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Retraction Notice to "Challenges in the Prevention and Management of Adolescent Pregnancy and School Dropout by Adolescent Mothers in South Africa"

The following article published in 2024 (vol. 6, no: 1) in the *Research in Educational Policy and Management* (REPAM) has been retracted:

Twalo, T. (2024). Challenges in the Prevention and Management of Adolescent Pregnancy and School Dropout by Adolescent Mothers in South Africa. *Research in Educational Policy and Management*, *6*(1), 180-196. https://doi.org/10.46303/repam.2024.12

Following concerns expressed by Commission of Gender Equality (CGE), which claimed that the article had drawn significantly from research conducted and published by the CGE without due permission or proper acknowledgment, the REPAM's Editor-in-Chief conducted an internal investigation. The author was informed about the allegations and asked to provide an explanation. The investigation concluded that the CGE's allegations were valid and that the article contained serious violations of research and publication ethics. As a result, the decision was made to retract the article. This decision has been taken in accordance with REPAM's publishing ethics and the COPE guidelines on retractions. The author does not agree with the retraction.

The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record; however, it will be clearly marked as retracted.