

A close-up photograph of a smiling woman with braided hair adorned with white beads. She is wearing a black quilted jacket over a pink top. A baby in a pink and white jacket is visible next to her, looking towards her. The background is softly blurred.

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**YoungLives** *Report*



## One-third of the teenage girls in Africa become pregnant.



*1 in 10* girls experience teen pregnancy *globally.* 



*3.3 in 10* girls experience teen pregnancy *in Africa.* 

According to the National Library of Medicine, 33% of girls in Africa will become pregnant by age 19. In comparison, that number is only 10% across the globe.

While specific reasons vary, it all comes down to the lack of influence that women hold in African societies.

# YoungLives leaders meet girls where they are.

YoungLives supports pregnant teenagers and parenting teen moms through mentorship, community, and by sharing a hope-filled life with Christ. Leaders aim to teach young mothers about God's love and to equip them with both life skills and ways to connect and play with their babies.



*Through the love of their leaders,  
honor and dignity  
replaces  
shame and hopelessness.*



# YoungLives is changing communities.

## Lilian's Story

In eighth grade, Lilian attended church, but did not have a relationship with God. **She met a woman named Goretty, a Young Life leader, and it changed Lilian's life.**

Goretty and Lilian became good friends, and when she asked Lilian to camp, Lilian began her own journey with Jesus.



She grew in faith through high school, and after graduation became a volunteer leader in her home area. Many girls point to her as their leader in their faith journey. In 2020, a move to Mombasa with her family prompted her to **establish a YoungLives club in the rural and predominantly Muslim community of Mtepeni/Mtwapa.** Today she leads four local mentors and 15 teen moms.



Above: Lilian (second from left) with her Campaigners girls



*Above: Teen moms and their leaders at YoungLives club in Mtepeni*

The assistant chief of the village of Mtepeni is Madam Halima. Lilian's mother knew Madam Halima and introduced her to Lilian. Madam Halima has not only welcomed Young Life to Mtepeni, but has been instrumental in the growth of ministry there. **Because their village culture is one where the number of teen pregnancies is very high, Madam Halima was excited to see someone wanting to love these girls instead of shame or shun them.** She is so invested that she hosts club at her office and Campaigners at her home!

Lilian continues to empower teenage mothers with skills like bead-making and crafting, as well as parenting skills to help them reach their potential in life. **YoungLives has a strong voice in the community, which has led to a smaller number of teen pregnancies and the opportunity for young mothers to re-enroll in school.** One teen mother, Rukia, met Christ at camp through her friendship with Lilian. She grew in her faith, went back to school, and is now a YoungLives leader herself.

Even with the challenges of operating in a predominantly Muslim community, Lilian's unwavering commitment continues to transform the lives of teenage mothers. Her guiding Bible chapter, Hebrews 11, underlines her commitment to faith while extending support to Younglives mentors and parenting teenagers.

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# The impact reaches far beyond ministry.

When parenting teenagers are at **YoungLives**, they don't just learn about **God's love**. Because of the support from their leaders, these girls are **empowered to return to school** despite their new responsibilities. Families find **reconciliation** where there was once a divide between a teen girl and her parents. At club and camp, teen moms **learn skills** like soap making, hairdressing, and tailoring in order to provide for their babies and themselves. To build deeper connection, teen moms **learn new ways to play with their babies**, strengthening the relationship as their children grow up.



