Seeking Breakthroughs in SBC at the Intersection of Family Planning and Intimate Partner Violence: *Audience Segmentation in South Sudan*

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Global expert consultation (2021)

Life course mapping exercise



Adapted from Figure 1 in Understanding the male life course: Opportunities for gender transformation: Background paper. (2020). Institute for Reproductive Health for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). https://irh.org/resource-library/male-life-course-opportunities/



Led to the application of SBC at the intersection of FP and IPV / GBV via audience segmentation in South Sudan







Context of the young women's FP and GBV segmentation in South Sudan

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Using a previously collected dataset throughout South Sudan, segmentation of nulliparous women in South Sudan was conducted regarding their usage of family planning (FP) and to better understand how gender-based violence (GBV) could influence FP behaviors

Behavioral objectives:

- Increase young women utilization of contraceptives and family planning services
- 2. Improve providers understanding of young women's needs and experience for FP services
- 3. Increase providers awareness of how GBV influences FP services







2019 (year of the survey)



1 FP indicator Women 15-24 years who are currently using any MMC



7 GBV indicators Including Wife beating and Child Marriage



Data limitations

The dataset for women aged 15-49 was highly skewed toward single women (92%). We restricted our study to nulliparous women aged 15-24 to ensure we work with a representative population





Four segments stood out from our analysis

We built the following segments based on the key drivers, biases and behaviors of each segment

Open Strugglers (36%)

"I believe women rights, I'm aware of FP, but contraceptives can be hard to access in my community"

Advantaged Adopters

"I'm ready to have children and I understand how FP help me achieve my goal"

Restricted Traditionalists (17%)

"I'm well aware about FP but I cannot have it without getting permission"

Skeptical Adventurers (23%)

"Having a child is probably many years away from me, I don't have a strong opinion and haven't thought about FP"





Segment specific FP counseling cards for young women (≤ 24 years old)

Key elements

The counseling tool comprises three core elements, which are adapted to the South Sudan context:

- Profiling questionnaire
- Gender-based violence specific counselling messages
- Segment specific counselling cards

Counseling steps

The counseling tool follows a five-step process:

1. Preliminary Questions

Establish context and better understand the client's background, and build rapport

2. Profiling Tool

Ask five specific questions within the profiling tool to determine a client's segment

3. General FP Messages

Turn to the key general FP messages page and deliver these messages to all clients, regardless of segment

4. Tailored Questions & Messaging

Ask specific questions to understand the barriers and drivers of client behavior and specific discussion points with corresponding visuals for the client

5. Gender-Based Violence Discussion Card

When relevant, discuss with the client about GBV and on how to manage the situation

Tool overview **Profiling Tool** Start with O1 on the Brofilling Tool Profiling tool 3)-Discuss social pressures and challenges they face^{*} and suggest ways to mitigate these pressures and Segment-specific challenges counseling card * Example: family and community opposition to FP use Counseling visual for the client







Counseling cards: Use case & channels



Via facility–based FP providers

Points of integration at the <u>facility level</u>

- Integrated into existing provider / counseling job aids
- Integrated into the training curriculum at the national level



Via community health workers

Point of integration at the <u>community</u> <u>health worker (e.g., Boma) level</u>

 Integrated into existing community health worker cards / job aids

Considerations for scaling

 Literacy rates vary by region / area and some cards may need to be fully pictorial







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