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Overview	
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Abstract	
<p>1. Our aim was to develop and test the acceptability and feasibility of a protective support structure for young migrants (aged 14-24 years old) in urban settings in Uganda and South Africa, as a means of early intervention to reduce the harm of patterns of risk behaviour associated with adolescent and young people's migration. Repeat in-depth interviews (two interviews each) 20 young people in each site were undertaken in months 16-21 of the study to collect narratives of their experience of daily life, including mobility and income earning experiences, and effective harm reduction support that they have benefitted from. Two interviews were conducted to enrich the generation of data and nurture trust as well as capturing change. These participants were purposely selected to provide information from males and females of different ages, and those who have or have not made use of the intervention.</p> <p>For more, refer</p> <p>1. Dlamini, N., S. Hlongwane, C. Herbst, M. Shahmanesh, N. Ngwenya, S. Bernays and J. Seeley (2025). "“It felt like a weight was being taken off of my shoulders”": findings from an intervention to support migrant adolescents and young people in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa." <i>SSM-Mental Health</i>: 100449.</p> <p>2. Ngwenya, N., S. Bernays, N. Dlamini, M. Shahmanesh and J. Seeley (2025). "Examining the resilience of mobile youth in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: a qualitative inquiry through the lens of protection and risk." <i>BMC Public Health</i> 25(1): 1499.</p>	
Kind of Data	Survey data, Census/enumeration data, aggregate data, clinical data,event/transation data, program source code, machine-readable text, administrative records data, experimental data, psychological test,textual data, coded documents, time budget diaries, observation data/ratings,process-produced data, etc. No description just a single phrase, e.g Genetic sequences
Unit of Analysis	Single interview transcripts

Scope & Coverage	
Keywords	Migration,Adolescents,Sexual health,Intervention
Topics	Adolescent,Adolescents,Transients and migrants,Sexual health,South Africa,Africa
Time Period(s)	2022
Countries	South Africa
Geographic Coverage	
<p>AHRI's Population Intervention Programme Study Area (PIPSA) situated in uMkhanyakude district KwaZulu-Natal province which is approximately 200km north of Durban.</p> <p>For more refer:</p> <p>1. Dickman Gareta, Kathy Baisley, Thobeka Mngomezulu, Theresa Smit, Thandeka Khoza, Siyabonga Nxumalo, Jaco Dreyer, Sweetness Dube, Nomathamsanqa Majozi, Gregory Ordng-Jespersion, Eugene Ehlers, Guy Harling, Maryam Shahmanesh, Mark Siedner, Willem Hanekom, Kobus Herbst, Cohort Profile Update: Africa Centre Demographic Information System (ACDIS) and population-based HIV survey, <i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i>, Volume 50, Issue 1, February 2021, Pages 33-34, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyaa264></p>	
Universe	

Of the 283 participants who had been enrolled in the intervention, 20 were selected for in-depth interview. The 20 participants (11 males and 9 females) were interviewed in-depth twice.

Producers & Sponsors	
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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

A stratified random sample was selected by a data manager at the Africa Health Research Institute, to include both males and females, participants of different ages, and those who had either utilized or not utilized the intervention services.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates	start 2022-05-01 end 2022-10-31
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Data Processing & Appraisal

Data Editing

The interviews were conducted in IsiZulu and were audio recorded, transcribed, and translated by research assistants who are native speakers of the IsiZulu language and fluent in English.

Accessibility

Access Conditions

Due to the confidentiality agreement signed with participants to protect their privacy - the transcripts are not available for access outside of the Lending a Hand study team members. Access to the SharePoint by study team members will only be granted to the data user once the Data Custodian has approved the user data request.

Citation Requirements

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