Ibis Reproductive Health
Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights

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Introduction
- Ibis Reproductive Health
  - Research to improve women’s reproductive autonomy
  - Mmoho Advocacy Campaign to reduce unplanned teenage pregnancy

Objective of Internship
Bridge the gap between progressive laws and the inaccessibility of safe sexual and reproductive health services in South Africa.

Work Responsibilities
- Research
  - Label comprehension study
  - Teen parent support program study
  - Mmoho Advocacy Campaign
  - Sexual health education

Results
- Research
  - Conduct literature reviews on teen pregnancy support programs in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho
  - Compose protocols for IRB approval
  - Assist with data collection for label comprehension study

- Mmoho Campaign
  - Update sexual health materials to make more inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations
  - Facilitate sexual education programs for adolescents to inform campaign initiatives
  - Coordinate logistics for annual Mmoho Partners Meeting

Discussion
- Gaps in support networks for teenage parents in rural provinces
- Many adolescents attribute sexual and reproductive health issues to parental and healthcare worker stigmas as well as patriarchal views

Questions
- To what extent does the ubiquitous marketing of illegal abortion services increase the number of consumers?
- What are the most prominent differences in sexual and reproductive health care for adolescents in public versus private sectors?

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