

**REPRODUCTIVE  
HEALTH LESSONS:  
A Supplemental Curriculum  
for Young People**

*Adapted for India*

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## INTRODUCTION

Young people, like adults, require motivation to make healthy decisions about their reproductive behavior. Evidence demonstrates that positive youth reproductive health outcomes are closely linked with educational and economic opportunities. Comprehensive youth-focused programs support young people to develop skills and talents that lead to better educational and employment opportunities. When combined with reproductive health information and services, these programs can motivate youth to postpone sexual activity or practice safer sexual behavior by helping them understand the long-term impact of their decisions and the importance of planning their futures.

The purpose of this supplemental reproductive health curriculum is to provide life skills-based youth development organizations with a minimal set of reproductive health and family planning lessons for inclusion in their programs. The supplemental lessons are best suited for young people ages 14 or higher and can be used with both in-school and out-of-school youth. Lessons can be presented by teachers, instructors, youth leaders or peer educators. Users of the supplement may also wish to consult two publications by the International Youth Foundation, the Planning for Life Framework for Integrating Reproductive Health and Family Planning into Youth Development Programs or the Family Planning, HIV/AIDS & STIs, and Gender Matrix for background and guidance (see [www.iyfn.org](http://www.iyfn.org)).

Ten topics have been selected for inclusion in this publication: personal values, puberty, reproduction, teen pregnancy, contraception, STIs, HIV/AIDS, gender, substance abuse and violence. These carefully selected topics are designed to be used with any life skills curriculum and represent the minimum content necessary to provide information and raise awareness among young people on reproductive health and family planning. The supplement should be used in its entirety and should follow previously presented life skills lessons.

The lessons have been generalized for global use and should be adjusted to align with country and cultural contexts. Users of the supplement may wish to adapt the role plays and case studies or to add and localize other relevant content, such as child marriage, transactional or cross generational sex or multiple concurrent partnerships. Special attention should be given to vulnerable groups, such as working youth, street children, refugees, and migrant workers, who may require additional information on risk reduction and preventive behaviors at earlier ages.

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## NOTE FROM SAHER

Based on research on Reproductive Health (RH); in India; it is generally acknowledged that significant proportions of young people experience adverse reproductive health outcomes due to risky sexual activity, lack of relevant knowledge and inaccessibility of youth reproductive health services.

With more than two-fifths of Indian women aged 20-24 married by the time that they are 18 years old, and 16 percent of all girls aged 15-19 becoming young mothers, there is a clear need to inform young people about sexual and reproductive health.

Society for Awareness, Harmony and Equal Rights (SAHER), works intensively with young people to understand the identities and stereotypes that underlie the social power structure and its manifestation in the form of religion, caste, gender, class and access to opportunities. Because 60% of our target group comprises young girls/women in colleges and communities, we often see interplay of gender role stereotypes during group processes. More often than not, both girls and boys lack an adequate perspective around the body, sexuality, gender and power thus leading to a misplaced sense of ego or power dynamics between genders. Cultural and religious orientations about gender roles often inhibit young minds from expressing their deeper thoughts around freedom and self discovery. In fact, the whole idea of honor becoming a gendered notion and associated with the female body has become a weapon often used to perpetuate intra-community as well as inter-community violence in India.

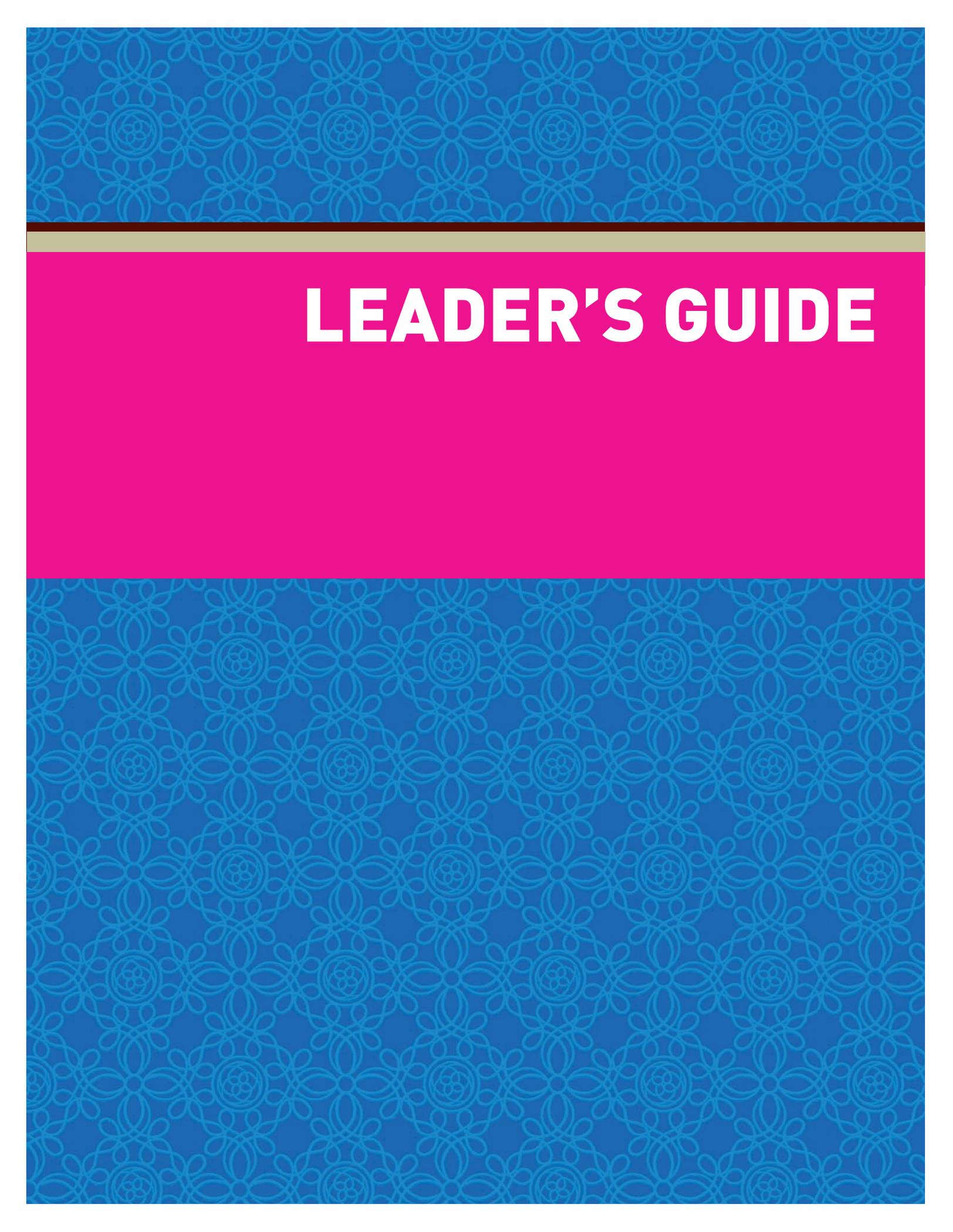
While interacting with youth from community, SAHER has come across many myths regarding wet dreams, masturbation and the menstrual cycle. There is inadequate health awareness among women, for whom society dictates that body and sexuality should be repressed. Especially in the context of the slum communities where we work, basic awareness about health and civic hygiene take a backseat as against survival struggles for basic livelihood. This results in concurrent risks in reproductive health, family planning and lack of nutrition for women thus posing a challenge to their basic health and well being.

SAHER hypothesizes that, in order to enable youth to explore the self in relation to power and peace building, it becomes imperative to understand the interplay of body, gender and sexuality, which forms a large chunk of social stereotyping and leads to discrimination and repressed feelings of anger, frustration, alienation and conflict.

During our first two test groups we encountered few challenges such as participant's mindset that is influenced by various factors such as religion, socialization and education. Additionally, young people are not comfortable talking about sex and sexuality.

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# **LEADER'S GUIDE**

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### CURRICULUM DESIGN

This curriculum is designed to supplement any life skills-based curriculum with Reproductive Health (RH) lessons. It is based on based on certain assumptions, such as:

- Young people are familiar with life skills lessons and have been taught them prior to the RH Lessons
- Leaders feel comfortable to deliver messages on reproductive health to youth
- The RH Lessons are part of a life skills education program.

The curriculum consists of ten lessons. The structure of the lessons was adopted from GE Foundation Life Skills for Employability Program implemented by IYF.

Each lesson has two sections. The first section contains information a leader will need as he/she prepares to teach the lesson, including<sup>1</sup>:

*Learning Objectives:* Specific learnings for the lesson that are expected to be achieved.

*Lesson Preview:* An overview of the lesson that provides a chronological list of the information and activities included in the entire lesson.

*Materials Needed:* All materials that a leader should prepare in advance.

*Tasks to Complete Before Teaching:* Tasks a leader needs to complete prior to teaching the lesson are described. An example of a task to be completed is: "Create a visual listing the four ways to respond to a bully or intimidator."

*Prerequisite Skill or Lesson:* Life skills or RH lessons containing knowledge or skills that are referred to or used in the lesson are listed. You will need to conduct any listed lessons prior to conducting the current lesson.

*Age Group of Participants:* This serves as a guide to help the facilitator determine the age appropriateness of lessons. If participants may be more comfortable being separated into gender-specific groups according to local norms and customs, this is also noted.



*Length of Lesson:* The estimated amount of time to conduct the lesson.

The last section contains actual instructions for conducting the lesson. These include:



*Generating Interest in Topic:* A short introduction to the lesson is presented. The purpose of this section is to stimulate participants' interest in the topic and/or connect what they know or have experienced. This could be through a quote, a game, a discussion, a riddle, a brief statement, or similar method.



*Information to Share:* Information, concepts, or skills are presented or demonstrated. This presentation can be made by the leader or through a variety of methods, such as short lectures (5-10 minutes), large or small group activities, role plays, demonstrations, and/or discussions.



*Group Activity/Practice:* Participants will practice using the concepts or skills presented in the lesson. This could be accomplished through a game, a practice situation between pairs or small groups of participants, a role play, a skit, a discussion, or similar method.



*Personal Application:* Participants take what they have learned and what they have practiced and consider how they might use it in their lives. This is a critical aspect of the lesson. Without an opportunity to apply what they have learned, participants may not see the relevancy for their lives.



*Leader's Notes:* Some of the lessons have comments, suggestions, information, or helpful hints that will assist a leader in conducting a lesson. Some of the lessons have resources for leaders to give them additional information on a particular topic. It is advised that a leader will become familiar with a topic prior to the lesson and try to find additional information available in local language.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted from the GE Foundation Life Skills for Employability Program

It is recommended that the lessons be taught in the order they are presented in the program. If a leader chooses to change the order of the lessons, he or she should make sure that the skills or information needed for the youth to be successful in later lessons have been taught. The “Prerequisite Skill or Lesson” section at the beginning of each lesson lists a prior lesson or skills that young people should be taught before the current lesson.

Each lesson is designed to be taught in 60 minutes. If it is necessary a leader may divide a lesson into two parts and conduct one lesson in two consequent days.

Some of the lessons include handouts to be used by participants that can be found in attached Annexes.

## GROUND RULES

Before introducing lessons on reproductive health, it is important to create a safe space for youth to share their ideas and openly discuss sensitive topics by establishing rules of behavior and communication in the group. If ground rules have been developed prior to the reproductive health lessons, a leader should review the rules with the participants to make sure that the following issues are addressed:

- *Confidentiality*: Information shared in the group will remain there and will not be repeated or discussed outside the group.
- *Respect*: Participants will respect other’s opinions and experiences even if they are different from their own.
- *Openness*: Participants will be open and honest, but never talk about someone else’s private life by giving names or identifying the person in the story.
- *Non-judgmental approach*: It is acceptable to disagree with another person’s opinion, but not to judge or put down another person.
- *Right to pass*: Those participants who do not want to share their feelings and experiences have the right to “pass” and not be part of discussion.

## TIPS FOR LEADERS<sup>2</sup>

To make the lessons more effective, it is important that a leader takes time to assess the participants’ needs so that the most appropriate ways of meeting these needs are adopted. Below are some tips for leaders on how to conduct a reproductive health lesson effectively.

1. Read the entire RH curriculum.

A preliminary reading of all reproductive health lessons will give you a holistic view of what you will be teaching, an idea about the material you need to gather, and how you should prepare yourself to provide health related messages.

2. Always be prepared.

Before each session, thoroughly read the lesson’s content. Pay special attention to the Leaders’ note and be prepared for any questions participants might ask about that particular topic. Do not be afraid to say you do not know something. Offer to check it out and get back to the group.

3. Identify resource persons.

If you are not comfortable facilitating a topic, or feel you need help with providing adequate information to boys and girls separately, invite someone (such as a health expert or peer educator) who can help you to deliver health messages.

4. Identify and understand the beliefs and values of youth participants and yourself.

Think about what participants must be feeling as they grow up. Pay attention to your own beliefs and values. Doing so will make you a much more effective facilitator.

5. Create a non-judgmental environment where participants’ values are respected.

Accept and respect all participants’ comments and questions. Let them know that their concerns and opinions are valid and worthwhile.

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### 6. Be enthusiastic!

Maintain a positive approach to the normal, healthy process of growing up. Don't let your judgment reflect on the information provided. No matter how objective adults are trying to be, youth notice negative feelings and attitudes. How something is presented is often more powerful than what is said.

### 7. Be honest.

Use accurate language for body parts and bodily functions. Research shows that when a child has accurate language for private body parts, she/he is more likely to report abuse, if it occurs, than when the child lacks appropriate language.

### 8. Make participants feel comfortable.

Avoid causing anyone potential embarrassment. Do not make participants answer a question they feel uncomfortable answering. Express the need for confidentiality within the group. It is important for the participants to feel that what they say will not be used against them outside of the training session

### 9. Provide opportunities for participants to ask questions anonymously.

Prepare a "Question Box" and have it available throughout the training for the participants to post their anonymous questions. These are questions that they may be embarrassed to ask in front of the group. Give participants time to write down questions and deposit them in a "Question Box." Make sure that any posted questions are addressed within the training or responded to accordingly.

### 10. Help participants develop their own rules.

Help young people to develop and follow a clear set of rules to govern their discussions. It will make them feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings. Ground rules also make clear what type of language and behavior is considered acceptable and appropriate. Once ground rules have been clearly stated, refer to them throughout the lesson and when dealing with difficult situations.

### 11. Be open

Respond to criticism openly and make every attempt to obtain an agreement of all parties involved. Explaining why something has been done in a particular way will often be enough to settle any concern.

### 12. Use a range of teaching aids

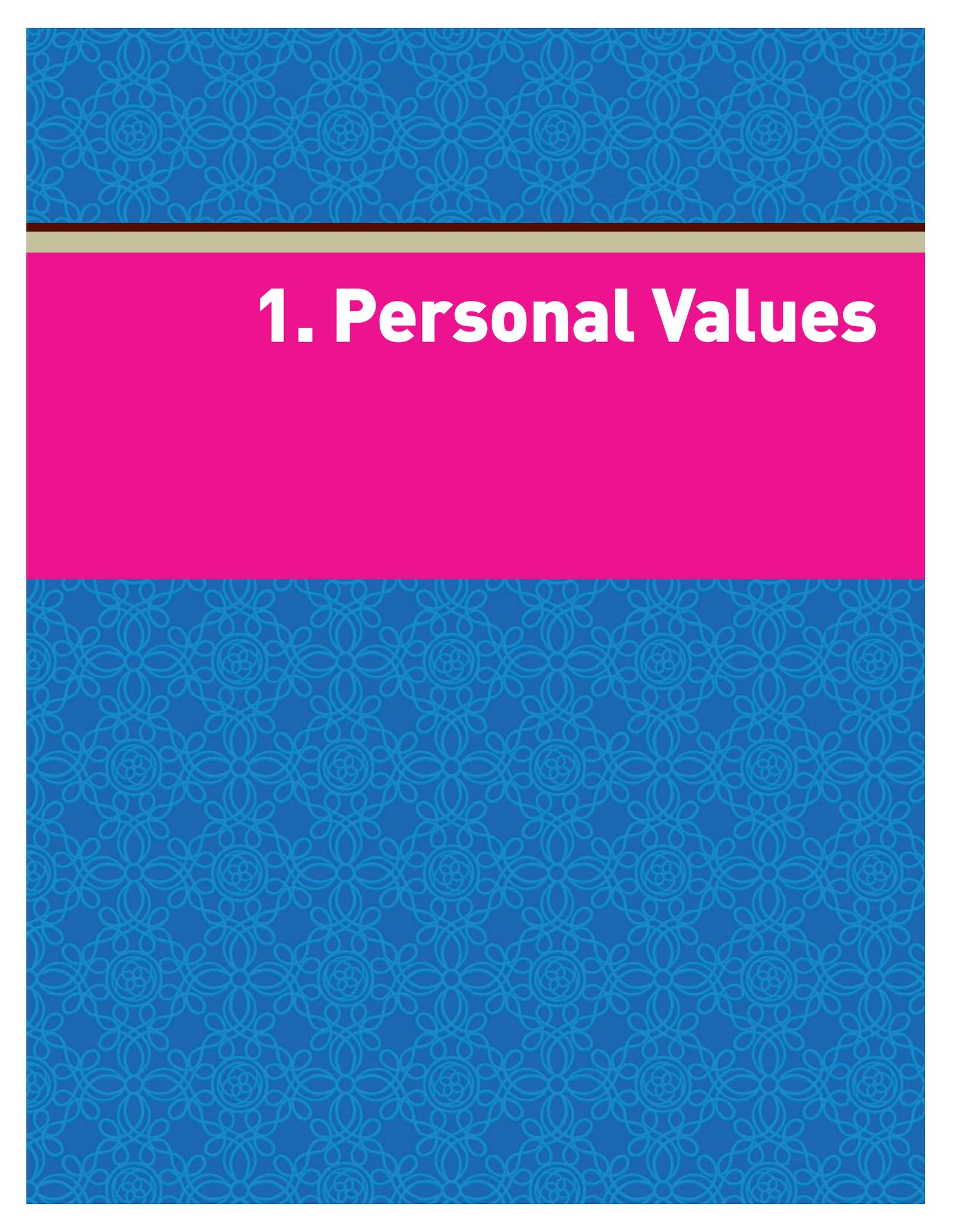
Games, role-plays, audio-video materials make the learning about sensitive issues such as reproductive health more effective. While playing young people to young people strengthen their knowledge about sexual and reproductive health and build their skills in healthy behaviors.

### 13. Evaluation

Evaluation can be done at the end of each day as well as at the end of each lesson and the entire curriculum. Different evaluation techniques can be used to assess the progress and effectiveness of the training. For example, the following techniques may be used:

- *Mood Meter* — a chart that shows an everyday measurement of the mood and atmosphere in the group
- *Flash Feedback* — feedback from participants on their experience during the day/ lesson and new things they learned
- *Questionnaire* — a list of questions that measure range of knowledge and skills of the participants as well as assess their satisfaction with the training course. A questionnaire can be used for a pre-post test evaluation.

