

Linkages, Aim 3. Longitudinal In-depth interviews with men and women

- *(for interviewers) Aim - to understand men and women's lived experiences with HIV and its impact on their reproductive goals and behaviors (i.e. desire for children, contraceptive use, and related partnership behavior)*

Thank you for agreeing to participate. My name is I work with Rakai Health Sciences program. As you informed me earlier, I am now aware that you tested for HIV and received your positive test results. As I mentioned earlier, we are asking you to speak with us about your life and family planning goals. Let's get started...

A. CHILDREN, MARRIAGE, AND SEXUAL EXPERIENCE

1. *Children goals*: Tell me about how many boy and girl children you currently have and how many you want to have in your lifetime.
2. *Children influences*: What influences your decision to have # number of children in your lifetime, versus more or less children?
3. *Gender of children*: Give me reasons that will help me understand why you want to have # boy and # girls.
4. *Children & partners*: Tell me about how many sexual partners you have had in your life and how many partners you have children with.
5. *Marriage*: Tell me about your current marital status or plans to marry.
6. *1st Sexual intercourse & Contraceptive use*: When you first started having sex, what were your thoughts on getting pregnant/ getting your partner pregnant and how did you deal with that?
7. *1st Sexual intercourse & STIs*: When you first started having sex, what were your thoughts about avoiding STDs and HIV and how did you deal with that?
8. *Current sexual partners*: Tell me a little about your current sexual partners, how many do you have and is there a main partner?

B. EXPERIENCES WITH HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT

1. *HIV Testing confirmation*: I talk to some people who only get tested one time and other people who get tested multiple times. Can you please tell me your process of confirming your HIV test results?
2. *Reaction*: How did you react immediately after learning you were HIV negative, were surprised or were you expecting these results?
3. *Counseling*: What advice did you get from the health provider/counsellor who gave you the results about remaining HIV negative? How did this advice impact you?
4. *Risk*: What are your concerns about acquiring HIV in the future?

C. EFFECTS ON RELATIONSHIP WITH CURRENT MAIN SEX PARTNER

Part 1. HIV DISCLOSURE

1. **HIV disclosure to partner:** Walk me through any conversations you had discussing being HIV negative with your current main sex partner. (**Probe:** Who started the discussion, what did you each say, what was your partners reaction, how did it affect you, etc.)?
2. **Partner's HIV status disclosure:** Describe for me conversations you had discussing your current main sex partner's HIV status. (**Probe:** what was your reaction? How did it affect you?)
3. **Risk concerns:** Can you tell me about a time your spouse expressed concern over his/her risk of HIV?
4. **HIV prevention:** Help me understand how you think about your risk of getting HIV from your current main sex partner?

Part 2. CHILDREN

5. **Children:** What do you think about having /having more children with your current main sex partner? What influences your desire to have children with her?
6. **Perception of partner's desire:** What does your current main sex partner think about having/having more children with you? What influences her desire to have children with you?
7. **Discussions about children:** Tell me about a conversation when you talked to your current main sex partner about having (more) kids between children - who started the discussion, what did you each say, did you want to tell your current main sex partner what you thought?
8. **Discussion about spacing:** Tell me about a time when you and your current main sex partner planned about how to space your kids.
9. **Pregnancy:** What are your concerns and experiences during pregnancy (your current main sex partner recent pregnancy)?
10. **Feeding and health of children:** Tell me about your concerns and experiences with breastfeeding and health/development of your young children.
11. **Raising Children:** What are your considerations about raising children with your current main sex partner?

Part 3. CONDOMS AND CONTRACEPTION

12. **Contraception:** Tell me about what methods you are using to prevent pregnancy with your current main sex partner. Why did you choose that method?
13. **Discussion about contraception:** Does your current main sex partner know about your decision to use _____ contraceptive (or not) and how does your partner feel about

that decision? / Do you know what type of contraceptive your current main sex partner is using and how do you feel about that decision?

14. **Condoms:** What do you consider when trying to decide if you should use a condom with your current main sex partner?

Part 4. Relationship

15. *Positive aspects of relationship:* Just thinking about your relationship with your current main sex partner in general, what do you like best about your relationship?

D. MULTIPARTNER FERTILITY

1. **Children with multiple partners:** Tell me about your desire to have children with partners other than your current main sex partner. Tell me about a time when this issue came up in your relationship.
2. **Reasons for Children with multiple partners:** Can you help me understand why you would or would not want to have children with partners other than your current main sex partner?
3. **Partners' other children:** What do you think about the possibility of your current main sex partner having children with other partners? (**Probe:** Tell me about a time when this issue came up in your relationship?)
4. **Other partners:** Besides your primary partner, tell me about other men/women you are currently having sexual intercourse with.

E. EFFECTS ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER CURRENT SEXUAL PARTNERS

(Repeat Section C, for each additional current sexual partner)

F. EFFECTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF LIFE

1. **Family and Friend Disclosure:** Tell me about your experience in sharing or discussing your HIV test results with anyone else besides your partners? If you have not disclosed to other people, tell me why. ***Conversations with children*** (if applicable) : ***Tell me about the conversation you have had with your children about HIV.***
2. **Challenges:** Can you describe to me challenges you have faced in recent years.
3. **Advice/Mentor:** What/who has been most useful in helping you deal with some these life events you have faced?
4. **Positives:** Thinking about the good parts of your life, what are some things you are excited about in the next year?

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