

## Special Issue

# Adolescent Motherhood and HIV

### Message from the Guest Editors

HIV infection and motherhood overlap in adolescents and often share similar risk factors. When they co-occur, they may affect maternal and child outcomes in syndemic (additive or multiplicative) ways. However, our knowledge of how this happens remains limited. Understanding experiences of adolescent mothers, their children, their families, and the service providers that support them, in the context of high HIV risk and prevalence, is critical to breaking intergenerational cycles of adversity. Evidence on promising practices and effective programs in different settings and sectors is needed, including health services, social development (including parenting and caregiver support), education, and labor/employment sectors. Ultimately, individual interventions may be insufficient to address the drivers and negative outcomes linked to HIV acquisition and early adolescent pregnancy. This Special Issue of *The International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)* focuses on the current state of knowledge on HIV and motherhood during adolescence in different communities, highlights possible solutions, and identifies future research gaps.

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