

PhD Confirmation Seminar: Christine Marie Habito

Understanding adolescent pregnancy and childbearing in the Philippines: a mixed methods study

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Teenage pregnancy and childbearing in the Philippines has been increasing in recent years, despite declining total fertility in Southeast Asia. This study aims to develop a deeper understanding of teenage pregnancy and childbearing in the Philippines by exploring factors associated with adolescent fertility through nationally-representative demographic and health data. It will also attempt to contextualise Filipino adolescents' first romantic and sexual relationships, as well as their perceptions and lived experiences of sexuality, pregnancy, and childbearing through qualitative data gathered from Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines.



Marie is a Nossal Global Health scholar, and has worked as a consultant for the Save the Children in the Philippines on topics such as maternal and child health, adolescent development, school health and nutrition, and children in emergencies. In addition, Marie has research experience in food security, agriculture, and climate change. Marie holds a Masters in Development Studies from the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne.