

ADOLESCENT High-Risk Behaviours and its Determinants in North-West Province of South Africa

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Abstract

Adolescents are known for engaging in such risky behaviours as unprotected sex and substance use and abuse. For instance, several studies have shown the positive relationship between substance use and high risk sexual behaviours among adolescents. In fact, such risky sexual behaviours at schools often constitute a barrier for the completion of schooling as well as increase the chances of contracting sexually transmitted diseases amongst adolescents. Based on data collected from a sample of 1697 Grades 9 and 11 pupils in the North West province, the present study looks at the socio-economic and demographic determinants of high-risk behaviours among the adolescents in rural and urban areas of the North West Province in South Africa.

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