

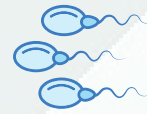
Here are TEN reasons why you should endorse the East Africa Reproductive Health bill today!



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**Focuses on preventing
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Vote Yes!

The East Africa Community (EAC) Sexual and Reproductive Health Bill is a progressive bill with numerous gains to all citizens of the region. The bill was introduced to the East African Legislative

Assembly in June 2021 and is sponsored by Hon. Kennedy Mukulia Ayason (South Sudan). The bill aims at preventing unnecessary deaths for mothers, promoting safe motherhood, educating

the youth and giving better quality reproductive health services to all.

The proposed law is respectful of traditional cultural values, recognizes the role of parental guidance, includes pivotal roles for religious institutions and is in compliance with all the legal regulations of all six states.

Reasons why you should endorse the East Africa Reproductive Health bill

Prioritizes adolescents and youth

The bill protects adolescents by emphasizing prevention, information and formal education against unintended pregnancies and encouraging delayed sexual activity. The bill also gives adolescents after pregnancy a second chance to resume their education and secure their future.

Promotes men's reproductive health

Men and boys are critical consumers of reproductive health. The bill protects the reproductive rights of men by offering counselling, screening and treatment of disorders of the male reproductive system including infertility, prostate cancer and other reproductive complications.

Dignifies menstrual health and hygiene

The bill mandates governments to ensure women have access to disposable and re-usable sanitary towels, access to environmentally sound facilities and clean areas to dispose their sanitary towels.

Protects persons with disabilities

The bill demands that each EAC state provide appropriate facilities, infrastructure and information that protects the reproductive needs of persons with disabilities including customized information and trained health care providers

Focuses of preventing reproductive cancers

The bill requires states to provide measures to detect, prevent and manage reproductive cancers including cervical, prostate, breast and testicular cancer.

Prioritizes mental health

In the history of the East Africa Community, the bill recognizes and de-stigmatizes mental health complications such as post-partum, depression and other mental health complications associated with child birth.

Preserves the reproductive needs of elderly persons

Reproductive health does not end at the age of 49. For the first time, this bill recognizes the importance of protecting geriatrics and older persons who equally have reproductive needs.

Promotes safe motherhood

The bill guarantees the safety of mothers throughout pregnancy, child birth and thereafter, ensuring the best possible outcome of a live and healthy baby.

Provides a second chance to have children

The bill gives men and women who are medically unable to bear children a second chance to have information and assistance with affordable fertility treatment services through noncommercial surrogacy.

Prohibits harmful practices

The bill prohibits against forced marriage for children below 18 years, prohibits forced sterilization of women, female genital mutilation and puts deliberate efforts towards detecting and preventing gender based violence, and requires full protection of survivors of violence.