Pre-post test evaluation can be used to assess a change in knowledge of youth who have participated in the training. The results of the test should be discussed with the participants so that they can see their own growth and improvement

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# 1. Personal Values

# PERSONAL VALUES

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Identify their core values and priorities
- Develop an understanding of how values are shaped and how different people may have different values depending on their experiences
- Understand the importance of taking stances and analyse the factors that shape these stances

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Explore the meaning of 'value'.
- Explain different influences on forming values.
- Demonstrate that people have different values.
- Discuss why people behave either according to their values or against them.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk)
- Poster: "Value" Poster: "Value"
- Make table with names of the characters (Ref. Rekha Story)

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- Ensure that people debate as freely as possible without trying to be politically correct. Also declare that self defense arguments must be kept out of the discussion
- For Information to Share: Prepare a poster with meanings of 'value.'
- Prepare Leading Questions:
  - Did both the groups have similar values? Is this possible?
  - Was it easy / difficult to choose six values?
  - Was it easy /difficult to choose one value?
  - What could be the various factors that shape our values?

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- None

### AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- All ages

### LENGTH OF LESSON



between 60 minutes and 90 minutes

# LESSON PLAN



## GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

Demonstration and Discussion (10 minutes)

1. Give each participant a blank piece of paper and then show them the three unfinished statements below on a piece of chart paper or on the board. Ask each participant to complete the sentences on their piece of paper. Give them 2 minutes to complete the sentences.
  - The characteristic I would like to develop is....
  - If I had rupees one crore I would...
  - The most important characteristic in a friend is...
2. Tell the group that they will return to these sentences at the end of the lesson.
3. Divide participants into three groups. Explain that each group will be given a situation and a task.
4. Describe a situation: “An airplane crashes in a certain place: Himalayan mountains, Ahmedabad city, or Borivali National Park (forest). We are all survivors. What do we need to survive until we are found?”
5. Assign a different crash site to each group and ask them to choose seven items from the list below of tangible and intangible things that they need to survive.
  - Money
  - Health
  - Ax
  - Rope
  - Courage
  - Books
  - Food
  - Cloth
  - Trust
  - Honesty
  - Friendship
  - Water
  - Car
  - Kindness
  - Respect
  - Light
  - House
  - Respect
6. Ask each group to share what things they selected for their situation.
7. Write the word “value” on a flipchart. Explain that each of the items or qualities that they chose has a value. Tell the group that this lesson will help them to learn about and explore their own values.



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Leader Input and Large Group Practice (10 minutes)

1. Explain that ‘value’ has several meanings. One is the actual monetary worth of an object (tangible values) and another is a personal measure of worth (intangible values), such as how important certain objects, beliefs, principles or ideas are to someone.

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2. Go back to the previous activity and ask the participants to give examples of tangible and intangible values that they selected to survive at their crash sites.
3. Provide more examples of intangible values such as:
  - Be honest with yourself and the others.
  - Treat everyone with respect.
  - Girls have the same rights as boys and should be treated equally.
  - Education and skills are important to get a job.
4. Explain that values are:
  - Qualities, characteristics or ideas about which we feel strongly and consider the most important.
  - A belief that someone or something is worthwhile.
  - Standards that you use to make choices and that guide your behavior in life.
5. Ask several students to share some of the things they did during their free time over the past week. List their answers on the board. Point out that what we choose to do with our time also has to do with our values.
6. Explain that:
  - Values give direction and consistency to behavior.
  - Values help you know what to make time for and what not to.
  - Values establish a relationship between you and the world.
  - Values set direction for one's life.
7. Tell the group that our values are influenced by many factors: our families, school, society, friends, TV, church, culture, and environment. At different ages, different people and things have a different level of influence.
8. Ask participants who and what influences them the most. Write their answers on the board.
9. Summarize the discussion by highlighting that:
  - Values are things that we believe in and support.
  - Our values are shaped by everything and everyone around us.
  - Values often influence the decisions and choices we make.
  - Our life experiences shape our values and hence it is not necessary that people around us share the same values as us
  - We can disagree and still be friends if we respect each others' values and experiences.
  - We prioritise our values depending on situations, but there are some core values which we consider non-negotiable in life and these might lead to conflict.
  - It is important to understand that core values must not be used to become rigid and intolerant of others and their core values.
  - Values, either consciously or unconsciously, are a standard for guiding actions and making choices. Hence, the choice people make reflect their perception of what is right just or cherished at a particular time.
  - Knowing their values help people get more clarity on why they do what they do and how they can live more consistently.
  - Often people take their values for granted. These unconscious values emerge only when a person reflects on why s/he chose to act in a particular way in particular situation.

- People hold a number of values dear, such as friendship, loyalty, honesty, etc. however, their actions are usually guided by the value/s they hold as more dear. E.g., a person for whom loyalty as a value is dearer than honesty could lie to defend a friend. But a person for whom honesty is more dear, will not. In this way, people prioritize their values while making action or behavior choices.
- Sometimes even when common values operate in two people, their stances on an issue may differ. This happens because of prioritization of values.
- Even though people prioritize their values in different situations, there are few values that they always rate very highly. These are their 'core values'.
- Core values are extremely important for people. However, they should not presume that their core values will be the core values everybody else, and respect other people's values and points of view.
- People have a number of values. In certain situations, some of these values may conflict or clash. In such times, they may find it necessary to re-examine their values while acknowledging that under certain circumstances, it is possible to hold values that are inconsistent with one another.
- Sometimes people are unable to clearly understand their own value systems. In a conflict this may lead to indecision. Indecision can then again lead to inaction. To avoid being a victim of this, it is important that people clarify their values, build it into an attitude and ultimately into behavior.



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

Group Practice (30 minutes)

### Rekha story<sup>3</sup>

Rekha is a girl staying in a village. Her boyfriend, Rahul stays across the river. One day she came to know that Rahul is very ill. She thought of meeting him however she was alone. Rekha's friend Raj also stays in the same village. She asks Raj to accompany her while she visits Rahul. Raj has a crush on Rekha and refuses to go along with her. Therefore she decides to go alone to meet Rahul. She goes to the river and asks the seafarer (Naavwala) to take her across the river. He agrees and asks her to sit. But when they reach in the middle of the river, taking advantage of the situation he rapes her. He then takes her across the river and leaves her. She goes to Rahul's house and tells her story to him. Rahul gets upset and asks her to leave and never to come back to him.

1. Ask people to take stances on whom they want to punish. As per their response ask them to form groups. Each group has to discuss amongst themselves and present its reasons for punishing the culprit.



*Leader's Note: Ensure that people debate as freely as possible without trying to be politically correct. Also declare that self defence arguments must be kept out of the discussion.*

2. Let discussion and debating go on for about 25 min, ask each group to list the values that prompted their stance.
3. As per discussion write the values on the white board.
4. Then, eventually they should choose one value most important to them.

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5. During the presentations, if someone wants to change his/her group they can join the group they want and give reasons for the shifting.
6. Ask for volunteers to share their choices with the group. Help them to articulate why they made this choice. Thank the volunteers.
7. Ask participants:
  - How did this exercise reflect on your values?
  - Do you think people may change their values throughout their lives?
  - Why is it important to respect other people's values?
  - Are our behaviors (choices and decisions) in line with our values?Summarize by emphasizing that:
  - Values are personal;
  - Values may change as experience changes;
  - Respecting someone else's values system encourages his/her respect for your values.

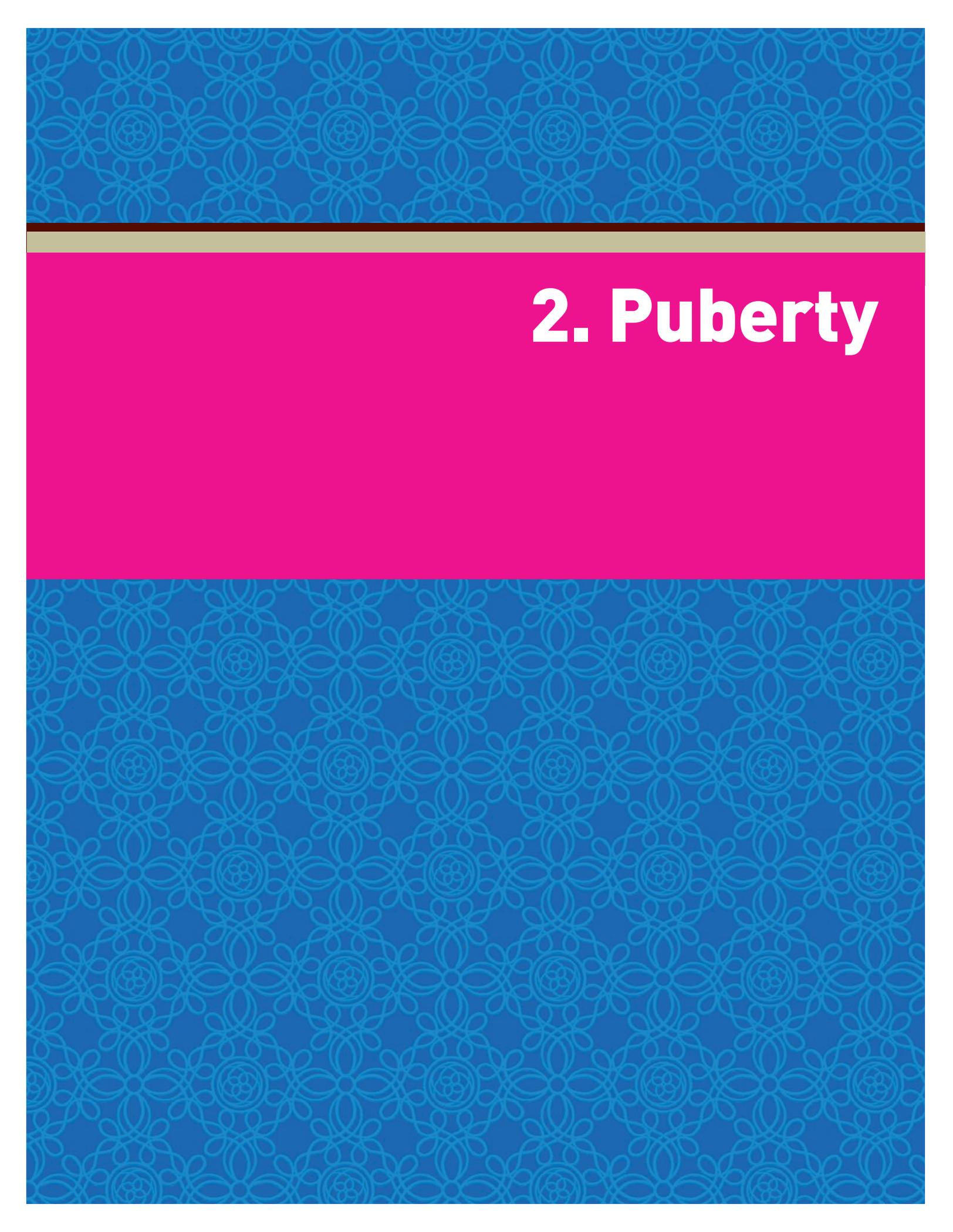


## PERSONAL APPLICATION

### Discussion (10 minutes)

1. Ask the participants to look at the sentences that they completed at the beginning of the lesson and tell them that these sentences represent the values that the participants currently have. Ask them if they would like to change anything in the completed sentences.
2. Ask the participants to raise their hands if they want to make any changes. If there are some students that want to make changes, ask them to explain how they would change their initial answers.
3. If no one wants to make any changes, ask them to look at these sentences in a few weeks or a month and see if they are still valid for them.
4. Tell the participants that you want them to examine their values and their family values. Give them a list of "Family Values" and tell them to write their own perception of each of the values and ask an adult in their families about at least three values.
  - Grades in school
  - Dating
  - Using drugs or alcohol
  - Graduating from school
  - Getting married
  - Getting a job
  - Having premarital sex
  - Going to college
  - Making money
5. The question for the participants is: "Does your perception agree with your family's, friends and neighbors values?"

Source: Walk with me, Pravah

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## 2. Puberty

# PUBERTY

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Identify main physical changes experienced during puberty
- Identify emotional changes accompanying puberty
- Discuss how to cope with the emotions during puberty
- Relate life skills to coping with changes during puberty

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Demonstrate what changes happen to boys and girls during puberty
- Explain what puberty means and the reasons for the changes
- Explore various emotional and physical changes at puberty and how to cope with them

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk), cards or strips of paper
- Role play scenarios and chart paper with body images drawn out

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare body image of a girl and a boy using chart paper.
- Read “Leader’s Resources: Puberty” (Annex A).
- For Group Practice: Prepare role play for each pair.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Negotiation skills
- Listening skills

### AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 12 – 15 years old

### LENGTH OF LESSON



55 minutes

# LESSON PLAN



## GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

Demonstration (15 minutes)

1. Divide the participants into two groups. Hand out to each group two sheets of chart paper with the body image of a boy and the body image of a girl drawn on one page. Ask one group to draw all the changes that happen to a boy between ages 10 and 16 and another group to do the same for a girl. Give them about 5 minutes to complete.



*Leader's Note: If boys and girls are not comfortable to be mixed in one group, make separate groups of boys and girls. If the participants are all girls or all boys, have the participants also draw changes during puberty of the opposite sex.*

2. Ask participants to discuss changes in physical appearance they see in boys and girls during puberty.
- What visual physical changes they see in boys and girls between 10 and 16 years old?
  - What changes happen by age 16 that they can't see? (For example: voice, emotions, wet dreams, menstruation).



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Leader Input and Large Group Practice (10 minutes)

1. Explain what puberty means:

Puberty is a time when the bodies of boys and girls change, when bodies grow bigger and taller, genitals develop, and body hair appears. Puberty happens because new chemicals (hormones) are developing in the body, turning young people into adults. Usually puberty starts between ages 8 and 13 in girls and between ages 10 and 15 in boys, although some young people start puberty earlier or later. Typically, but not always, girls begin puberty two years earlier than boys. During puberty, girls become physically able to become pregnant and boys become physically able to father a child. If you are concerned about your developing body, ask to speak with a trusted adult or health provider.

2. Explain what emotional changes they may experience during puberty. Emphasize that physical and emotional changes experienced at puberty are normal.

3. During puberty, young people might feel overly sensitive or become easily upset and experience mood swings. Feeling anxious about how the changing body looks is one of the things young people are most sensitive about. Losing tempers more than usual and getting angry with friends or family members happen more easily. It is common to feel sad or depressed sometimes. Young people should talk to adults they trust about any feelings of anger, sadness, or depression they may have.

4. Explain about sexual feelings. Emphasize that sexual feelings are normal.
- During puberty, it is normal to become more aware of the opposite sex and to feel more sexual.
  - In boys, the main sign of sexual feelings is an erection of the penis.
  - In girls, it is wetness of the vagina.
  - Sexual feelings can come from reading a romantic novel or thinking about

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another boy or girl.

- Having sexual feelings is normal and is nothing to feel guilty about. Acting on such feelings, however, is a big responsibility, and it is best to wait until one is older.



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Paired Practice (20 minutes)

1. Divide the participants into small groups of 4 people. Assign one role play to one pair in each group.
2. The pairs will act out the situation in their group using the information they have learned. While one pair presents the role-play, the other pair should watch and make notes if the information provided is correct. Encourage the participants to be creative. Give participants 5 minutes to prepare each skit and 3 minutes to perform it.



*Leader's Note: Encourage boys to play girls role and visa versa*

**Role Play 1:** One person plays a mother (aunt, grandmother), the other plays a 12 year old girl. The girl is worried because she has not developed breasts, although most of her friends have. The mother (aunt, grandmother) comforts the girl and tells her about changes happening to girls during puberty.

**Role Play 2:** One person plays a 12 year old boy, the other plays the older brother. The boy is sad because everyone at school teases him about his cracking voice. The older brother explains why his voice is cracking and what to say to people when they tease him.

**Role Play 3:** Both people play 10 year old girls. One girl teases the other girl because she is taller than all the other girls in the class. The tall girl explains that boys and girls grow at different paces and to different heights. She also explains why she does not like being teased and asks the other girls to be a nicer person.

**Role Play 4:** One person plays a 12 year old boy; the other plays his father (uncle, grandfather). The boy is worried because he is growing hair under his arms and a little on his face. The father (uncle, grandfather) comforts him and tells him about changes happening in boys during puberty.

**Role Play 5:** One person plays a 14 year-old girl and the other plays her older sister. The girl is worried about her relationship with the friends but she can't understand why her friends do not want to be with her anymore. The sister explains that some reasons can be the girl's rude behavior towards her friends letting her know about emotional changes during puberty, and advising her how to control her anger and negative emotions.

**Role Play 6:** One person plays a 13 year-old boy and the other plays his older brother. The boy has feelings for a girl but he does not know how to express them and teases her all the time. The older brother has witnessed the scene between the boy and the girl. He talks to the boy about relationships with girls and how to express the feelings.

3. While the participants work in pairs, the facilitator should observe them and if necessary provide help with unclear situations.
4. At the end of the exercise ask them:
  - Did they feel comfortable discussing these issues?
  - What was the most challenging topic for you?

- What life skills could help you in performing these role-plays?
- What information do you need to answer your friends' questions about puberty?



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Discussion (10 minutes)

1. Ask the participants what information and life skills they have learned that will help them to cope with emotions and physical changes during puberty.
2. Emphasize the following points:
  - All of the physical and emotional changes that happen at puberty are natural.
  - Each person develops at an individual pace. It is important not to tease or make fun of others that develop either earlier or later.
  - Young people often feel clumsy and uncomfortable because of the rapid changes in their bodies.
  - During the puberty a girl becomes physically able to get pregnant and a boy is physically able to father a child.
3. Ask the participants to whom they could go with the questions or worries about puberty. Encourage them to talk to trusted adults, family, health providers, and facilitators.

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# **3. Reproduction Review**

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Learn about the anatomy and physiology of the male and female reproductive systems
- Learn and be able to correctly identify the proper names of the reproductive organs and parts
- Become aware that menstruation and wet dreams as normal signs of puberty
- Understand hygienic practices

#### LESSON PREVIEW

- Discuss the anatomy and physiology of the male and female reproductive systems.
- Explain menstruation and wet dreams.
- Practice identifying male and female reproductive organs.
- Practice addressing issues related to sexual changes in our bodies.
- Discuss hygienic practices.
- Discuss myths and facts related to reproduction.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk) tape, color cards
- Jigsaw puzzle
- Role play scenarios
- Myth & fact cards
- Pictures of reproductive systems

#### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare a picture of the female reproductive system and a picture of the male reproductive system, omitting names of the parts.
- For Group Practice: Prepare a jigsaw puzzle for the male and female reproductive systems and cards with the names of reproductive organs.
- For Role Play: Prepare role play scenarios for each pair. If possible, use local examples or situations for the role plays.
- For Paired Practice: Prepare hygiene practices/explanations for boys and girls.
- Review the lesson content on anatomy of male and female reproductive systems.
- For Personal Application: Prepare Myth and Fact cards.
- At the end of the session display the diagrams that are labeled by participants

#### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty

#### AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 12-18 years old. Participants can be split in two groups (girls and boys) during some exercises according to local norms and customs.

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

**Demonstration (5 minutes)**

1. Ask participants to draw a picture of a boy and a girl.
2. Divide participants into several groups of 4-5 people. (Choose the most appropriate way to form the groups either by sex or randomly. If the group is mixed, make sure that participants are comfortable with discussing the topic).
3. Each group should draw a picture of a male and female body (without clothes!) and name the body parts with words they know.

Give the groups 5 minutes to complete the task.

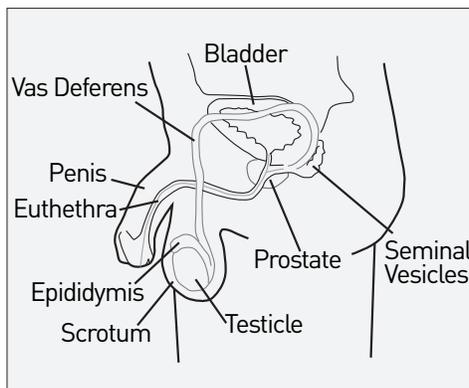
4. Ask each group to show their results. Leave the pictures on the wall for the next session.



### INFORMATION TO SHARE

**Leader Input and Large Group Practice (20 minutes)<sup>4</sup>**

1. For this session you may consider separating participants according to their sex. If you have two groups, make sure that the girls' group has a female leader and the boys' group is led by a male instructor.
2. Go back to the results of the small group activity. Tell the participants that they should review their answers based on the information that they will receive.
3. Focus on the male reproductive system first. Use the posters prepared by the participants during the first exercise and cards with the organs' names.
4. Start with the male outer reproductive parts. Read the name on the poster prepared by participants first and then place the card with the proper name and ask them to read it aloud. After they read the name give a brief explanation of the part.
  - The scrotum is a muscular sac hanging between the man's thighs. The scrotum holds the testes and regulates temperature compatibility with the mobility of sperm. It tightens when temperature is cold and loosens when warm.
  - The testes also called testicles, are two balls that sit in the scrotum and produce sperm and the male hormone called testosterone.
  - The penis is the male outer sex organ. The penis is made of spongy tissue with many blood vessels. Inside the penis there is a tube called the urethra that has an opening at the end. The urethra has two main roles: 1) it carries urine to the outside of the body; and 2) it allows semen to pass during sexual excitement.



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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from "Life Planning Skills", African Youth Alliance, 2004

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- The foreskin is the skin that covers the head of the penis. This is the skin that is removed during circumcision.
5. Continue with the inner reproductive parts:
    - The epididymis stores the sperm until they are mature. Once the sperm is mature it travels along the tube called the vas deferens.
    - Vas deferens is the tube that carries sperm from the epididymis to the seminal vesicle. It acts as a passageway for sperm.
    - The seminal vesicles are two pouches containing some fluids that nourish the sperm.
    - The prostate gland produces lubricating fluid for sperm. Semen contains the sperm, the nourishing fluid from the seminal vesicles and lubricating fluids from the prostate gland. Semen is the fluid that leaves the man's body through the urethra during the sexual excitement.
  6. Explain erection, ejaculation, and wet dreams during puberty.



Leader's note: If themes are discussed, which might be controversial issues in some religions (such as masturbation in Islam), the facilitator should make clear that all shared information has to be understood from a scientific view and is not meant to compete with any religious views. A discussion of fundamental beliefs should be avoided!

### - What Is an Erection?

An erection occurs when the penis fills with blood and becomes hard and straight. Erections happen sometimes as boys fantasize and think about sexual things, or sometimes for no reason at all. Boys often do not have any control over when this will happen. It is very common for boys to wake up with an erection in the morning. While asleep at night, a boy's penis will probably become erect and then go down about five to seven times. This is completely normal and healthy. Having erections is not a sign that a boy needs to have sex. When the penis is erect, a boy will find that he cannot urinate easily because a muscle closes off the bladder. He will have to wait until the erection goes down before he can urinate.

### - What Is Ejaculation?

Ejaculation is when semen comes out of a boy's or man's erect penis due to sexual excitement. A man does not have to ejaculate every time he has an erection. If he waits, the erection will go down on its own without causing any harm. When a boy begins puberty, the ejaculated semen tends to be slightly clear or slightly yellow. As the boy grows into a man, he begins making a larger amount of mature sperm, and his ejaculation will probably become more whitish. Boys are not born with sperm; they begin to produce them during puberty. A boy begins to produce sperm and continues to produce them throughout his entire life. If the sperm is ejaculated into the woman's vagina, she may become pregnant. The ejaculate can also carry diseases that could infect and harm a woman.

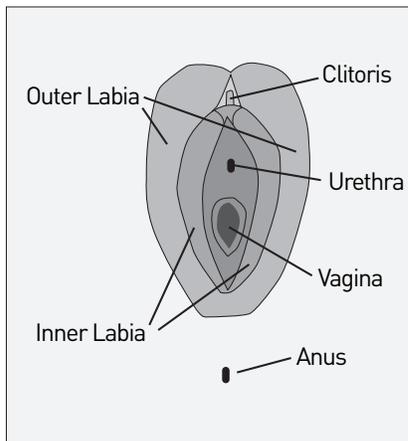
### - What Is a Wet Dream / night fall?

A wet dream (or nocturnal emission) is when a boy's penis becomes erect, and he ejaculates while sleeping. This causes the boy's underwear or the bed to be a little wet when he wakes up. If a boy does not know about wet dreams, he could be worried or confused. Wet dreams are completely natural and normal. A boy cannot stop himself from having wet dreams.

7. Ask participants if they have any questions about the male reproductive system. Answer the questions.
8. Proceed with the discussion of the female reproductive system. Make sure that you start with the outer parts. Read the name on the poster prepared by participants first and then place the card with the proper name and ask participants to

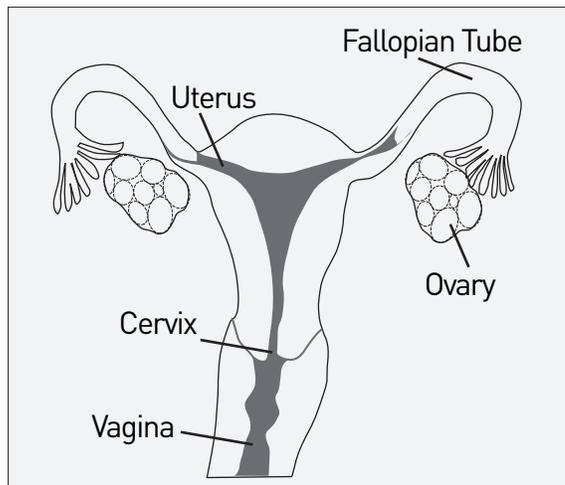
read it aloud. After they read the name give a brief explanation of the part. read it aloud. After they read the name give a brief explanation of the part.

- **Clitoris:** Small organ at the upper part of the labia, which is sensitive to stimulation.
- **Labia majora (outer labia):** Two folds of skin (one on either side of the vaginal opening) that cover and protect the genital structures, including the vestibule.
- **Labia minora (inner labia):** Two folds of skin between the labia majora that extend from the clitoris on each side of the urethral and vaginal openings.
- **Urethra:** Short tube that carries urine from the bladder (the place where urine is collected in the body) to the outside of the body.
- **Urethral (urinary) opening:** Spot from which a woman urinates.
- **Vaginal opening:** Opening from the vagina where menstrual blood leaves the body.
- **Vestibule:** Area of the external female genitalia that includes the vaginal and urethral opening (not shown above).
- **Vulva:** The external genital organs of the female, including the labia majora, labia minora, clitoris, and vestibule (not shown above).



9. Continue with the inner reproductive parts explaining the process of fertilization and introducing menstruation:

- **Cervix:** Lower portion of the uterus, which extends into the vagina
- **Fallopian tubes:** Tubes that carry the egg from the ovaries to the uterus
- **Fertilization:** Union of the egg with the sperm
- **Menstruation:** The monthly discharge of blood and tissue from the lining of the uterus
- **Ovaries:** Two glands that contain thousands of immature eggs
- **Ovulation:** The periodic release of a mature egg from an ovary
- **Secretion:** The process by which glands release certain materials into the bloodstream or outside the body
- **Uterus:** Small, hollow, muscular female organ where the fetus is held and nourished from the time of implantation until birth
- **Vagina:** Canal that forms the passageway from the uterus to the outside of the body



10. Explain what menstruation is:

Menstruation is the normal, healthy shedding of blood and tissue from the uterus. It is also called a woman's "period." It usually lasts between three and seven days. Sanitary pads or tampons can be used to absorb a menstrual flow. Menstruation happens for most women about once a month. Some girls may begin to menstruate

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Leader's note: The facilitator should explain that if a belief system categorizes menstrual blood as impure, this does not necessarily mean that a woman is sick (from a scientific health point of view) while having her period. Participants should try to understand the scientific point of view as an alternative position to the religious view that menstrual blood is impure, rather than as a competitive belief. Participants are asked to understand the different implications of both meaning systems rather than look for the ultimate truth in only one of them.



### GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

#### Role Plays (10 minutes)<sup>5</sup>

1. Divide the participants into groups of 4. Assign one role play to one pair in each group. If there are too many pairs, more than one pair can do the same role-play if they are in different groups.
2. The pairs will act out the situation in their group using the information they have learned. While one pair is presenting the role-play, the other pair should watch and make notes if the information provided is correct. Encourage the participants to be creative. Give participants 3 minutes to prepare their skits and 5 minutes to perform.

**Role Play 1:** One person plays a 10-year-old girl; the other plays the older sister. The girl is frightened because she began her period and does not understand what it is. The older sister explains what menstruation is and why it is happening.

**Role Play 2:** One person plays the mother; the other plays a 12-year-old girl. The girl is worried because she has not yet gotten her period, but her friends have. The mother comforts the girl and explains to her why she may not have gotten her period yet.

**Role Play 3:** One person plays the father; the other plays the 13-year-old son. The son is worried because he keeps waking up, and the bed is a little wet. He asks his father what is wrong with him. The father explains to him what wet dreams are and that they are normal.

**Role Play 4:** One person plays a 17 year old boy. He is afraid that excessive masturbation will lead to infertility and shortening of his life span. He also thinks that sperms are prepared in the bones and joints of the body and excessive intercourse or masturbation will lead to weakening of the bones and the body. He discusses this with his brother whom is 25 and the brother explains the way sperms are produced and blasts myths attached to the process.

**Role Play 5:** One person plays an 18 year old boy. He is talking to his friend about his fear that he needs to have sex often as he is getting erections or else his penis will soon burst. His friend explains that this just a myth and very common for all boys/ men of his age.

<sup>5</sup> Adapted from "My Changing Body: Fertility Awareness for Young People", FHI and Institute for Reproductive Health of Georgetown University, 2003

**Paired Practice (10 minutes)<sup>6</sup>**

1. Form a few small groups of the same sex.
2. Girls' group: Present on a flipchart (or distribute handouts) a mismatched group of 6 hygiene practices and 6 explanations.

<b>1. Using deodorant</b>	<b>A. Keeps the body odor free</b>
<b>2. Wearing clean underwear</b>	<b>B. Can help with body odor</b>
<b>3. Using facial cleanser</b>	<b>C. Prevents spreading diseases</b>
<b>4. Washing hands with soap after using the bathroom</b>	<b>D. Protects genitals from germs and prevents odor</b>
<b>5. Changing sanitary pads and/or tampons regularly</b>	<b>E. Can help prevent acne</b>
<b>6. Frequent bathing</b>	<b>F. Prevents infection, keeps genitals clean</b>

Answer Key: 1.B, 2.D, 3.E, 4.C, 5.F, 6.A.

3. Boys' group: Present on a flipchart (or distribute handouts) six hygienic practices and their effects on your body. Participants must match the corresponding hygienic practices and effects.

<b>1. Using deodorant</b>	<b>A. Avoids infection, keeps genitals clean</b>
<b>2. Wearing clean underwear</b>	<b>B. Can help with body odor</b>
<b>3. Washing genital area every day</b>	<b>C. Keeps the body odor free</b>
<b>4. Using facial cleanser</b>	<b>D. Prevents spreading diseases</b>
<b>5. Washing hands with soap after the bathroom</b>	<b>E. Can help prevent acne</b>
<b>6. Frequent bathing</b>	<b>F. Protects genitals from germs and prevents odor</b>

Answer Key: 1.B, 2.F, 3.A, 4.E, 5.D, 6.C.

Ask participants to match each practice with an explanation. Give them 5 minutes for discussion.

5. When participants finish the exercise, give them the correct answers. If needed, explain the hygiene practices.

<b>1. Using deodorant</b>	<b>1. Can help with body odor</b> Regular bathing and wearing clean clothing will usually keep a person smelling clean and fresh. Deodorants are designed to cover up unpleasant body odors; antiperspirants are designed to absorb perspiration in the armpit and reduce underarm wetness. Each person should decide whether his or her body odor or amount of perspiration requires the use of one of these products.
<b>2. Clean underwear</b>	<b>2. To avoid infection and keep genitals clean</b> Wearing clean underwear protects genitals from germs and prevents odor.

<sup>6</sup> Adapted from "Life Planning Education: A Youth Development Program," Advocates for Youth, 1995

<sup>7</sup> For more information refer to Trashi, resource book

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<b>3. Using facial cleanser</b>	<b>3. Can help prevent acne</b> Facial cleanser removes excess oil and eliminates blackheads that can cause acne. Regular soap may cause dryness of skin and worsen acne.
<b>4. Washing hands after using the bathroom</b>	<b>4. Prevents infectious diseases</b> Washing your hands is the best way to stop germs from spreading. It's easy for a germ on your hands to end up in your mouth causing various diseases such as dysentery or hepatitis A.
<b>5. Changing sanitary pads and/or tampons regularly</b>	<b>5. Prevents infection</b> Sanitary pads and tampons are used to absorb blood during menstruation. Regular change of the sanitary pads and tampons reduces odor, keeps the genitals clean and prevents risk of bacterial infection.
<b>6. Frequent bathing</b>	<b>6. Keeps the body odor free.</b> Oil and sweat glands in boys and girls bodies become active at puberty, so frequent bathing or showering is important to keep the body clean and free of odor.
<b>7. Washing genital area every day</b>	<b>Prevents infection</b> <b>It is important for boys and girls to wash their genital area every day before they go to bed. Proper cleaning of genitals prevents infections and inflammations of reproductive organs.</b>

6. At the end of the activity, the small groups will grade themselves. Those who match the most practices correctly are the winners.



### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Discussion (10 minutes)

- Discuss myths and facts about the male and female reproductive systems. Give each participant a card with a word MYTH on one side and FACT on another. Read the following statements to the participants; ask if they think it is myth or fact. Each participant should show a card. Give them a minute to think about the question. After everyone provides feedback, share the correct answers.

<b>The blood coming from a woman during menstruation means that she is sick</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>If a girl misses her period this could mean she is pregnant</b>	<b>Fact</b>
<b>If men do not ejaculate sperm will collect and make their penis or testicles burst</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>When a boy has a wet dream it means he needs to have sex</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>Most boys have wet dreams during puberty</b>	<b>Fact</b>
<b>If a penis is touched a lot testicles will become permanently large</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>Menstruation, ejaculation, erection and wet dreams are normal signs of puberty</b>	<b>Fact</b>
<b>If plants are touched or even watered by a menstruating girl/woman, the plant is sure to wither away and die</b>	<b>Myth</b>

<b>Boys/men must masturbate at least once a month in order to assess their physical strength</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>Using condom will redirect the semen elsewhere because end of the condom is tight</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>Sperms are produced in joints or bones</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>If you have water while standing testicles will enlarge</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>One masturbation will take away 40 days energy</b>	<b>Myth</b>

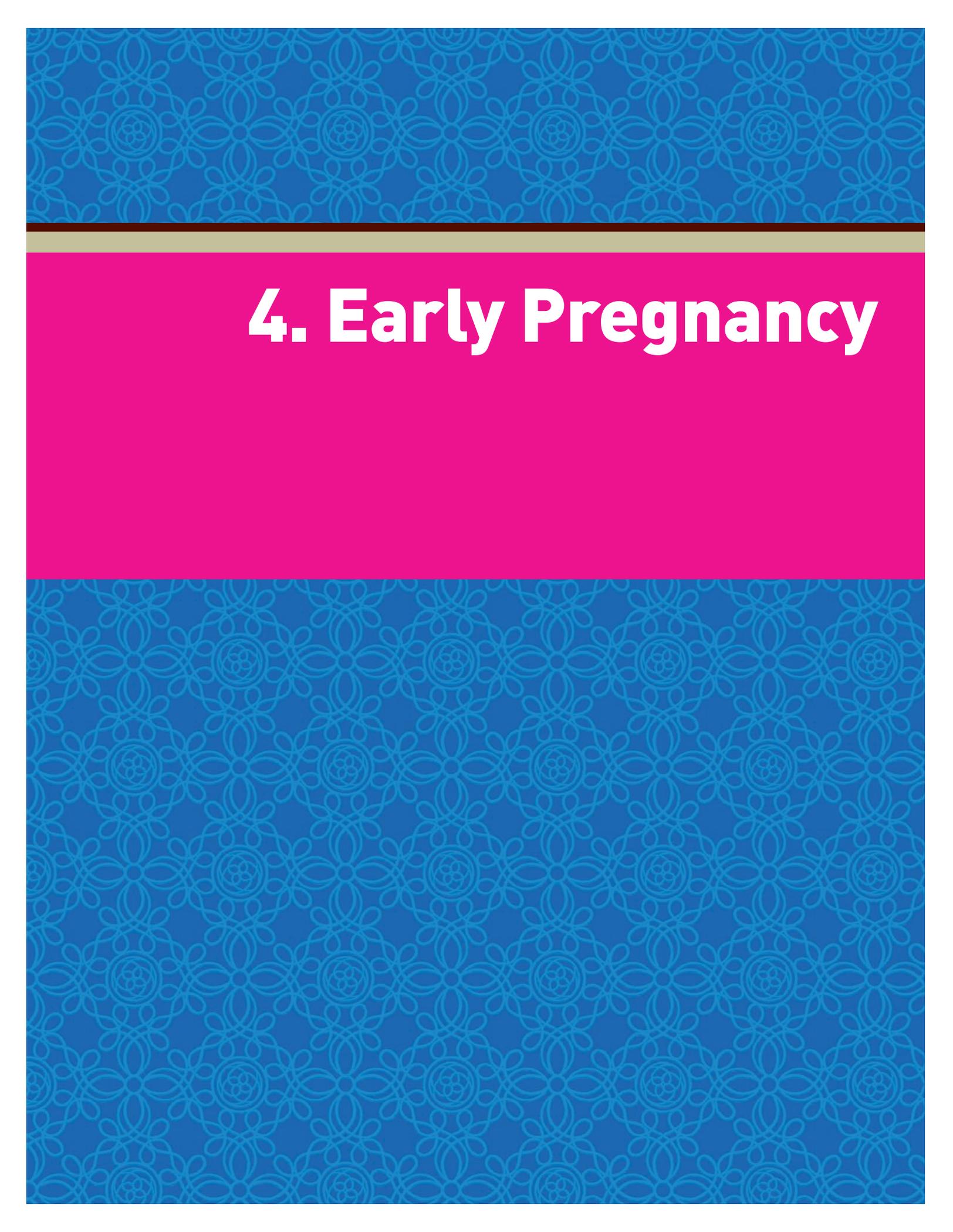
2. Tell participants that if they need more information they can arrange a private discussion with you or another leader of their own sex after school.



