EARLY PREGNANCY AMONG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Early pregnancy among teenagers is already a problem long time ago. But until now there still no solution about it. The same with the problem about prostitution or Human Trafficking. As the Old people says that “Prostitution is the oldest Business in this world”. It is true because during the time of Jesus Christ, it was Mary Magdalene was the popular prostitute in Jerusalem.

In Muslim region particular in Arab country, Arranged Marriage still exists. An elite Arab man can marry an Arab girl as soon as the girl finished her first menstrual flow. In the Philippines, early pregnancy is very usual in Rural area, parents with 8 or more children sometimes allowed their daughters to enter married life as young as 16 years old to lessen their obligations. Same thinking with their children that after finishing elementary school or high school, their life stops there. Children can’t enter college because of financial incapacity of the family. It is depressing to admit that there are a lot of children who wants to continue going to school but they are deprived in terms of education. Family income is always the reason or limited support from the parents.

Sometimes getting pregnant at younger age is a wrong decision of the person itself because for her, that is the only solution to get out from family obligations. Social media is another factor of teenage pregnancy like pornography, accessible photos and videos in the internet that stimulate the curiosity of our teenagers. Taking alcohol and prohibited drugs are also one precipitating factor contributed to the case.

We cannot deny that family relation is the biggest factor contributed to the problem. Most of the parents now a days are separated or working far from their
children. The percentage of broken family continuously increasing because of the opportunity to work with a higher salary paid outside the country, without thinking the negative effects of this to their children.

The Department of Health held a program with the objectives of, to lower the cases of teenage pregnancy and to slow down or stop the cases of getting HIV. But, distribution of free condoms particular to the Senior High School students is very controversial, parents disagreed about the program.

Furthermore, in Morong National High School, Senior High School opened last year, had 5 reported cases of student pregnancy. Only one student returned back to school after giving birth the rest, stops because nobody takes care of their child. On the second semester of SY 2017-2018, four grade 12 Senior High School students reported pregnant and were not so sure if they can finished grade 12 education.

Reference: