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### NCHR Launches Campaign to Address Teenage Pregnancy and Promote Child Rights

**Kigali, 23 February 2026** – The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has today launched a five-day awareness campaign aimed at strengthening the protection of child rights and addressing the rising challenge of teenage pregnancy in Rwanda.

The campaign commenced in Kigali City, covering Nyarugenge, Gasabo, and Kicukiro districts, and will continue in secondary schools across Nyabihu, Ngororero, Rutsiro, Kamonyi, Huye, and Gakenke districts through 27 February 2026.

The initiative follows findings from the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) indicating that teenage pregnancy has increased from 5% to 8% over the past five years. Girls aged between 15 and 19 remain the most affected.

Speaking at the launch, NCHR Chairperson, Umurungi Providence, emphasized that teenage pregnancy undermines fundamental child rights, particularly the rights to education, health, protection, and dignity.

“Teenage pregnancy is not only a social concern but a human rights issue. When a child drops out of school due to early pregnancy, her right to education and her future opportunities are significantly compromised. Preventing teenage pregnancy requires collective responsibility from families, schools, communities, and institutions,” she stated.

Through interactive discussions, students are being equipped with knowledge about their rights and encouraged to play an active role in preventing early pregnancy and promoting respect for child rights within their schools and communities.

NCHR calls upon parents, educators, community leaders, and young people to strengthen collaboration in safeguarding children and ensuring that every child fully enjoys their rights.

The Commission remains committed to promoting and protecting human rights and to advancing preventive efforts that secure the well-being and future of Rwanda's children.

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