*Leader's Note: Thank participants for being an enthusiastic group. Tell them that it is hard to talk about one's body and that you are proud of them for participating and sharing with each other.*

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Recognize the consequences of early pregnancy
- Understand the fertilization process
- Understand what constitute risky sexual behaviors
- Practice decision-making and refusal skills

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Discuss the consequences of early pregnancy.
- Explain how pregnancy happens.
- Discuss risky behavior and skills to prevent it.
- Practice skills for making decisions about sexual behavior.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk)
- Posters with male and female reproductive systems
- Situations for small group practice

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare statements.
- For Information to Share: Prepare posters of the male and female reproductive systems (or use the flip charts created during the Reproductive Review lesson); and if possible, use a video to demonstrate the fertilization process
- For Small Group Practice: Adapt situations to ensure they are relevant to participants' age and culture.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty
- Reproduction Review
- Refusal skills

### AGE APPROPRIATENESS

- 15-19 years old

### LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

# LESSON PLAN

## GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

### Demonstration (15 minutes)

1. Write the following statements on two separate pieces of paper and fold paper in half:
  - You just found out that your girlfriend / wife is pregnant
  - You just found out that you are pregnant.



*Leader's Note: If participants are younger than 15 years old, replace the statements with the following:*

- You are 15 years-old and you just found out that your girlfriend is pregnant.
- You are 15 years-old and you just found out that you are pregnant.

2. Label each folded piece of paper "F" or "M" for female and male. Only give "M" papers to males and "F" to females.
3. Divide the participants into pairs and give each one a folded piece of paper. Tell them not to unfold it. Make sure that participants get the right statement according to their sex.
4. Ask participants to think about 2-3 goals that they have for their future. Ask them to share these goals in pairs. Allow five minutes for this sharing to take place.
5. Ask them to unfold the pieces of paper and read the statements.
6. Ask participants to discuss the effect of the statement on their hopes, dreams and plans in their pairs. Allow 5 minutes for the discussion.
7. Bring the large group back together and encourage general discussion (5 minutes) around the effect of unplanned pregnancy on their plans. Emphasize that pregnancy is an exciting moment when a couple plans for it and is ready to have a child.
  - Would your plans be possible if you or your girlfriend had an unexpected pregnancy?
  - How did this make you feel?



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

### Leader Input and Large Group Practice (25 minutes)<sup>8</sup>

1. Tell the participants that they are going to discuss how pregnancy happens.
2. Show the students posters of male and female reproductive organs and ask two volunteers to make a brief overview of male and female reproductive organs.
3. Explain the steps of pregnancy development.



*Leaders Note: You can use an educational video on conception and fertilization such as "egg and sperm journey" from PBS: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/miracle/program.html>*

- About once a month, one ovary releases an egg. This is called ovulation. This is the time when a woman is fertile and can become pregnant. Once the egg leaves

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the ovary, it begins to travel through the Fallopian tube, making its way to the uterus (womb). When a male and female have sexual intercourse, semen comes from the male's body. The semen carries sperm in it. A sperm is very little. If a man ejaculates during sex, the sperm are left in the vagina. Even if he does not ejaculate, sperm still can be left in the vagina in the semen. Sperm can move on their own. They swim up through the cervix into the womb and into tubes, looking for the female egg. If a female egg is in the tubes at this time, the sperm may find it. When one sperm joins the egg it is called fertilization. The fertilized egg travels in to the womb and settles into the soft part on one side of the womb. This is called implantation. A fertilized egg can grow into a fetus and that is pregnancy

4. Explain that any girl who reaches puberty can become pregnant.
5. Ask the group how a woman can tell that she has become pregnant? Possible answers are:
  - a. Missed menstrual period
  - b. Changes in the body: fuller and more tender breasts; bloating; morning sickness
  - c. Positive pregnancy test
  - d. Ultrasound exam
6. Ask the participants if they have any questions and discuss the information they received. Give 10 minutes for questions. Examples of questions and answers are:<sup>9</sup>
  - When is a woman able to become pregnant?
    - A woman can become pregnant when she has an ovulation that happens only during certain days of each menstrual cycle, usually in the middle of the menstrual cycle.
  - Can a girl become pregnant during her period?
    - Yes, it is possible although not common. It depends on the length of her menstrual cycle; how many days her period lasts; and when she has sexual intercourse; because the sperm can stay alive up to five days in the body.
  - Can a girl become pregnant before she has her first period?
    - Before a girl's first period, her ovaries release the first egg during ovulation. She can become pregnant if she has sexual intercourse around the time of her first ovulation, before the first menstruation.
  - What determines the sex of a baby?
    - Chromosomes define the sex of a baby. There are two types of chromosomes: X and Y. If the sperm contains a Y chromosome, the child will be male; if it contains an X chromosome, the child will be female. Chromosomes can be divided into two types—autosomes, and sex chromosomes. Certain genetic traits are linked to a person's sex, and are passed on through the sex chromosomes. The autosomes contain the rest of the genetic hereditary information. All act in the same way during cell division. Human cells have 23 pairs of large linear nuclear chromosomes (22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes), giving a total of 46 per cell.
  - Can a girl get pregnant if the boy "pulls out" before ejaculation?

Withdrawal is not a reliable method, and there are several reasons for this. Once a male becomes aroused, he ejects pre-ejaculate fluid - this fluid can contain at least 300,000 sperm (and it only takes 1 to join an egg). There is also the risk that he doesn't pull out in time as, in the heat of the moment; it can be hard to keep control. If a man ejaculates on or near the vagina, pregnancy can occur.

<sup>9</sup> International Youth Foundation, Maisha Bora: A Peer Education Manual. Baltimore: IYF 2008

<sup>10</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chromosome>

7. Emphasize that pregnancy can have a negative impact on the health of girls who are under 20 years of age because their bodies are not yet ready for childbearing.<sup>11</sup>
- Early childbearing may be life-threatening to both the mother and the child. Mothers younger than 17 years of age face an increased risk of maternal mortality (death) because their bodies are not yet mature enough to bear children.
  - Young mothers can also have complications during pregnancy such as anemia, toxemia, miscarriage, and premature birth.
  - Teen mothers' deliveries are more often complicated by obstructed labor and bleeding, which may lead to death of the mother and/or child, or to maternal morbidity such as fistula.
  - Children born to young mothers are more likely to be premature, be of low birth weight, and suffer from retarded fetal growth.
  - Infant mortality rate: The number of deaths of infants under one year old in a given year per 1,000 live births in the same year; included is the total death rate, and deaths by sex, male and female. This rate is often used as an indicator of the level of health in a country. It is to be noted that infant mortality rate in India is 47.57 deaths/1000birth.
  - Maternal mortality rate: WHO defines maternal mortality as the death of a woman during pregnancy or in the first 42 days after the birth of the child due to causes directly or indirectly linked with pregnancy. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India is 254 per 100,000 live births according to Sample Registration System (SRS) Report for 2004-2006
8. The legal age for marriage is 18 years for girls and 21 years for boys in India. Explain the consequences of getting married before it.
- According to UNICEF's "State of the World's Children-2009" report, 47% of India's women aged 20-24 were married before the legal age of 18, with 56% in rural areas. The report also showed that 40% of the world's child marriages occur in India.
  - There is legal implication to child marriage under 18 years old apart from physical and psychological mentioned in above points. It is stated by law that any adult (male above 21 years) marrying a minor (Girl below 18 years) will be punished. Punishment would be from imprisonment, or fine and there is additional punishment for parent or guardian concerned in a child marriage and those who solemnize the marriage.<sup>13</sup>
9. Abortion is the ending of pregnancy before the fetus is viable. A pregnancy that ends on its own is called a miscarriage. An abortion may be induced — that is, a woman or girl may seek to end a pregnancy. In most countries, including India, induced abortion is legal under some or all circumstances. If performed in an environment that does not meet minimum medical standards, abortion carries greater health risk. Globally, nearly half of all abortions are unsafe, and nearly all of these (95 percent) are performed in developing countries. The risk is often greatest in rural areas. As a result, nearly 70,000 women and girls die every year from complications of unsafe abortion. These deaths are preventable.
- In 1994, the Indian government outlawed the use of ultrasound machines to reveal fetus gender, due to the prevalence of aborting female fetuses. It is now a punishable offense to abort a child because of its gender. However provisional findings of the 2011 census data revealed that the number of females per thousand males in the age group of zero to six years reached its lowest level since India's independence - 914.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>11</sup> The Impact of Early Pregnancy and Childbearing on Adolescent Mothers and their Children in Latin America and the Caribbean, The Facts," Advocates for Youth, 1997.

<sup>12</sup> Source: CIA World Factbook - Unless otherwise noted, information in this page is accurate as of December 30, 2010, Source: [www.unicef.org/india/health.html](http://www.unicef.org/india/health.html)

<sup>13</sup> The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929

<sup>14</sup> <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/census-of-india-2011-nac-to-take-up-matter-of-alarming-fall-in-child-sex-ratio/articleshow/7908380.cms>

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*Leader's note: To discuss pregnancy "out of the wedlock has high risk potential since it is not talked about in our community. Tell the young people that you are going to address a sensitive topic because you want them to be informed about the social consequences of an unwanted premarital pregnancy.*

10. Ask participants what social impact a pregnancy would have on young mothers and young fathers. Write their answers on the board. Add the following information if it has not been mentioned:
  - a. A young mother and young fathers may drop out of school/college.
  - b. A young mother may feel isolated and rejected by community.
  - c. Society may blame a young girl for becoming pregnant.
  - d. Young mothers have more responsibilities in the family and less time for education and spending time with peers.
  - e. Young mothers increased risk of poverty due to a lack of education and job skills.
  - f. Young mother may experience domestic violence either in her own family or in the family of her spouse.
11. Tell participants that now that they understand the consequences of early pregnancy, it is important to understand what behaviors can lead to unwanted pregnancy.
12. Ask participants to brainstorm about situations and factors that can lead to risky behaviors resulting in an unintended pregnancy. Write down their ideas on the board or flipchart. For example:
  - Peer pressure to have sex
  - Curiosity to have sex
  - Drinking alcohol and using drugs
  - Not knowing the risks related to unprotected sexual intercourse
  - Exchanging sex for money or present
13. Continue the discussion with a question on what can be done to prevent early pregnancy. Refer them to the list of risky behaviors they identified earlier. Give participants five minutes to discuss the issues. Possible answers may include:
  - Abstain from sexual relationships until you are ready to have a family.
  - Practice safer sex (use of condoms and other methods of contraception).
  - Resist peer pressure to drink alcohol or use drugs that can lead to poor decisions such as having unprotected sex.
14. Continue with the message that abstinence for adolescents should be their first choice. However, if young people have already engaged in sexual relationships, they should protect themselves from unintended pregnancy and STIs, including HIV/AIDS.
15. Tell the group that they will learn about methods to prevent unwanted pregnancy in the next lesson.



### GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

#### Small Group Practice (15 minutes)

1. Divide participants into small groups, with four people in each group. Each small group will receive a situation. Participants will discuss the situations and answer the following questions:
  - What is a challenge that a main character is faced with?
  - What are his/her choices? List all of them.
  - What are the consequences of each choice?
  - What is the decision?



*Leader's Note: The situations should be adapted to be relevant and appropriate to participants' age and culture.*

**Situation #1:** George is 17 years old and Michelle is 15 years old. Michelle meets George at her friend's party and is really attracted to him. She drinks a few beers and decides to talk to him. George likes Michelle as well. They both drink more beer and after few minutes they head up to a bedroom. When they get there, Michelle is not sure that she wants to have sex.

**Situation #2:** Margaret is 14 years old. Michael is 16 years old. They met at the community club a few weeks ago. They both like each other. One day Michael stops at Margaret's house when she is home alone. Margaret knows that she is not allowed to have boys over when she is alone. But Margaret likes Michael and wants to spend more time with him. Margaret cannot decide if she should let Michael stay and watch TV together or ask him to leave now.

**Situation #3:** Alexander and Maria are high school students. They are both 16 years old. They have been dating for six months now. Recently, Alexander has insisted on having sex to "prove" their love. Maria does not want to lose Alexander as a boyfriend and agrees with him but she is not sure that she is ready and she is afraid of becoming pregnant.

**Situation #4:** Natalie and Lilly are best friends and don't have secrets from each other. Lately, Natalie has noticed that Lilly has become nervous and depressed. Natalie asks her friend what is going on. Lilly tells her that she had sex with her boyfriend some time ago and now she is worried that she may be pregnant because she missed her period, and it has already been a month.

2. After ten minutes of discussing the situations in small groups, ask participants to share results of their discussions.



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

**Discussion (5 minutes)**

1. Discuss with participants: What are the things one should think about before getting pregnant?

Answers should include:

- To be ready emotionally
- To be ready physically
- To be ready financially

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# **5. Contraception**

## CONTRACEPTION

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Learn about family planning
- Be able to describe several contraception methods
- Discuss how to communicate about contraceptive use

#### LESSON PREVIEW

- Explain the meaning of family planning.
- Discuss different methods of contraception.
- Practice skills for making informed decisions about sexual behavior and contraception.
- Discuss the optimal time to communicate with partners about contraceptive use.
- Understand personal values related to family planning.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk)
- Handout “Word Puzzle Game” (Annex B)
- Handout “Contraceptive Worksheet” (Annex C)
- Handout “Information on contraception methods” (Annex D)
- Role play Scenario Handout (Annex E)

#### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare a word puzzle game (in local language).
- For Information to Share: Prepare handouts “Contraception — Worksheets Handout” (Annex C) and “Contraception — Methods Handout” (Annex D); collect example of contraceptives available in the community/county. Include visual for IUD
- For Group Practice: Prepare “Contraception — Role Play Handout” (Annex E). Adapt the role-play to make it relevant to participants’ age and culture.
- For Personal Application: Prepare questions on white board/flip chart.
- For Information to Share: Map clinics and agencies in the community where youth can go to get Family Planning information, services and STI/HIV/AIDS counseling and testing.

#### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty
- Reproduction Review
- Early pregnancy
- Decision-making skills

## AGE APPROPRIATENESS

- 15-19 years old

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

Demonstration (5 minutes)

1. Greet participants. Tell them that they will work individually. Explain to the group that they need to find twelve words in a word search puzzle. Tell them that words can be written in the puzzle vertically, horizontally, diagonally or backwards. A person who finds all words first will get a prize. (For unlettered group, list down the words on white board and ask them if they have heard about these works)
2. Give each participant the prepared "Word Puzzle Game" (Annex B). Tell the participants to raise a hand if they find all of the words.
3. Start the timer. Note the time for those participants who finish the game first. If nobody finds all words within three minutes, a winner will be a person who has highest number of the words found.

**Abstinence**  
**Spermicide**  
**Fertility**

**Pill**  
**Sterilization**  
**Plan**

**Condom**  
**Love**  
**Awareness**

**Contraceptive**  
**Talk**  
**Wait**

Key:

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4. Ask the group if these words give them an idea about the lesson. Ask them to share their guesses. Explain to the group that this lesson is about family planning and they will learn about abstinence and other contraceptive methods and make decisions about family planning.



### INFORMATION TO SHARE

Leader Input and Large Group Practice (30 minutes)

1. Explain that family planning means that people plan when to have children, using birth control and other techniques to implement that plan. Other techniques commonly used include sexuality education, prevention and management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV/AIDS, counseling and treatment of infertility.
2. Tell the youth that we all have different values and ideas about family size. Some people want to have large families; some don't want to have kids. And it is the right of each person to plan his/her own family, and to make decisions about when and how many kids to have. An important part of planning a family is birth spacing. After the birth of a child, it is important for the mother to wait at least 18 months before becoming pregnant with her next child, to decrease health risks for both the mother and newborn. Both partners are responsible for children. Both partners are responsible for taking actions to avoid unplanned pregnancy.
3. Ask participants to name as many methods of contraception as they can. List their responses and add any they omitted. Emphasize contraceptives available in your country and region.
  - Abstinence
  - Pill
  - Condom (male and female)
  - Injectables
  - Withdrawal
  - Standard days method
  - Spermicides (cream, gel, film)
  - Intra Uterine Device (copper T)
  - Diaphragm
  - Diaphragm
  - Sterilization: female and male
4. Tell the participants that contraception can be permanent and temporary. Permanent methods include sterilization female (tubal ligation) and male (vasectomy). Temporary methods include all other methods that can be long acting such as IUD and implants or short acting such as pills, injections, and spermicides.
5. Tell the group that now they are going to learn about some specific methods of family planning.
6. Divide the participants in six groups. Give each group a form of contraception. Some of contraceptives to have on hand to distribute to the small groups include:
  - Male condoms
  - Spermicides
  - Pills
  - Emergency contraception pills
  - Standard Days Method
  - A card with the word "Abstinence" on it

7. Give to each group the Contraception — Worksheet Handout (Annex C) and the Contraception — Methods Handout (Annex D). Tell the groups that they will have about 10 minutes to answer the questions on the worksheets about their method. Tell the youth that they later present their method to the entire class. Tell the participants that they can use freely any materials they need such as flipchart paper, markers, handouts, in their preparation for the presentation.
8. After 10 minutes ask each group to present their method (two minutes per group). The leader should listen carefully to each group answer in order to correct and/or complete information about each method. Thank the participants after their presentation.
9. Explain to the group that not all contraceptives protect from STIs and HIV/AIDS as well as pregnancy. To prevent both, it is important to use dual protection. Dual protection is a protection from unwanted pregnancy and STIs, including HIV/AIDS, through:
  - Consistent and correct use of male or female condom
  - Use of condom and other contraceptive method
  - Abstinence
  - Avoidance of all types of penetrative sex
10. After the presentation tell the youth about clinics and agencies in the community where they can get family planning information and services.



**Leader's Note:** Stress that abstinence is the only method that prevents pregnancy 100%, and that abstinence might be the only acceptable contraceptive method according to some religions. Some methods might not be allowed, so participants have to inform themselves in order to make the right choice according to their beliefs!



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

**Group Practice (20 minutes)**

1. Ask for two volunteers (boy and girl). Give them the Contraception — Role Play Handout (Annex E) and a few minutes to read it and get ready. The role play should last about 5-7 minutes.



**Leader's Note:** If no one volunteers to play the roles, use the handout to read a situation and then discuss it with the participants.

2. While the volunteers are getting ready, explain to the participants that the volunteers will demonstrate a scenario that the group will discuss.

### **Role Play: Asheesh and Geeta**

**Asheesh:** You are 25 years old and just got married to Geeta. You love Geeta and want to start family as soon as possible. You have not yet taken an STI test.

**Geeta:** You are 20 years old and working as well. You love your husband Asheesh however you do not wish to start family as you would want to pursue your career. You are thinking about having sex but you don't want to risk pregnancy and you don't know much about birth control. You asked your friend, Rita, about

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contraception and she said that birth control pills can make girls fat and cause cancer, and a constant use of condoms may make a man impotent. She also mentioned that a woman cannot get pregnant if the man practices withdrawal. You want to share this with Asheesh and talk to him about it. You think you can have sex and deal with birth control later.

**The Scene:** The scene opens with Asheesh and Geeta sitting on a couch and Asheesh is asking whether Geeta loves him. Geeta is ready to have a sexual relationship but she asks Asheesh about what they should do to protect themselves and repeats the information given to her by Rita. Asheesh is ready to use condoms but only from time to time. He heard that it is not always dangerous to have unprotected sex, and agrees that it may work to just practice withdrawal.

3. After the demonstration ask the group the following questions:

- What is happening in the scenario (in your own words)?
- What risks are Asheesh and Geeta taking? What are some possible consequences if they have sex?

Possible responses might be:

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Pregnancy	Feels good
STIs	Brings more intimacy to their relationship
Emotional regret	Satisfies curiosity
Stress on their relationship	
Problems with parents	

- How could Asheesh and Geeta lower their risks and the chances for an unwanted consequence?

Possible responses might be:

- Abstain from sexual intercourse
  - Use contraception consistent and correctly
  - Get tested for STIs/HIV/AIDS
- What incorrect information did Geeta get from her friend? What other myths about contraception have you heard?

Possible responses might be:

- Birth control pills can make girls fat and cause cancer, withdrawal is an effective method of contraception, and a constant use of condoms may make a man impotent.
  - Other myths: condoms can be lost in a woman's vagina and can travel through a woman's body requiring surgery; female sterilization causes menopause and a vasectomy leads to impotency; any hormonal contraception leads to cancer among women.
- What advice do you have for Asheesh and Geeta?

Possible responses might be:

- Talk about their needs and expectations with each other
  - Abstain and find other ways to have quality time with each other
  - Get more information about contraception from a reliable source
  - Use contraceptives (not withdrawal) correctly and consistently
- Who should take primary responsibility for preventing a pregnancy?

Possible responses might be:

- Both Asheesh and Geeta



*Leader's Note: Give reinforcement when youth discuss responsible choices and give healthy advice. Correct misinformation as needed.*

4. Ask the group about the best time a couple should talk about their sexual expectations for a relationship. Let participants to express their ideas and then emphasize that these conversations should take place **BEFORE** they have sex. These discussions should show maturity and responsibility.



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

**Discussion (5 minutes)**

1. Display the following questions on a white board or flipchart:
  - What is the ideal family size?
  - If a couple chooses not to have children, are they still a family?
  - What is a responsible age to have a first child?
  - Who is responsible for the children?
  - Is it OK to use contraception if a couple does not yet want children?
  - Whose responsibility is birth control, the man's or the woman's?
  - Who determines sex of the child? Man or a woman?
2. Explain to the participants that they should write down answers to these questions. Each of them should work individually.
3. When all are done with the task, ask the participants to get into groups of 4-5 and to discuss each of these points.

If necessary and if time allows it, the whole group can discuss about these issues. Also, the participants are free to discuss these questions with their family members.

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# **6. Sexually Transmitted Infections**

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Understand the risk of contracting STIs
- Know common STIs and symptoms
- Know how to prevent STIs
- Know where to seek STI services

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Recognize risky behavior for contracting STIs
- Explain how STIs are transmitted
- Inform about STIs and common symptoms
- Inform about STIs services available for youth

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk), cards or strips of paper
- Poster paper, markers, tape, glue
- Translated STI Handouts (Annex F) or existing booklets on STIs for youth
- Questions for quiz game
- Information on local STI clinics
- “In case of symptoms” information on flipchart
- Print out of all the STI and keep it ready. Encourage youth to come back to you and refer. Put it up in Centre board as well

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare enough cards for all participants. Mark three cards with the message, “After you read this do not follow any of my directions until I say to return to your seats”; three cards with a small “c”; one card with a small “o”, one card with a small “z” and one card with a small “x”. Put a message “Follow all my directions” on the “c”, “o”, “z” and “x” cards.
- For Information to Share: Translate Handout on STIs (Annex F) or find existing brochures on STIs in the local language. Prepare flipchart with STIs information.
- For Group Practice: Prepare list of questions for a quiz game and “In case of symptoms” information.
- For Personal Application: Prepare list of statements on flipchart or make individual copies for each participant.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty
- Reproduction Review
- Early Pregnancy
- Contraception

- Refusal skills

## AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 14-18 year olds



## LENGTH OF LESSON

60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN THE TOPIC

#### Demonstration (10 minutes)

1. Give each participant one card. Tell them to keep the special instructions on their cards a secret and follow the instructions. Ask the group to stand and shake hands with three people and ask each of them to sign the card. Make sure they move around the room.
2. When all participants have collected three signatures have them take their seats. Ask people with the “o”, “z” and “x” on their cards to stand up. Now tell the group to pretend that the person with the card marked “z” was infected with gonorrhea, and instead of shaking hands that person had unprotected sexual intercourse with the three people whose signatures he/she collected. Do the same with the card marked “o”—Chlamydia, and the card marked “x”—genital herpes.
3. Ask everyone who shook hands with those people to stand up. Ask everyone who shook hands with a standing person to stand up. And so on until everyone is standing except for those participants who have card with a message not to follow the instructions.
4. Ask participants who had “c” on their cards to raise their hands. Explain that fortunately these people used condoms and were not at significant risk for sexually transmitted infections as the rest of the group.
5. Have participants sit down and ask those with the card “Do not follow my directions” to stand up. Explain that these people abstained from sexual intercourse and were protected from sexually transmitted infections.



*Leaders' Note: There are many versions of this game concept. For example: In one version, glitter is secretly applied directly to a few players' hands who then mix with an unknowing group who have been instructed to meet and greet while shaking hands. Another version uses M&M candies of different colors, which are given to unknowing players in small cups, who pour them back and forth as a form of greeting—players who end up with a red M&M in their cup are infected. The facilitator should give some players a stack of two cups and later explain that this represents a condom, and protection.*



### INFORMATION TO SHARE

#### Leader Input and Large Group Practice (40 minutes)<sup>15</sup>

1. Pass out handout on Sexually Transmitted Infections (Annex F). Explain that STIs are infections that are spread through sexual contact. Any form of intercourse—vaginal,

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- anal, oral-can spread STIs. Anyone practicing unprotected sex can get an STI.
2. Tell them that there are about 30 types of STIs but the most common are:
    - a. Chlamydia
    - b. Gonorrhea
    - c. Genital Herpes
    - d. Genital warts
    - e. Human papilloma virus Infection
    - f. Trichomoniasis
    - g. Syphilis
    - h. HIV/AIDS
  3. Explain that STIs have unique symptoms but they also have common signs such as:
    - Redness and soreness of genitals
    - Pain at urination and sexual intercourse
    - Unusual discharge from penis or vagina
    - A sore or blister on or around the genitals, near the anus
    - Excessive itching or a rash
    - Abdominal cramping
    - Overall sick feeling
  4. Emphasize that both men and women can have STIs without physical symptoms.
  5. Explain to the group that young women are at a greater risk of STIs than men in a number of ways, including the risk of acquiring an infection due to physiology of a woman's body and women's lower social position in society and the gender stereotypes that give them less power in sexual relationships and ensure greater stigma attached to infection for them.
  6. Explain that most STIs if not treated may cause male and female sterility, urinary infections in men and women and pelvic inflammatory disease in women. Most STIs (except for viral infections, such as Herpes and HIV) can be cured.
  7. Direct participants to form small groups of four by counting off.



*Leader's Note: Make sure that there will be at least 4 groups but no more than 6 groups.*

8. Assign group roles within each small group.
  - The person with the shortest first name can be the leader. The leader will keep the group working on the task.
  - The person with the longest first name can be the spokesperson for the small group and will share the small group's ideas with the large group.
9. Let each group select one type of STI and ask them to prepare a poster on the selected STI with the following information:
  - Name and symptoms
  - Mode of transmission
  - Treatment
  - Prevention
10. Provide the participants with flipchart paper, markers, and fact sheets about the selected STI. Tell the groups that they can use any format they want to make a poster.

11. Remind each group to select a leader, timekeeper and a reporter for this exercise.
12. Give the participants 15 minutes to create a poster. After 15 minutes, ask each group to present the poster. Give each group 2 minutes for presentation.
13. Encourage students to ask questions after each presentation. At the end of the discussion emphasize that abstinence or correct use of condoms every time that they have sexual intercourse prevents STIs.
14. After all presentations, summarize the activity stressing that it is not necessary to know detailed information about an STI such as which symptoms indicate gonorrhea and which indicate syphilis, or what drug to use to treat Chlamydia. That's the job of a health provider. Tell students to protect themselves they need to remember 5 key lessons:
  - Unprotected sex with an infected person can result in STI, and it is not always possible to know if a person has an STI.
  - Be aware that some STIs have no symptoms and sexually active people should get tested on a regular basis.
  - If a person notices any changes that might indicate STIs, he or she needs to go to a clinic or doctor for treatment. STIs do not go away on their own; they only get worse.
  - Not having sex is the best way to prevent STIs. Limiting the number of sexual partners and using condoms or dual protection every time can greatly lower the risk of getting STIs.
  - In case of any symptoms of STIs a person should (provide this information on flipchart):
    - Seek medical treatment immediately
    - Inform their sexual partner
    - Encourage the partner to get tested
    - Abstain from sexual contact while going through the treatment
15. Provide information about STI services available in the area for young people.



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Group Practice (5 minutes)

1. Divide participants into two groups and explain rules for the quiz game. You will answer a question and the group that answers it correctly gets a point. The group that gets more points wins.
2. Questions and answers:

a	How can STIs be transmitted?	By skin to skin contact; by oral sex, by vaginal sex, by anal sex
b	Why is a woman's risk of being infected with a STI higher than a man's?	Physiological vulnerability and gender norms
c	What behavior has the highest risk for the most dangerous STIs?	Unprotected sex (anal and vaginal)
d	Is it true that two-thirds of people who have STIs become infected before age 25?	Yes
e	What is the only thing that is 100 percent effective against STIs?	Abstinence

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

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f	What is dual protection?	Protection from unwanted pregnancy and STI/HIV through: -Consistent and correct use of male or female condom -Use of condom and other contraceptive method -Abstinence -Avoidance of all types of penetrative sex
g	What is dual protection?	Protection from unwanted pregnancy and STI/HIV through: -Consistent and correct use of male or female condom -Use of condom and other contraceptive method -Abstinence -Avoidance of all types of penetrative sex
h	What kind of STIs cannot be cured?	Viral infections such as HIV, HPV, Herpes, and Hepatitis B
i	What skills/behaviours can help a young person to reduce the risk of STIs?	Abstain from sex; Say “no” to unprotected sex; Negotiate (consistent) condom use; Make informed decisions; Be faithful to one partner; Get routinely tested for STIs

3. Congratulate the winning group. Conclude the exercise by emphasizing that abstinence, and safer sexual behavior can protect young people from STIs.



### PERSONAL APPLICATION

#### Discussion (5 minutes)

1. Encourage participants to think about their risks of contracting STI. To help them, provide participants (or display on a flipchart) list of statements that they should assess individually. Ask them to write “risky”, “not risky” or “not sure” on note paper for each statement according to what they believe. For each instruction have different sounds
  - I have more than one sexual partner.
  - I do not always use condoms when having sex.
  - I abstain.
  - We are faithful to each other
  - I drink beer or other kinds of alcohol.
  - I can use drugs.
  - I always use condoms.
2. After few minutes, explain to the participants that the most risky behaviors include unprotected sex, multiple partners, alcohol and drug use. Emphasize that sometimes it is difficult to tell how much at risk we may be. Not all behavior is clear-cut, so we may find ourselves doing something that unknowingly exposes us to the risk of STIs.

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# 7. HIV/AIDS

# HIV/AIDS

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Understand the risk of contracting HIV infection
- Understand ways of HIV transmission
- Learn about disease progression
- Understand how to prevent HIV
- Practice negotiation skills and to be assertive about their decisions

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Explain how HIV is transmitted.
- Discuss HIV prevention.
- Discuss what behavior is risky for contracting HIV infection.
- Practice refusal and negotiation skills.
- Assess individual risk for HIV infection.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- One bag for each person with 30 colored candies. Alternatively you can use another snack, such as nuts or dried fruit, or rolled up pieces of paper marked HIV positive or HIV negative. One small card and a pencil for each person.
- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk), cards or strips of paper Existing booklets on HIV for youth
- Projector (transparency) if available
- Flipchart paper
- Information on local counseling and testing centers
- Situation cards
- HIV Risk Questionnaire (Annex G)

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk), cards or strip of paper Existing booklet on STIs and HIV for youth. Projector (transparency) if available
- For Information to Share: Collect information about local HIV and STI counseling and testing centers.
- For Group Practice: Prepare two situation cards per role-play with the two characters described on them. Adapt role play to make it culturally and age appropriate. Prepare statements for quiz game.
- For Personal Application: Make individual copies of the HIV Risk Questionnaire (Annex G) for each participant.

## PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty
- Reproductive Review
- Teen Pregnancy
- Contraception
- STIs
- Refusal skills
- Decision-making skills

## AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 12-18 year olds

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN THE TOPIC

#### Demonstration (15 minutes)

1. Prepare the bags but do not explain to the group what is in them.
2. Give each person a bag, a small card and a pencil.
3. Ask people to walk around the room and exchange sweets with other people in the group if they want to. Explain that they do not have to exchange sweets if they do not want to but if they do they must get a signature on their card from each person they have exchanged sweets with. Tell them not to eat the sweets yet!
4. After about 5 minutes ask people to sit down again. Find out who has the most signatures on their card. Explain that in this game exchanging sweets with someone means having sex with them. People who chose not to exchange sweets and who have no signatures on their card have chosen to abstain from sex.
5. Tell the group that two people have an X marked on the bottom of their bag. Ask them to stand up. Explain that these two people were the only people to have green sweets (or paper balls) have HIV
6. Now ask anyone else with a green sweet (or paper ball) in their bag to stand up. Explain that because they exchanged sweets with someone with HIV they have contracted HIV.
7. Next ask people HIV sitting whose card has been signed by someone who is standing up to stand up too. They could also have become infected with HIV, though this time they have not.
8. If anyone has a C on their card they can sit down. In this game the C means that they used condoms and were protected from the infection.

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9. The game is now over. Remind everyone that it was only a game and that the 'infection' has been 'removed'. Ask everyone to say what they felt about the game in a few words.
10. Questions for discussion could include:
  - How many people were infected by the end of the game and how did they feel?
  - Did anyone choose not to exchange sweets and if so, how did it feel? How did others react to your choice not to exchange sweets?
  - How did the people who used condoms feel at the end of the game?



*Leaders' Note: There are many versions of this game concept. For example: In one version, glitter is secretly applied directly to a few players' hands who then mix with an unknowing group who have been instructed to meet and greet while shaking hands. Another version uses M&M candies of different colors, which are given to unknowing players in small cups, who pour them back and forth as a form of greeting—players who end up with a red M&M in their cup are infected. The facilitator should give some players a stack of two cups and later explain that this represents a condom, and protection.*



### INFORMATION TO SHARE

#### Leader Input and Large Group Practice (20 minutes)<sup>16</sup>

1. Explain to the group that today they will learn about HIV/AIDS.
2. Provide a presentation on HIV and AIDS:
  - a. HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is a virus that lives in humans and attacks their immune systems. AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS is a disease that happens to someone infected with HIV. It happens when the body's immune system (the body's defense against infection and disease) is so damaged by HIV that it is too weak to fight off infections that are called "opportunistic," which do not usually cause disease in a healthy immune system.
  - b. HIV is found in large numbers in sexual secretions, blood and breast milk.
  - c. HIV is transmitted in three ways:
    - Through unprotected sexual activity with a person infected with HIV. Having STIs makes it easier to get or spread HIV.
    - Through contact with blood that is infected with HIV: through sharing of needles or blades; or through a blood transfusion of infected blood. It is to be noted that HIV infections among injecting drug users in some states and major cities in India are also generally high as follows: Delhi (14.4%); Karnataka (2.8%); Mumbai (24.8%); Mizoram (6.4%); West Bengal (2.7%) and Chennai (63.8%)
    - From a mother to her unborn or newborn child
  - d. When the virus gets into the body it damages the immune system by attacking "T-cells". The damaged T-cells reproduce HIV until the virus kills the T-cells. As more and more T-cells die, the immune system cannot protect the body from other infections. An HIV infected person will start to have opportunistic infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, herpes simplex, candidiasis, when HIV has broken down most of the immune system. This may take many years to happen.
  - e. The disease progression has several periods (show the diagram)

<sup>16</sup> Adapted from "Life Skills manual", Peace Corps, 2001

<sup>17</sup> Source: [http://www.unodc.org/india/idu\\_and\\_HIVAIDS\\_in\\_India-Monograph.html](http://www.unodc.org/india/idu_and_HIVAIDS_in_India-Monograph.html)

enough antibodies to show up positive on the HIV test. It usually takes between 2 weeks and 3 to 6 months. At this time a person has a high level of virus in the blood (viral load) and he or she is very infectious. The person's test is still negative because there are no antibodies yet developed that determined by the test.

- Incubation period – is the time between infection and the development of disease symptoms associated with AIDS. This could take many years, up to 10- 15 years.
  - Honeymoon period – is the time between the end of the window period and the end of the incubation period. It is called honeymoon because an infected person is living in relative harmony with the virus. During this time the person's antibody load high and viral load is low. Infected people still can pass the virus to others through unprotected sex but they are less infectious.
  - When the viral load increases and there are not enough antibodies, an infected person develops symptoms of opportunistic diseases that mark AIDS.
- f. Women are more vulnerable to HIV infection due to biological factors such as greater size of mucous membrane, and higher risk of tissue rupture — especially among young women. Cultural and social factors also contribute to higher risk of HIV infection among women.
- g. HIV is diagnosed by a special test. Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) is the best way for a person to learn about her/his HIV status.



*Leader's Note: Provide information about local facilities providing this test.*

- h. HIV/AIDS is not curable but there are medications for people infected with HIV that help them to stay healthy, allow them to work, and prolong their life.
3. After the presentation, ask participants how to prevent HIV. Write down their responses on a flipchart paper. Add from the following list:
- Abstaining from sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal or oral)
  - Using condoms correctly every time during sex
  - Not practicing intravenous drug use
  - Not sharing needles for intravenous drug use
  - Not having body piercing, tattooing or getting cut with razors or other sharp objects that have not been sterilized
  - Avoiding direct contact with blood by using gloves
  - Pregnant HIV positive women taking special medicine to prevent infecting their babies with HIV



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Role Play (10 minutes)

1. Divide the participants into pairs. Assign same scenario to all and let them discuss. Two groups can volunteer to present it
2. Explain that the purpose of the activity is to explore negotiating safer sex but that it is up to them whether this will be the result of their role-play.
3. Each group gets the situation:

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- The situation is: Shyam and Rita are engaged Shyam has had a lesson at school about HIV and he wants to start using a condom but Rita is not keen...
- 4. When the conversation comes to a conclusion you can discuss the following points:
  - How long did it take for the characters to talk about safer sex?
  - What made it difficult for the characters to talk about safer sex?
  - What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of discussing safer sex?
  - Was it different for boys and girls?



*Leader's note: If you have a mixed group, try getting the girls to play a boy and the boys to play a girl and think of all the phrases that they have heard that people use to persuade someone to have sex. I'll be very careful. ... If you really loved me you would... I'll leave you if you don't... There are names for people like you who lead men on...*

### Small Group Practice (10 minutes)

6. Divide participants in two groups and explain rules for the quiz game. You will describe a specific behavior and the groups should define if the behavior is definitely risky, probably risky, probably not risky, or definitely not risky for contracting HIV/AIDS. The groups will take turns answering the statements. Each group will have 30 seconds to make a decision. The group that gets more correct answers wins.
7. Start with one group and then continue with the other one.

#### Key:

a	Sharing needles for drug use	Definitely a Risk
b	Kissing	Probably not a risk
c	Getting a blood transfusion	Probably a risk
d	Having intercourse without a condom	Definitely a risk
e	Abstaining from sexual intercourse	Definitely not a risk
f	Shaking hands with an HIV infected person	Definitely not a risk
g	Hugging a person with HIV	Definitely not a risk
h	Sharing needles for ear piercing	Definitely a risk
i	Having intercourse using a condom properly	Probably not a risk
j	Going to school with a person who has HIV	Definitely a Risk

8. Congratulate the winning group. Conclude the exercise by emphasizing that abstinence, safer sexual behavior, and avoiding substance abuse can protect young people from STIs and HIV/AIDS.



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

### Discussion (5 minutes)

1. Present the HIV Risk Questionnaire (Annex G) to the participants and ask them to fill it in individually. Explain to the participants that they choose an answer (Yes/

no/never/sometimes/always, etc.) as indicated in the questionnaire and score their answers. Then they should sum up all scores. Give them 2 minutes to do it.

2. Present the test results on the flipchart or white board and ask the participants to evaluate themselves.

- SCORE 0-20: no or low risk
- SCORE 20-50: some risk/significant risk, that is risk level begins to increase
- SCORE ABOVE 50: this is high risk behaviour! Protect your health and your future. Slow down!

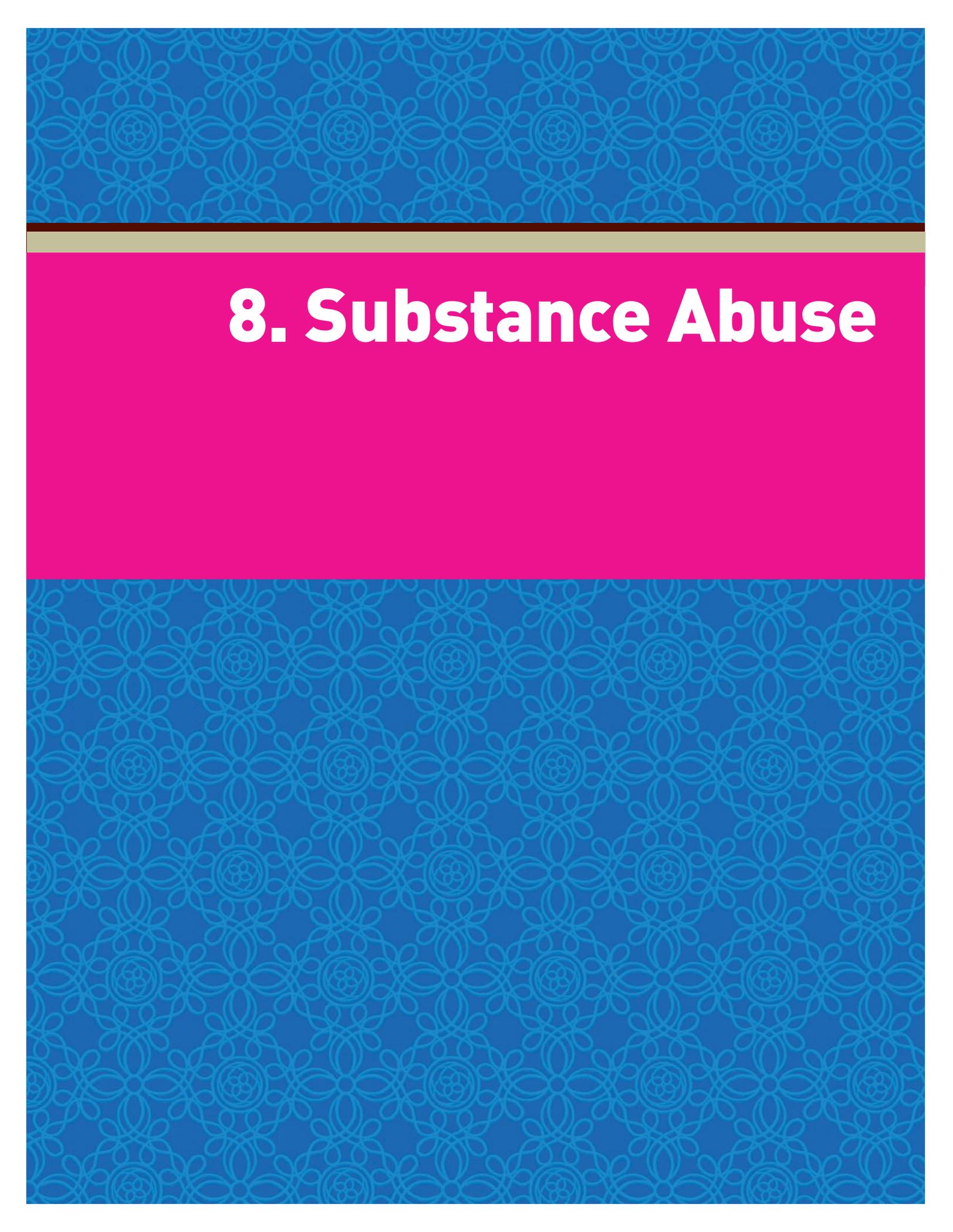
3. Encourage the participants to talk about HIV prevention with their families and friends.

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# **8. Substance Abuse**

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Understand how substance abuse affects behaviors
- Understand consequences of alcohol and substance abuse
- Learn about myths and facts about substance abuse
- Develop skills to refuse peer pressure and to make decisions regarding substance abuse

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Discuss how substance abuse affects behaviors.
- Explain what substance abuse means.
- Discuss consequences of alcohol and substance abuse.
- Explore why people use drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- Discuss how young people can refuse using drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- Discuss facts and myths about substance abuse.
- Practice refusal and decision-making skills.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk), cards or strips of paper
- Information about substance abuse available in the country
- True/False statements on substance abuse
- Scenarios for group discussion

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Adapt story to country context.
- For Group Practice: Adapt/prepare myths and facts; adapt/prepare role play for small group discussions.
- Research local resources on substance abuse, web sites and hotline numbers.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Early pregnancy
- STIs
- HIV/AIDS
- Refusal skills
- Decision-making skills
- Skills to manage strong emotions
- Skills to respond to stressful social situations

### AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- All ages

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

**Demonstration (10 minutes)**

1. Ask the participants if they have been through such situations:
  - Situation 1: Your board exams are round the corner and you are finding it difficult to concentrate on your final revision. You are unable to remember all that you have revised and are feeling that you will probably do badly in the exams because of this. You call your best friend but he is out of town, so you decide to visit your older cousin. He is having a get-together with his friends in his house and he invites you to join them. You relate to him your anxieties and he assures you that he has just the right solution for all your problems. He and his friends are having some drinks and he offers you a glass saying that this would help you forget your problems and help to relax. You are not sure of this but on his friends' insistence you go ahead and start drinking.
  - Situation 2: You and your friends get together for a celebration. You are enjoying yourself with music, games and laughter. Just then you are served some beer. You refuse to take it but your friends say that it is not alcoholic and one drink would not harm you. You do not want your friends to think that you are a spoilsport and take the beer.
2. Divide participants in 4 small groups and let them discuss following questions:
  - Do you think it was all right to take the drink in these situations?
  - Is taking an occasional drink harmless?
  - Is beer non-alcoholic?
  - Do you think alcohol helps you relax and enjoy?
  - What would you do if alcohol is consumed in your family regularly and you are also asked to take a few drinks on occasions?
  - Is it fashionable to drink?
3. Record the responses to these questions on a blackboard or a chart paper and put it up on the wall.
4. State that alcohol is a drug, which affects the entire body and especially the brain. Explain to the group that you are about to talk about drugs.



### INFORMATION TO SHARE

**Leader Input and Large Group Practice (25 minutes)<sup>19</sup>**

1. Explain to participants what you mean by drugs and substance abuse:
  - Drugs are chemical or natural substances that when used alter people in various ways. There are regular (legal) drugs that we can buy in a pharmacy or get

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from a doctor and illicit drugs such as heroine, marijuana, opium, cocaine, etc.

- Substance abuse is the use of a chemical, legal or illegal, which causes significant impairment in: physical, mental, emotional and social functioning.
  - Inform that alcohol affects behavior of individuals and can cause one person to be happy and relaxed, but others become aggressive, hostile and violent.
  - It increases heart rate, dilates blood vessels and lowers blood pressure.
  - It affects judgment and motor coordination.
  - Taken in excess it can even cause death.
  - Alcoholism is a disease and not a result of lack of personal discipline and morality
2. Ask participants what signs, symptoms, and health consequences of alcohol and drug abuse they can identify from the story. Write their responses on chart paper or the white/chalk board. Examples of substance abuse signs and symptoms include:
- Mood swings
  - Depression
  - Aggression
  - Appetite problem
  - Weight loss
  - Difficulty walking
  - Blurred vision
  - Slurred speech
  - Slowed reaction times
  - Impaired memory
  - Inability to concentrate
  - Impaired judgment

Examples of health consequences:

- Risk of injuries and trauma including car accidents
  - Risk of unsafe sexual behavior including becoming infected with STI, HIV or becoming pregnant
  - Risk of suicide and depression
  - Risk of mental disorders
  - Risk of liver disorders
  - Risk of heart diseases and high blood pressure
3. Using the story as an example, emphasize that substance abuse can cause physical, emotional and psychological problems. Substances such as alcohol and drugs have addictive tendencies and can contribute to:
- Broken families and stressed relationships
  - School dropouts
  - Unemployment
  - Crime
  - Risky sexual behaviors resulting in HIV, STIs and unwanted pregnancies
4. Explain that alcohol consumption at a young age has a damaging effect on brain development. Research shows that the human brain doesn't stop growing until about age 21 or 22, and that alcohol consumption can alter or retard that growth, including memory and test-taking ability. Emphasize that young people are affected by alcohol quicker and to a higher degree than adults.
5. Tell participants that now you will talk about smoking. Ask them if tobacco can be classified as a drug. Give them few minutes to respond and then explain that:
- Nicotine, a powerful central nervous system stimulant found naturally in the tobacco leaf, is classified as a drug. Nicotine is one of the main ingredients in tobacco. In higher doses, nicotine is extremely poisonous. It is commonly used as an insecticide.
  - Tobacco leaves can be burned and inhaled (in the form of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smoke, etc.) or absorbed through the mouth (in the form of spit tobacco, chew, or snuff). The membranes in the nose, mouth and lungs act as nicotine

- delivery systems – transmitting nicotine into the blood and to the brain.
- Nicotine is very addictive and is as hard to quit as heroine.
6. Explain that tobacco damages a body by reducing blood flow to all organs and parts of the body. Smoking harms a young person's appearance and health in a short period of time.
 

Other consequences include:

    - Bad breath, smelly clothes and stained fingers and teeth
    - Getting sick more often, with everything from sore throats to colds and even asthma
    - Shortness of breath and loss of physical endurance
    - In the long-term, various diseases such as different types of cancer, heart and cardiovascular diseases, skin damage
  7. Emphasize that the earlier people start smoking, the harder it is to quit when they are older.
  8. Ask participants why they think people use drugs, drink alcohol or smoke tobacco. Give them five minutes to respond and write their responses on flipchart.
  9. Conclude that there are many reasons that people typically start using substances such as:
    - Social interaction
    - Peer pressure
    - Stress
    - Self-medication
    - Rebelliousness
    - Increased confidence
    - Curiosity
  10. Ask participants what a young person who does not want to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco can do to resist the peer pressure but still be accepted by the peers. Give them a few minutes to brainstorm.
  11. Conclude the session by telling them that self-esteem, assertiveness, skills to resist peer pressure, skills to make decisions and cope with stress will help young people to avoid substance abuse and stay healthy to achieve their life goals.



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Small Group Practice (10 Minutes)

Divide participants in two groups. Tell them that they will have a contest. Each group will be given a statement and participants should decide if the statement is true or false. After the group gives their answer to a statement, provide an explanation. The group that has the most correct answers is the winner.

1. Alcohol is not a drug.

**(False.** Alcohol is a drug as it is a substance that affects mind and body.)

2. Cigarette smoking can be addictive.

**(True.** Cigarettes contain nicotine, which is addictive.)

3. Drugs help people to deal with difficult situations better.

**(False.** Drugs do not help people to forget about their problems or reduce the pain caused by the problems. They may only provide a temporary distraction.)

4. A cup of coffee and a cold shower will sober up a drunk person.

**(False.** Only time will allow a person to become sober. It takes ten hours for the liver

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to process ten grams of pure alcohol that is equal to one can (330 ml) of beer, one glass (100 ml) of wine or one shot (30 ml) of vodka/whisky.)

5. Young people are often introduced to drug use by their friends.

**(True.** Almost half of young people are initiated into drug use by their peers.)

6. Smoking cigarettes every now and then is not harmful.

**(False.** As soon as people start smoking, they experience yellow stained teeth, bad breath, and shortness of breath that may affect their physical appearance, and the lungs will be immediately affected. Addiction to nicotine is quick.)

7. Alcohol is a sexual stimulant.

**(False.** Alcohol, like cocaine and other drugs, can actually depress a person's sexual response. It causes problems such as inability to have an erection and a loss of sexual feeling or inability to feel pleasure.)

8. It is rare for a teenager to be an alcoholic.

**(False.** Many adolescents become addicted to alcohol.)

9. If you want to drive, you should only drink beer rather than liquor or wine.

**(False.** Beer contains ethyl alcohol that affects drinkers and causes health and behavioral disorders.)

10. Drinking corex (cough syrup) helps in gaining confidence

**(False.** It causes loss of motor skills and coordination. Users may feel confused or dizzy and become unstable on their feet)

11. Smelling Korex (whitener) also helps in gaining confidence.

**(False.** It reduce responses and hamper nervous system

### Small Group Practice (15 minutes)

1. Divide participants into four groups. Explain that each group will receive a situation that they should present and come up with a solution.
2. Provide the groups with the situation and give them five minutes to complete the exercise.

**Scenario #1:** Vikas has his first date tonight and he is nervous. His friends offer him a beer to help him to relax. Vikas does not like alcohol but his friends are trying to convince him that beer is not alcohol and it will help him loosen up a little bit. Besides, they say that girls like mature boys who drink beer.

- What consequences will Vikas have if he drinks beer and if he does not?
- What should he do?
- How can he say "no"?

**Scenario #2:** Neha is a new student in the school. She likes the school and wants to make friends there. One day a few girls from her class ask Neha if she wants to go with them to a party. Neha is excited and agrees to meet them after school. When she meets them she sees that the girls are smoking and drinking alcohol. They want her to have a cigarette or a drink before they go to a party. They say that if she wants to be their friend she should be like them, and one cigarette or a drink will not kill her.

- What consequences will Neha have if she joins the girls?
- What should she do?
- How can she say "no"?

**Scenario #3:** Lina and Prashant have been friends since kindergarten. Now they are in standard 9th but still spend time together after school. Lately Lina has noticed that Prashant has become moody and abrupt. When she tries to talk to him to find out what is going on, he becomes very rude and aggressive. Lina is hurt but she does not want to give up on her friend. She has heard that Prashant has a new friend that does not have a good reputation and has been suspected in using drugs. Lina is worried that Prashant uses drugs as well. She wants to help her friend.

- What should Lina do?
- What can she say to convince Prashant not to use drugs?
- Where can she go to get help for Prashant?

**Scenario #4:** Amit is going to a party with his girlfriend tonight. He knows that she expects him to have some “afim”. But he has decided that drugs are too much for him. He can’t afford to have problems in the school and at his job or with his health due to drugs. Besides, he is running out of savings because of drugs. But he loves his girlfriend and does not want to break up with her. But she won’t be happy until she has her dose.

- What should he do?
  - What can he say to convince her not to use drugs?
  - Where can he go to get help?
3. Ask the groups to share their situations.
- Was it easy to find a solution?
  - Did they use the four ways of saying “no”?
  - Did they feel that they needed more information on substance abuse while doing the exercise?



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

### Discussion (5 minutes)

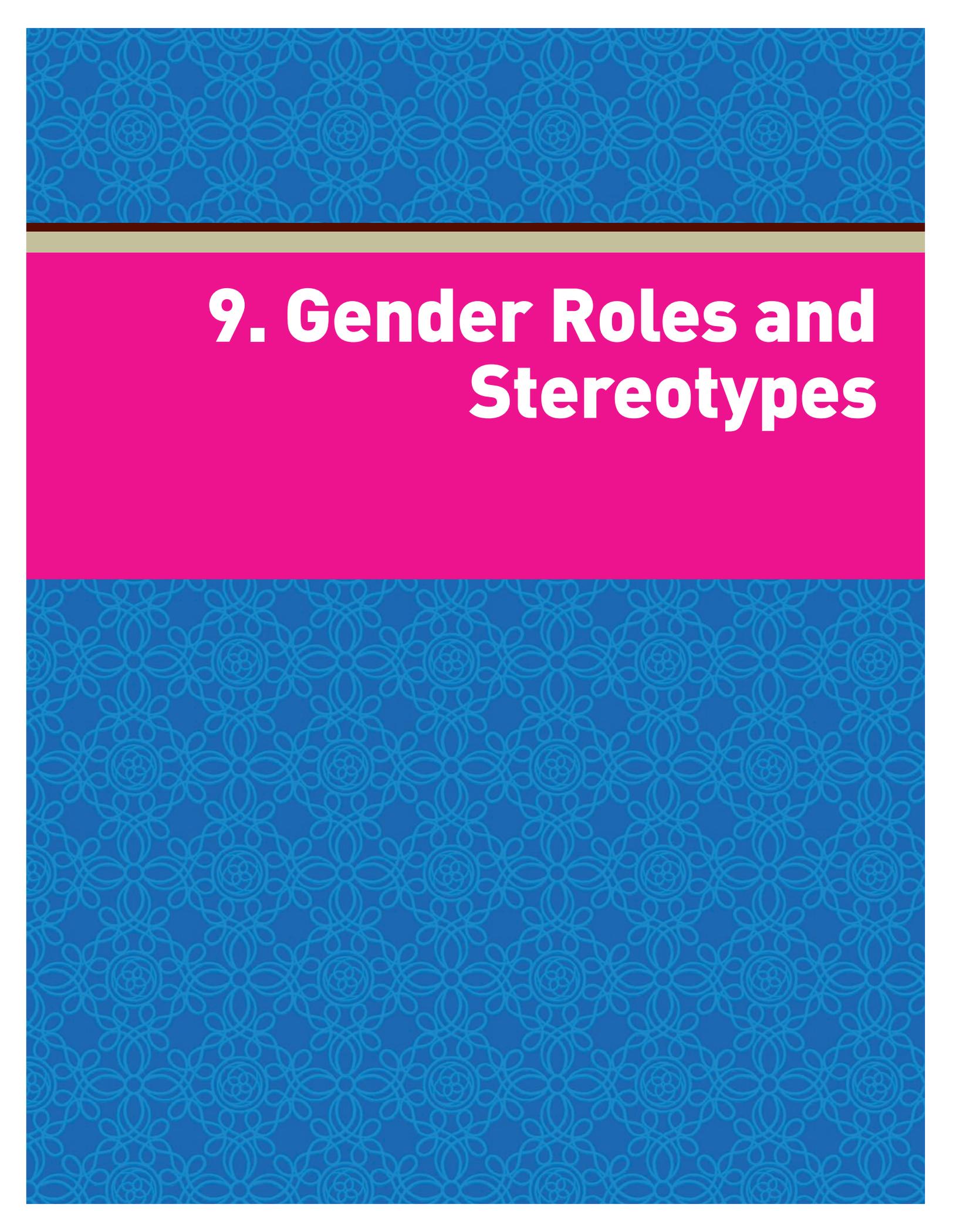
1. Ask participants to discuss the following questions in pairs:
  - How might alcohol and drug consumption affect your plans for getting an education and a job?
  - How might substance abuse affect your relationships with your family, friends, and community?
2. Tell participants where they can find local resources on substance abuse and give the number of a local hotline they can call if they need help.

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# **9. Gender Roles and Stereotypes**

# GENDER ROLES AND STEREOTYPES

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Understand their values and attitudes about gender
- Understand the difference between sex and gender
- Understand gender roles
- Have knowledge on gender stereotypes and power imbalance
- Understand how gender roles and stereotypes impact one's behavior including sexual behavior

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Explore participants' values and attitudes about gender.
- Explain meanings of "sex" and "gender."
- Explain gender roles.
- Discuss impact of gender roles on people's sexual behavior and reproductive health.
- Discuss power imbalance between men and women.
- Explore gender stereotypes existing in the society.
- Discuss impact of gender stereotypes on relationships and life choices for men and women

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk) and flipchart paper

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic: Prepare signs saying: "Strongly Agree," "Agree," "Disagree," and "Strongly Disagree". Display the signs around the room, leaving enough space between them to allow a group of participants to stand near each one. Adapt/prepare the statements provided in the text and choose three or four that reflect common gender stereotypes in the society.
- For Group Practice: Prepare four pieces of chart paper that say "Five Good Things About Men", "Five Bad Things About Men", "Five Good Things About Women" and "Five Bad Things About Women".
- For Small Group Discussion: Prepare/adapt role play to make them culturally and age appropriate.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Personal Values
- Puberty
- Reproduction Review
- Early Pregnancy

- Contraception
- STIs
- HIV/AIDS
- Substance Abuse

## AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 12-18 years old

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

# LESSON PLAN

## GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

### Demonstration (10 minutes)



*Leaders' Note: Depending on the cultural context of the group being trained, facilitator can consider grouping the participants by sex for some of the group exercises. This can foster discussion if girls are less comfortable talking candidly in front of boys at first.*

1. Explain to participants that this activity is designed to give them a general understanding of their own and each other's values and attitudes about gender. Remind the participants that everyone has a right to his or her own opinion, and no response is right or wrong..
2. Read aloud the following statements and ask the participants to stand near the sign ("Strongly Agree", "Agree", "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree") that most closely represents their opinion. After the participants have made their decisions, ask for one or two volunteers from each group to explain why they feel that way. Continue for each of the statements (two or three more).
  - It is easier to be a boy/man than a girl/woman.
  - Women make better parents than men.
  - Family planning is a woman's responsibility.
  - A man is more of a "man" once he has fathered a child.
  - Sex is more important to men than to women.
  - It is okay for a man to have sex outside of marriage if his wife does not know about it.
  - Men are smarter than women.
  - Boys are better at math than girls
3. Ask participants which statements, if any, did they find challenging to form an opinion about? Why?

# GENDER ROLES AND STEREOTYPES

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*Leader's Note: If the participants express a unanimous opinion about any of the statements, play the role of "devil's advocate" by expressing an opinion that is different from theirs.*



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

**Leader Input and Large Group Practice (25 minutes)**

1. Write the word "SEX" on a white board or flipchart, and ask participants to tell you what it means and what examples they can provide to illustrate differences between men and women based on sex. Write down their answers.
2. Explain that SEX has more than one meaning. It can be used to describe sexual intercourse or it can refer to the biological differences between women and men. Sex differences are concerned with women and men's physiology. Provide additional examples such as:
  - Women can become pregnant.
  - Women can breastfeed/nurse babies.
  - Men have more facial hair.
3. Next to it write word "GENDER" and ask participants how they understand it and what examples they can provide to illustrate differences between men and women based on gender. Write down their answers.
4. Explain that Gender refers to the economic, social, political, and cultural attributes and opportunities associated with being female and male. The social definitions of what it means to be a woman or a man vary among cultures and change over time. Provide additional examples such as:
  - Boys don't cry.
  - Girls are better cleaning and cooking.
5. Explain that roles that men and women play in a society are called gender roles. Some of the roles are based on fact because of male and female attributes (anatomical or physiological). For example, only women can become pregnant. Other gender roles are based on what society believes about what men and women can or cannot do, for example, the idea that women are more caring and are therefore more suitable for certain jobs than men, such as nursing.
6. Ask the participants if they have ever been told to "act like a man" or "act like a woman" based on their gender. Tell them that they are going to explore what it means.
7. Divide participants in two groups. Each group should answer one of the following questions:
  - What does it mean to act like a man?
  - What does it mean to act like a woman?
8. Give participants five minutes to brainstorm and write down their ideas on chart paper.
9. Possible ideas may include:

Act like a boy/man	Act like a girl/woman
Be tough.	Be passive.
Do not cry.	Take care of their family.

Yell at people.	Act sexy, but not too sexy.
Show no emotions.	Be smart, but not too smart.
Take care of other people.	Be quiet.
Do not back down.	Listen to others.
Provide financial support for their family.	Be the homemaker.

10. Ask participants:

- Can it be limiting for a woman and a man to be expected to behave in this manner? Why?
- How can social norms and expectations to “act like a woman” and “act like a man” have a negative impact on a woman’s and a man’s sexual behavior and reproductive health?

Possible answers:

- more aggressive and authoritarian behavior of male and submissive behavior of a woman increase
- risk of sexual violence (rape, assault, harassment)
- risk of unwanted pregnancy
- risk of STIs and HIV infection
- Is it possible to challenge and change existing gender roles?
- Is there is a power difference between men and women? Who has more power?
- How does it influence the society? What impact does it have on sexual behavior?



*Leaders’ Note: For any of these group exercises or discussions, consider using photos of scenarios that present different gender roles and stereotypes to start discussion. These are powerful and it’s interesting to hear everyone’s different interpretations of an image. You can find these in standard gender training manuals or use photos you have yourself, but the Oxfam Gender Training Manual has good ones.*

## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Small Group Practice (10 minutes)

1. Participants to form a circle and move around. Facilitator calls out the instruction and participants have to enact it. For eg. Act like a south Indian girl/boy, act like Punjabi girl/boy.
2. Divide the participants into two groups. Give each group two pieces of chart paper.
  - Give Group 1 a chart paper that says “5 Bad Things about Men” and another one that says “5 Good Things about Men.”
  - Give Group 2 a chart paper that says “5 Bad Things about Women” and another one that says “5 Good Things about Women.”
3. Ask each group to complete given statements and write down on their chart papers the requested information.
4. After three minutes of work in small groups, ask the participants to present their answers.
5. Briefly discuss each statement with all participants and summarize that sometimes we have stereotypes about women’s and men’s roles in the society.
6. In large letters, print the word “Stereotype” on a piece of chart paper. Remind the

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participants that a stereotype is “a standardized conventional idea or character.”

Look over the lists that the participants have created and discuss the question:

- Which of the characteristics listed about men and women are stereotypes?
7. After identifying the stereotypes, ask:
- How do these stereotypes have a negative impact on how we relate to men and women? (Hints: Less respect to men doing “woman’s” job; or no trust in a female taxi driver).
  - How do family, friends, cultural norms or practices perpetuate/support these stereotypes?

### Small Group Practice (10 minutes)

1. Divide participants in two groups and give each group a situation for role play.
2. Ask participants to discuss the scenario and find a solution to the problem or situation given in the scenario. Remind participants that each group will enact the scenario with a solution at the end of the activity.

**Scenario 1:** Neeta has been offered a place at the polytechnic school to study engineering. She is the only girl in the class and the boys are always teasing her about a girl trying to do a man’s job. When she placed first in the exams, the boys stopped talking to her. She is feeling miserable because she has no friends in the class.

- What should she do?

**Scenario 2:** Sunnita and Sunil have known each other for a year, but they live in different towns because of their schools. Sunil is coming to visit Sunnita during the summer holiday and it is likely that they will end up having sex. Sunnita knows that unprotected sex is risky and she goes to the corner pharmacy to buy some condoms. The cashier says to her that girls have no business buying condoms and she refuses to sell them to Sunnita.

- What should Sunnita do?

3. Summarize and highlight the following points:

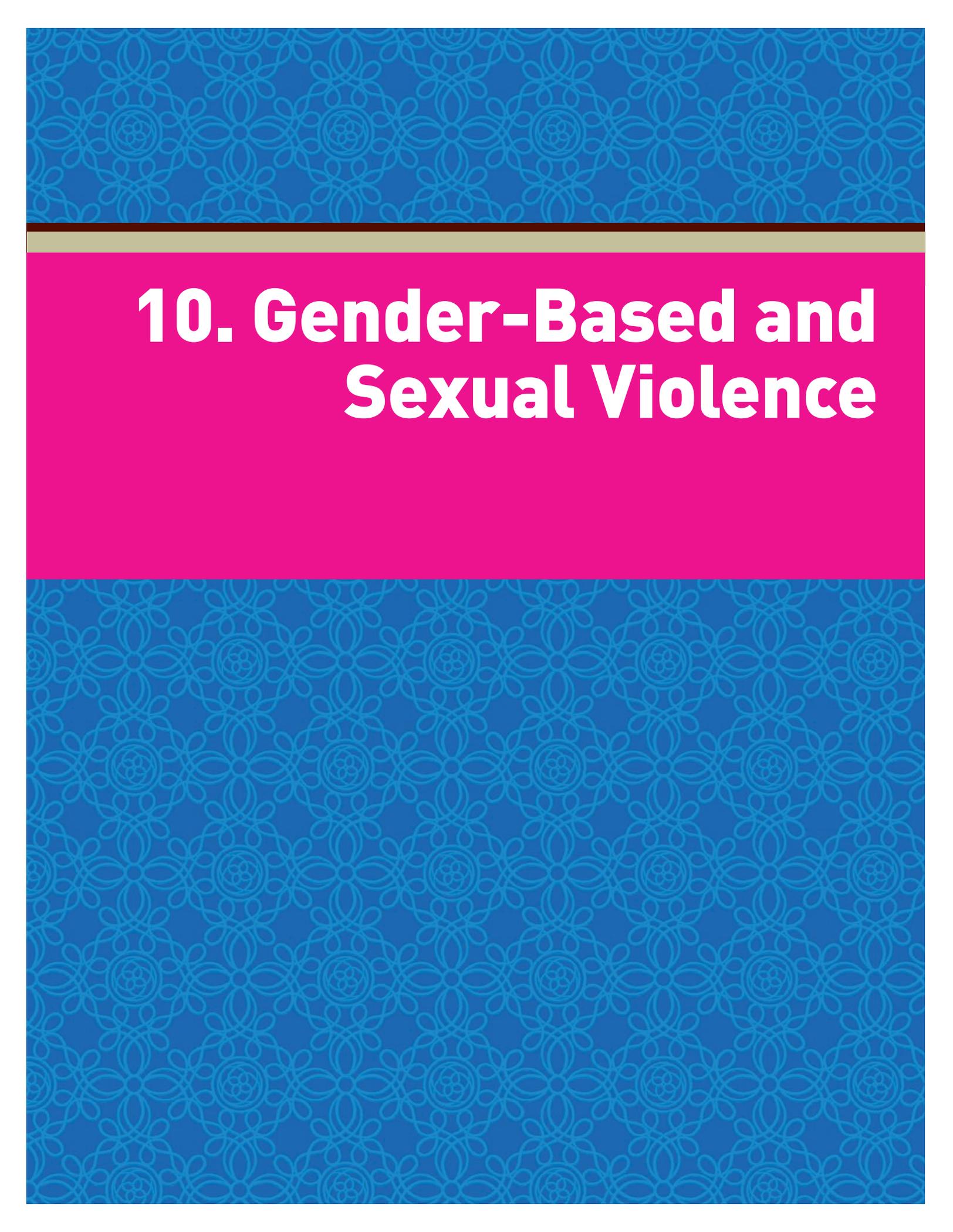
- Many relationships suffer because of expected gender roles and stereotypes.
  - It is easy to fall into gender stereotypes, but people, especially those in male/female relationships, must talk about what they expect from each other and not be bounded by what others expect from them.
- Discuss about region wise stereotypes as well.



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

### Discussion (5 minutes)

1. Ask the participants to discuss in pairs the following questions:
  - If you were to have a daughter, what one piece of advice would you give her about growing up as a female that would help her fight unfair treatment?
  - If you were to have a son, what one piece of advice would you give him related to gender equality?
  - What can you do in your relationships with family and friends that can help to question gender stereotypes?
2. Ask volunteers to share their responses with the group.



# **10. Gender-Based and Sexual Violence**

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Become aware of different types of violence
- Understand gender based violence and sexual violence
- Understand consequences of violence
- Understand causes of violence
- Learn what to do to avoid violence

### LESSON PREVIEW

- Discuss different types of violence.
- Explain forms of gender-based violence.
- Discuss consequences of violence on health, education and employment opportunities for young people.
- Explain causes of violence.
- Explore what can be done to prevent violence and where young people can get help in case of violence.
- Discuss different scenarios of violence.
- Discuss what young people should do to avoid sexual violence (date rape).

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visual means for recording ideas (paper, chart paper or white/chalk board and markers/chalk)
- Phase/Type of Violence Chart
- Tree drawing
- Scenarios

### TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE TEACHING

- For Generating Interest in Topic and Group Practice: Prepare definition of Gender-Based Violence and its forms. Draw a tree on a flip chart. Prepare Life Phase/Violence chart on flip chart paper.
- For Information to Share: Prepare topics for group discussion.
- Research information on local crisis hotlines or assault crisis centers to share.
- For Group Practice: Prepare scenarios for the discussion.

### PREREQUISITE SKILL OR LESSON

- Gender Roles and Stereotypes
- Stress management
- Skills to manage strong emotions
- Skills to respond to stressful social situations

### AGE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS

- 12 – 18 years old

## LENGTH OF LESSON



60 minutes

## LESSON PLAN



### GENERATING INTEREST IN TOPIC

Demonstration (10 minutes)

1. Divide participants into three groups. Explain that today they will discuss violence.
2. Tell us what verbal abuse you would use while fighting.
2. Assign one of the three types of violence (physical, psychological or sexual) per group and ask them to think about an example of this type of violence that they have either witnessed or experienced. Each group should write down their response on chart paper. Examples might include:

Psychological Violence:

- Making threats
- Teasing
- Intimidation
- Putting someone down
- Bullying
- Humiliation
- Ignoring

Physical Violence:

- Holding
- Punching
- Restraining
- Kicking
- Hitting
- Shoving
- Having something thrown at you
- Anything else which can cause physical harm to you or someone else

Sexual Violence:

- Can be physical or psychological.
- Sex with someone without his/her consent or while they are incapacitated
- Age of consent for girls
- The use of power or other intimidation to coerce sexual activity or favors
- Unwanted touch of any kind
- Sexual harassment or humiliation
- Drawing attention to someone based only on sex or what they are wearing, or how they are presenting themselves;
- Treating one as an object

3. After five minutes ask the groups to share their results and discuss:
  - Were there examples of violence that your small group disagreed about? For example, situations that you saw as psychological violence and your partner saw as “normal”?
  - Where does most violence happen?
  - How does violence impact your experience at school?

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- How does violence impact your ability to learn? Have fun? Be a young person?
- Which type of people experience violence?
- What do we do when we observe violence in our homes, neighborhoods and schools?
- How is violence against boys different from that of girls?



