early sexual debut. Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (2014)

## > Adolescent pregnancies:

Adolescent pregnancies remain high in the country with an average of
 25% in the last 6 years.

## > ANC Attendance:

- o Nationally, 1 in every 5 women presenting for 1st ANC (20.4%) was an adolescent aged 10-19 in 2021.
- Notably, a 26% decline in the proportion of adolescents aged 10-19 attending ANC between 2018 and 2021 was observed. However, the proportion of girls aged 10-14 attending ANC increased by 23% between 2020 and 2021.
- The gradual decline in the proportion of adolescents aged 10-19 attending ANC was also observed in Murang'a county from 31% in 2018 to 18% in 2021.
- Between January to May 2022, 17% of the total ANC attendances (627,621) were by adolescents aged 10-19 in the country. This was lower in Murang'a County at 14.7% with a total of 9,684 ANC attendances
- o Between January and May 2022, adolescents aged 10-19 accounted for 21% of all new ANC attendances in Kigumo South sub county. Notably, Murang'a South sub county contributed to 22% of the total (1,416) adolescent pregnancies.

## SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

# SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AMONG ADOLESCENTS AGED 10-17 YEARS

	KENYA			MURANGA COUNTY		
	sGBV cases reported (10- 17 years)	Total SGBV cases reported (all ages)	% SGBV cases among adolescents	sGBV cases reported (10- 17 years)	Total SGBV cases reported- (all ages)	% SGBV cases among adolescents
2016	2,466	5,810	42%	26	58	45%
2017	2,613	6,340	41%	7	38	18%
2018	5,587	11,456	49%	14	33	42%
2019	7,293	13,516	54%	18	36	50%
2020	11,465	19,839	58%	94	156	60%
2021	16,476	38,842	42%	236	543	43%
Total	45,900	95,803	48%	395	864	46%

**Table 3:** National and Murang'a County annual trend in SGBV cases recorded among adolescents (2016-2021), **Source:** Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 731)

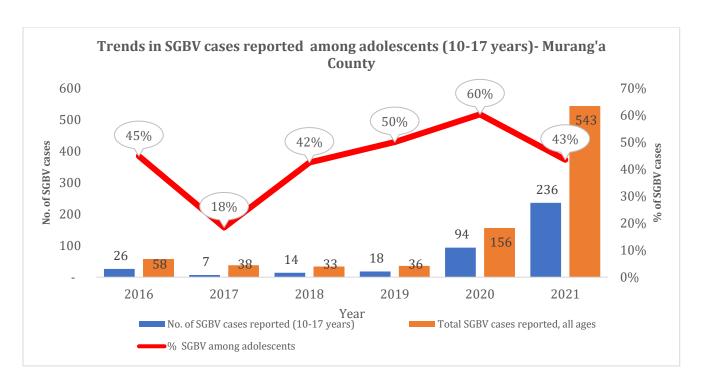


Figure 6: Annual SGBV cases reported among adolescents in Murang'a county, Source: Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 711)

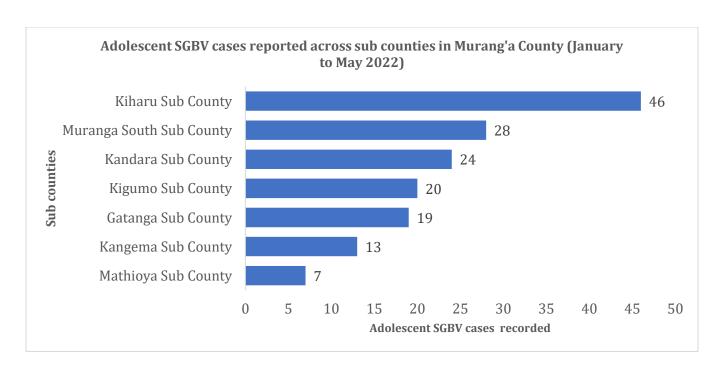


Figure 7: SGBV cases reported among adolescents across sub counties in Murang'a county, Source: Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 711)

