Meeting Youth Where *Some* Are : Online

Recommendation Videos for Family Planning Digital Programs





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• Young people (10-29 years old), are quickly becoming the majority of mobile phone users globally



- It can be difficult for young people to access quality, accurate information online
- Digital literacy varies among young people



- Information available digitally is often inconsistent, not tailored to young people, unreliable or inaccessible
- Digital health interventions can impact young people's family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors







Findings

...people expect tech to be a silver bullet. We need to see tech for what it is – a powerful tool that can be accessed. Tech is one of the best tools we have at our disposal, but not to be used as a standalone, cureall."

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- Digital can be an effective addition to reach segments of young people BUT is not always best
- Many interventions focus on providing information on the body, contraception, and relationships, to young women
- Online platforms valued for anonymity, confidentiality, bias-free access by young users
- Field is growing rapidly: geographically, marketing, platforms, M&E approaches, "competition," and more...





Five Recommendations

1. Apply Best Practices

2. Convene the Right **Team**

3. Know that "**Content** is Queen"

4. Expand Content + Channels to Navigate the Digital Divide

5. Use Monitoring and Evaluation for **Adaptive Management**



Breakthrough ACTION conducted a review to understand how to leverage **digital** technologies to reach young people about family planning.





Implications for the SBCC Field

- Digital technologies and channels can offer substantial opportunities, but the SBC best-practice of leveraging multiple channels remains key
- New approaches to key messaging, developing trust
- More research on digital technology's SBC impact is needed in LMICs, among non-cisgendered individuals, and as digital access increases among priority youth segments
- Partnering with youth remains key





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- Brief is available in **English and French**





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