Mapping of interconnected child protection concerns in Maldives

Deteriorating mental health of children →
- Very easy access to drugs for children
- Lack of awareness about risks in drug use
- High unemployment among school leavers
- Business opportunity for organized crime 'gangs'
- Children used by gangs for political ends
- Political and religious polarization of society

Unwanted pregnancies →
- Infanticide
- High rates of drug related incarceration
- Children with parents in prison

High rates of drug use among young people →
- HIV/AIDS
- Need to make money to pay for drugs
- Risk of sexual and other exploitation

Unprotected sex →
- Lack of reproductive health services
- Business opportunity for organized crime 'gangs'
- Gang violence driven by competition in the drug trade

Lack of alternative care options →
- Children in need of alternative case
- Young children with no prospects for the future

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