- ➤ Nationally, 1 in every 2 SGVB cases (42.4%) reported was an adolescent aged 10-17 in 2021. Notably, an 84% increase was observed in the number of SGBV cases recorded among adolescents aged 10-17: from 6,340 in 2017 to 38,842 in 2021.
- ➤ In 2021, 43% of the total SGBV cases recorded in Murang'a County were among adolescents aged 10-17. Similarly, a 97% increase in the number of SGBV cases recorded among adolescents aged 10-17 was noted between 2017 and 2021.
- ➤ In 2022 (January-May), **29.2%** of SGBV cases among adolescents aged 10-17 were recorded in **Kiharu sub county**

#### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF RISK AND VULNERABILITY

## I. Transition from Primary to Secondary School

- ➤ Nationally, approximately 4,185,903 adolescent girls aged 6- 13 were enrolled to public primary schools with only 64% (1,522,010) transitioning to public secondary schools (2019)
- ➤ Similarly, in Murang'a County, a 32% drop from public primary schools (83,785) to public secondary schools (57,015) schools was observed.

### II. Transactional Sex/ Commercial Sex Work

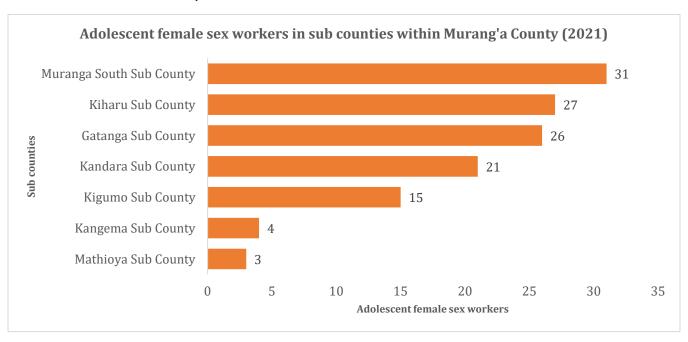


Figure 8: Adolescent female sex workers across sub counties in Murang'a county

Source: Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 731 B Plus)

- ➤ In December 2021, there were 7,592 adolescent female sex workers aged 15-19 in the country with 2% of these adolescents (127) being reported in Murang'a County.
- ➤ Additionally, **24.4%** of adolescent female sex workers aged 15-19 were recorded in **Murang'a South sub county.**

#### III. Substance Abuse

Indicator/ County	10-19 years	15-24 years				
Lifetime usage of alcohol among respondents aged	6.6%	18.6%				
10 -19 years (at least one type of alcohol)- Overall						
Lifetime usage of alcohol among respondents aged 10 -19 years (at least one type of alcohol)						
by region						
Nairobi	13.9%	32.6%				
North-Eastern	-	1.6%				
Coast	2.5%	18.8%				
Central	6.4%	21.9%				
Eastern	6.8%	18.9%				
Rift Valley	5.2%	15.1%				
Nyanza	5.4%	17.6%				

**Table 4:** Rapid situation assessment of drugs and substance abuse in Kenya, NACADA 2017, **Source:** Kenya Health Information System (KHIS MOH 731)

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# > Injection Drug use:

o In Kenya, there are an estimated 26, 673 people who inject drugs with 1.5% (412) estimated to be in Murang'a County.

16.3%

30.9%

 As of December 2021, only 63% (16,725) were reported as active of whom 1% (161) were adolescents aged 15-19. Murang'a County had no active people who inject drugs reported.

# IV. Poverty Index:

- In 2020, the overall poverty incidence rate in Kenya was 36.1% while that of Murang'a County was at 25.3%. (KIPPRA 2020), KNBS (2018).
- ➤ In 2019, only 35% of poor households with orphans are beneficiaries of a cash transfer programme in Murang'a County.

# 4.0 Hotline numbers

The following free toll-free are available:

• Gender- Based Violence (GBV)Helpline: 1195

• Child Helpline:116

• LVCT Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Helpline: 1190

• ULIZA NASCOP: 0800724848

• MULIKA Send SMS: 988