*Return to school*



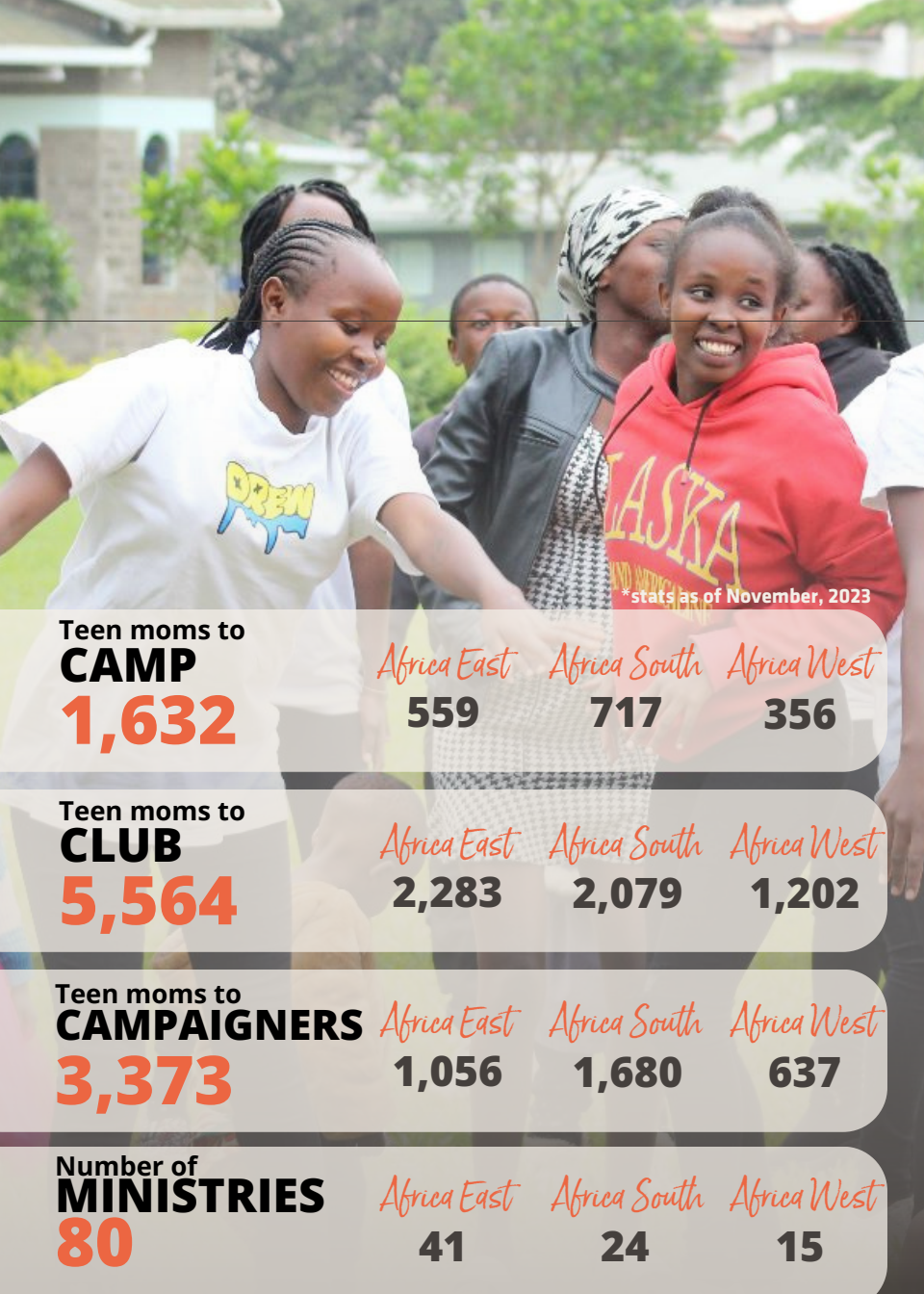
*Family reconciliation*



*Develop life skills*



*Learn to play with baby*



\*stats as of November, 2023

Teen moms to  
**CAMP**

**1,632**

*Africa East*

**559**

*Africa South*

**717**

*Africa West*

**356**

Teen moms to  
**CLUB**

**5,564**

*Africa East*

**2,283**

*Africa South*

**2,079**

*Africa West*

**1,202**

Teen moms to  
**CAMPAIGNERS**

**3,373**

*Africa East*

**1,056**

*Africa South*

**1,680**

*Africa West*

**637**

Number of  
**MINISTRIES**

**80**

*Africa East*

**41**

*Africa South*

**24**

*Africa West*

**15**



# Join us!

## *Sponsor* YoungLives camp

Make a way for a teen mom to hear the gospel.

**\$50 sends a young mom and her baby to camp**

**\$600 fills a cabin at camp**

## *Provide* baby products

**\$10/month donation** helps staff and volunteers piece together care packages of supplies including diapers, wipes, and clothes for camp and home visits.

## *Visit* YoungLives in Africa

**Go and see** the impact of YoungLives in Africa for yourself!

**Contact Morgan Dermott or Dyan Larmey to learn more.**

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