Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends in repeated pregnancy among adolescents in the Philippines from 1993 to 2013

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In the Abstract, the comparison of trends among adolescents 15 - 18 is made against youth/older young people, 19-21 and 22-24. Which definition of 'adolescents' is being used? For the UN it's 10 - 19. Is the result summarized accurately as 'no reduction' or 'negligible/minimal reduction' or (high), relatively stable/unchanged? Aim to keep consistent across the different parts of the article. Mathematically speaking the figures have slightly decreased against the 1993 baseline. The Conclusion is clearly articulated. Carefully note the use of the word 'adolescence' which is not equivalent with teenager, as noted in the Plain English Summary. The Plain English Summary is concise and coherent with the key messages very clear.

Introduction: a 'pregnancy epidemic' is quite a sensational opening statement that is not immediately contextualized with data. Perhaps a more nuanced statement? Good that 'teenage pregnancy' is defined, as otherwise, younger adolescents (10, 11, 12) are not in the teen years (and do not appear to be captured by the data set). Interestingly the text speaks of 'poor compliance with modern contraceptives' and 'inadequate use of family planning' which suggests that there are no structural or other barriers to teenager's access to/use of commodities and services. This idea is however further explored in a very good Discussion segment which examines issues of access that negatively impact the teenagers in the cohort. Some of that balance language could be captured in the Introduction.

Discussion: Coherent, with a natural and logical progression towards the conclusion.

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