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The project implementers at the local level shall ensure the following:

- Provide access for adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families to quality healthcare services, including prenatal care, postnatal care, family planning methods, and general health services for both the mother and child;
- Provide educational opportunities and vocational training programs to help adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners continue their education or acquire skills that can lead to employment opportunities and economic empowerment;
- Conduct parenting sessions and support groups to help adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners develop parenting skills and ensure the well-being of their children;
- Establish affordable and accessible childcare services (day care center/corner) to assist adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners who want to continue their education or work;

- Implement mental health programs and counseling services to address the emotional and psychological needs of adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families utilizing the modules developed;
- Provide financial assistance or social welfare interventions to ensure that adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families have the resources they need to support themselves and their children after attending the healing sessions to be conducted by the trained project implementers;
- Establish legal protections to prevent discrimination, gender-based violence and ensure the rights of adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families are upheld;
- Implement awareness campaigns and educational programs using their own local dialect to prevent teenage pregnancies and promote responsible sexual behavior;
- Create networks of support and community engagement opportunities to help adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families build social connections and receive assistance from their communities;
- Provide case management and support services to help adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families navigate available resources and services effectively;
- Conduct regular or periodic orientation in schools on the effect of teenage pregnancy;
- Advocate for local policy changes and improvements in various areas that directly impact the well-being of adolescent mothers, their spouses/partners and their families; and
- Adopt culturally sensitive approaches to reproductive health and sex education. This involves understanding and respecting local norms while also ensuring accurate, evidence-based information is provided to individuals and communities.