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According to the Kenya Ministry of Health report, over 45,000 cases of pregnant girls aged

because they have become mothers.

As a Human Rights Defender who works on the many cases of sexual violence against children, both boys and girls, that come my way daily, it is a struggle to accept that after the defilers of these children are arrested and jailed, the children are usually left alone and desperate to reclaim their lives as it was before they were abused. It is especially hard for the girls who conceive from the defilement because their lives have to stop moving forward to deal with parenting responsibilities, including HIV related complications for those unfortunately infected by their abusers.

For many of these young mothers, their only hope of going back to school is well-wishers coming to their rescue by sponsoring them to go back to school even as they get justice from their abusers being jailed. An education or some form of formal training is the only vehicle out of the bondage that is poverty. A second shot at living a decent life for them and their children can only be achieved by ensuring these girls do not become victims of their abuse but survivors who can still conquer the world by pursuing various careers even as they raise their babies.

Hopefully, with the support of the ISHR family, many of these girls will be able to go back to school.

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