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Leader Input and Large Group Practice (10 minutes)

1. Emphasize that violence may happen anywhere: family, school, public transportation, restaurant, home, office, etc; and to anyone (boys or girls). Teenagers are much more likely to be victims of violence than adults of any age. Violence happens between people who know each other 50% of the time.
2. Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, to another person against his or her wishes.
3. Explain what “Gender-Based Violence” means: gender-based violence is physical, mental or sexual abuse which is directed against a person on the basis of gender or sex.
4. Ask participants to identify some forms of gender-based violence (GBV). Display the chart from previous activity.
  - Sexual assault,
  - Rape and attempted rape
  - Trafficking
  - Prostitution
  - Sexual harassment
  - Manipulation within the home, the workplace or schools
  - Domestic violence
  - Confinement
  - Emotional abuse
  - Pornography
  - Harmful traditional practices, early/forced marriage/bride burning
  - Dowry abuse
  - Widow ceremonies
  - Punishments directed at women for defying cultural norms. Denial of education, food and clothing to girls/women by virtue of their sex



*Leader’s Note: Encourage all ideas and examples. Help participants to cover as many forms of gender-based violence as possible. It is also important to explain that men and boys can also be the target of sexual abuse, usually committed by other men, but that women and girls are affected disproportionately.*

5. Ask participants what form of gender violence may happen throughout a person’s life, using information from the following to chart:

Phase	Type of Violence
Prenatal	Prenatal sex selection, battering during pregnancy, coerced pregnancy (rape during war)
Infancy	Female infanticide, emotional and physical abuse, differential access to food and medical care
Childhood	Genital cutting; incest and sexual abuse; differential access to food, medical care, and education; child prostitution
Adolescence	Dating and courtship violence, economically coerced sex, sexual abuse in the workplace, rape, sexual harassment, forced prostitution
Reproductive	Abuse of women by intimate partners, marital rape, dowry abuse and murders, partner homicide, psychological abuse, sexual abuse in the workplace, sexual harassment, rape, abuse of women with disabilities
Old Age	Abuse of widows, elder abuse (which affects mostly women)

Source: Heise, L. 1994. *Violence Against Women: The Hidden Health Burden*. World Bank Discussion Paper. Washington, D.C. The World Bank

### Large Group Practice (15 minutes)

1. Divide participants in three groups. Ask participants to brainstorm on how violence affects health (physical and mental), education and employment opportunities for youth. Assign one topic per group. Topics are: (1) If you experienced violence, how would it affect your health? (2) If you experience violence at school, how would it affect your education? (3) If you experience violence, how will it affect your job? Remind participants to select a presenter, a recorder and a time keeper for each group.
2. After five minutes, let the groups present their ideas. Discuss and summarize the presented results. For example:
  - If you experienced violence, how it would affect your health?
    - Injury, disability, or death
    - Injury to the reproductive system including menstrual disorders, childbearing problems, infections
    - Miscarriages, unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions
    - Depression, anger, fear, resentment and self-hate
    - Shame, insecurity, loss of ability to function and carry out daily activities
    - Problems sleeping and eating
    - Mental illness and thoughts of hopelessness and suicide
  - If you experienced violence at school, how it would affect your education?
    - Drop out of school
    - Poor grades and attendance
    - Low self esteem and confidence in achieving goals
    - Fear, shame, and isolation
  - If you experienced violence, how would it affect your job?
    - Absenteeism and low productivity
    - Loss of job or fear of being fired
    - Lack of self esteem and confidence
3. Conclude that if violence happens it affects all aspects of life and may have a long-term impact.
4. Ask participants to brainstorm factors that cause violence including the gender-based and sexual violence. List responses on chart paper or white/chalk board. Encourage discussion around each point. Ask for examples of the factors in the community, in the country, in the world. If the following causes do not emerge, add them to the list:

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- A desire to feel powerful
  - Uncontrolled anger
  - Inability to resolve conflict
  - Alcohol and other drugs
  - Gender roles and stereotypes
5. Explain that it is important to learn about causes of violence to know how to prevent it and how to cope with it. Ask participants what skills they can use to prevent violence. A list should include: managing strong emotions, resolving conflicts, positive interpersonal communication, managing stress, understanding of gender equity and equality.
  6. Ask participants what can be done to avoid violence? Provide them with information about a crisis helpline if it is available. (Say “no” to any kind of relationship that you are not comfortable with, tell trusted adult about the situation; get help from crisis centers; use your skills to manage strong emotions, resolve conflicts, resist peer pressure).



## GROUP ACTIVITY/PRACTICE

### Small Group Practice (20 minutes)

1. Divide participants in five groups. Give one scenario to each group and ask them to discuss and enact it.

**Scenario 1:** Arpita is newly married. She is living in a joint family with father in law and mother in law. Arpita’s father gifted her husband a car within one month of their marriage. Now her in laws are demanding second one for her father in law as well. They verbally abuse her every day for small mistakes she makes and constantly remind her that she has not got the second car as yet. Arpita is now depressed and confused if she should ask for another car or take a stance and tell her in laws that her father will not be able to provide one.

- What types of violence did Arpita experience in the her in laws house?
- What should she have done?
- What she can do in the future to prevent violence?

**Scenario 2:** Mugdha spent a night at her aunt’s house. When she was ready to go to bed, her uncle came in to her room to wish her “good night”. He sat on the bed and started a conversation about how pretty she was. Suddenly he hugged her and Mugdha felt uncomfortable because her uncle was touching her breasts. She pulled away from him. The uncle had become frustrated and said that she was big enough to know how to have fun with a man. Mugdha started to cry and the uncle left the room promising to come back next day.

- What types of violence did Mugdha experience?
- What should she have done?
- What she can do in the future to prevent violence?

**Scenario 3:** Bindiya has a boyfriend Kishor. They have been dating for few months now but decided not to have sex until both of them are ready. One day Kishor took Bindiya to his friend’s party. Although they had a good time there, Bindiya worried that Kishor was drinking. On the way home, Kishor forced Bindiya to have oral sex with him although she told him over and over again that she did not want to. He said that it was her fault for kissing and touching and letting him to get turned on. He said that she wanted it too, and if she loved him she would be much nicer to him.

- What types of violence did Bindiya experience?

- What should she have done?
- What should she do in the future?

**Scenario 4:** When Rafiqu came home the first thing he heard was his father yelling at his mom. It was not the first time when his father has lost the temper and yelled at mom. But this time it was different because the father was threatening her and then he hit her. Rafiqu rushed in to help his mother. The father saw him and turned his anger on the son. He yelled and slapped him. Rafiqu cried and he did not know what to do.

- What types of violence did Rafiqu experience?
- What should he have done?
- What should he do in the future?

**Scenario #5:** Nilofar is a student and she also works as a client service representative in a wellness center. Ashok is a new supervisor of Client Service. It's his first supervisory position. One day Nilofar finds a note from Ashok. It says, "Nilofar, I would like to have more than a professional relationship with you. Can we go out sometime soon and get to know each other better?" Nilofar has no interest and says nothing to Ashok about the note. Ashok subsequently ceases all personal communication with Nilofar. He directs verbal communication through coworkers and begins to critique her work and makes troubles for her. She develops migraine headaches and is given 30 days of probation because of attendance and performance problems.

- What types of violence did Nilofar experience?
  - What should she do?
2. After ten minutes of discussion, ask participants:
    - What did these stories have in common? (Hints: Violence and abuse, fear, blame, not knowing what to do to stop the situation).
    - What situations can you describe as gender-based violence? (Hints: Situation # 2, situation # 3 and violence against mother in the situation # 4)
    - How do you feel about these situations?
    - Are these situations common in the community/place where you live?
    - Do you feel comfortable talking with your friends about how to prevent and/or act in violent situations?



## PERSONAL APPLICATION

**Discussion (5 minutes)**

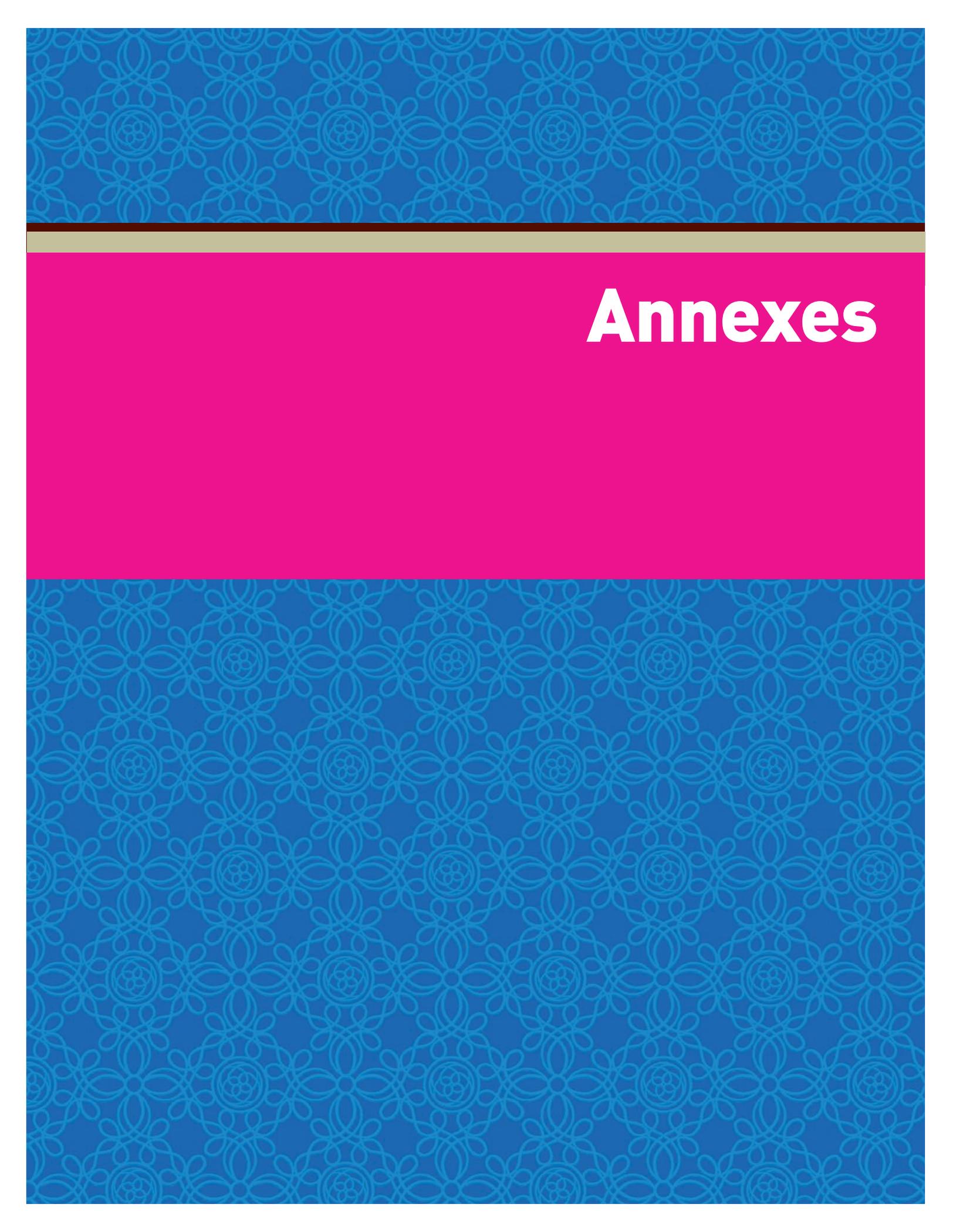
1. Ask participants to write down answers on a piece of paper to the following question:
  - What would you do to prevent sexual violence when you go out on a date?
2. Ask for a few volunteers to share their answers. Summarize with the following points:
  - Avoid secluded places.
  - Keep others informed about your plans for the evening.
  - Split the cost (for dinner, movie, concert, etc).
  - Decide about your sexual limits (before you go out).
  - Communicate clearly about your limits and expectations with your date.
  - Leave if necessary.
  - Control your emotions.
  - Never force a person to do something that she/he does not want to do.

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# Annexes

# ANNEX A: PUBERTY — LEADER'S RESOURCES

## DEVELOPMENT OF BOYS AND GIRLS

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	BOYS	GIRLS
<b>PHYSICAL CHANGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Growth spurts occur</li> <li>- Muscles enlarge</li> <li>- Voice deepens</li> <li>- Acne develops</li> <li>- Sperm matures, wet dreams begin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grow taller, bigger (often before boys)</li> <li>- Breasts begin to enlarge</li> <li>- Hips widen</li> <li>- Acne develops</li> <li>- Hair grows around genitals and under arms</li> <li>- Ovaries mature, menstruation begins, able to become pregnant</li> </ul>
<b>EMOTIONAL CHANGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values and beliefs primarily determined by family</li> <li>- Experience mood swings, behavior driven by feelings</li> <li>- Confused about emotional and physical changes</li> <li>- Begin to have sexual feelings and curiosities</li> <li>- Begin to seek acceptance by peers through competition and achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values and beliefs primarily determined by family</li> <li>- Experience mood swings, behavior driven by feelings</li> <li>- Confused about emotional changes, preoccupied with physical appearance</li> <li>- Self-esteem determined by others</li> <li>- Seek acceptance by fostering relationships with peers</li> </ul>
<b>PHYSICAL CHANGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development continues</li> <li>- Genitals enlarge</li> <li>- Hair grows on face, around genitals, under arms, and on chest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development continues</li> <li>- Breasts enlarge, hips widen, hair grows around genitals and under arms</li> </ul>
<b>EMOTIONAL CHANGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenge rules and test limits</li> <li>- Feelings contribute to behavior but do not control it, can analyze potential consequences</li> <li>- Compare own development to peers, become concerned with self-image</li> <li>- Increased interest in sex, aware of own sexuality</li> <li>- Peers influence leisure activities, appearance, substance use, and initial sexual behaviors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compare their development to peers, peers determine self-image</li> <li>- May challenge rules and test limits of gender norms, desire more control over life</li> <li>- Increased interest in sex, aware of own sexuality</li> <li>- Desire to be loved may influence decision-making in sexual relationships</li> <li>- Peers influence leisure activities, appearance, substance use, and initial sexual behaviors</li> </ul>

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## DEVELOPMENT OF BOYS AND GIRLS

	BOYS	GIRLS
<b>PHYSICAL CHANGES</b>	Development finishes	Development finishes
<b>EMOTIONAL CHANGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop more serious relationships, may commit and marry</li> <li>- Understand consequences of behaviors</li> <li>- Struggle with adult roles and responsibilities, modern versus traditional values</li> <li>- Can make own decisions, peers have less influence</li> <li>- Cope with the competing demands of school, family, spouse, community, livelihood, and self</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop more stable relationships and marry</li> <li>- Understand consequences of behaviors, prepare for parenthood</li> <li>- Clearer about self in relation to others, including spouse</li> <li>- Cope with the competing demands of school, family, spouse, community, livelihood, and self</li> <li>- Able to recognize and seek help when needed</li> </ul>

Adapted from *My Changing Body: Fertility Awareness for Young People*, FHI and Institute for Reproductive Health of Georgetown University, 2003

# ANNEX B: CONTRACEPTION — WORD PUZZLE HANDOUT

<b>Abstinence</b>	<b>Pill</b>	<b>Condom</b>	<b>Contraceptive</b>
<b>Spermicide</b>	<b>Sterilization</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>Talk</b>
<b>Fertility</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Awareness</b>	<b>Wait</b>

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## ANNEX C: CONTRACEPTION — WORKSHEET HANDOUT<sup>13</sup>

What's the name of the method?

How does it work?

How do you use it?

What advantages and disadvantages do you see in this method?

What is the effectiveness of the method?

<sup>13</sup> Adapted from ReCAPP-ETR Associates Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

## ANNEX D: CONTRACEPTION — METHODS HANDOUT

	HOW IT WORKS	HOW IT IS USED	BENEFITS	DISADVANTAGES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Abstinence (Completely / avoiding any form of sexual intercourse)	Prevents sexual contact and exchange of body fluids between partners Almost 100% effective	Mutual agreement or independent decision by either partner	Has no medical or hormonal side effects It is free.	People may find it difficult to abstain for long periods of time.  Women and men often end their abstinence without being prepared to protect themselves against pregnancy or infection.	Abstinence protects health and reproductive capacity by reducing or eliminating risk of STIs and HIV infection and reproductive tract infections.
The pill (combined oral)	Hormones prevent release of egg from ovaries and implantation of the fertilized egg in the uterus. As commonly used combined oral contraceptives are 92% effective”.	Some pills are taken daily for 21 days and stopped for seven days before starting a new package. Other kinds are taken continuously for 28 days. Oral pills should be taken at the same time each day.	Reduces menstrual cramps, makes periods lighter, offers some protection against pelvic inflammatory disease, which often leads to infertility when left untreated  The pill gives some protection against <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acne</li> <li>• breast growths that are not cancer</li> <li>• ectopic pregnancy</li> <li>• endometrial and ovarian cancers. Protection increases with each year of use.</li> <li>• iron deficiency anemia</li> <li>• ovarian cysts</li> <li>• premenstrual symptoms, including headaches and depression</li> <li>• vaginal dryness and painful intercourse related to menopause</li> </ul>	Bleeding between periods (most often with pills)  Breast tenderness, nausea and vomiting	The pill does not protect a woman from STIs and HIV infection. To be protected from HIV and STIs, the pill should be used with a condom.

	HOW IT WORKS	HOW IT IS USED	BENEFITS	DISADVANTAGES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Injectables (DepoProvera)	<p>Hormone progestin stops eggs from being released by the ovaries and thickens cervical mucus, blocking sperm from entering the uterus</p> <p>As commonly used injectables are 97% effective.</p>	<p>Injected into the muscle by a trained physician. The first shot is given within the first five days of a woman's menstrual cycle to ensure that she is not pregnant.</p> <p>Shots must be repeated every 12 weeks.</p>	<p>Safe, simple, and convenient</p> <p>Provides effective, long-lasting pregnancy protection</p> <p>No daily pill to remember, nothing to do right before having sex.</p> <p>Improves spontaneity</p> <p>Private — no packaging that might be embarrassing</p> <p>Doesn't contain estrogen, unlike the pill, patch, and ring, so it's a good choice for women who cannot take estrogen and for women who are breastfeeding</p> <p>Can help prevent cancer of the lining of the uterus.</p>	<p>Some women have longer, heavier periods.</p> <p>Some women have increased spotting and light bleeding between periods.</p>	<p>Injections do not provide protection from STIs and HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>They may have side effects.</p>
Male condom	<p>Prevents semen from entering the partner's body</p> <p>As commonly used male condoms are 85% effective.</p>	<p>Before sexual intercourse begins, a condom is placed over the erect penis; space must be left at the end to collect the sperm. After the ejaculation, the condom should be carefully removed to avoid spilling the sperm into the partner's body. Used condoms must be properly disposed of and never be re-used.</p>	<p>Let men help prevent pregnancy and STIs</p> <p>Inexpensive and easy to get</p> <p>Lightweight and disposable</p> <p>Do not require a prescription</p> <p>Can relieve premature ejaculation</p> <p>May help a man stay erect longer</p> <p>Can be put on as part of sex play</p> <p>Can be used with all other birth control methods to provide effective pregnancy prevention and to reduce risk of STIs</p>	<p>Condoms have no side effects except for people who are allergic to latex.</p> <p>About 1 or 2 in 100 people have such allergies.</p>	<p>The latex condom prevents from HIV and STIs. Condoms should not be used if the package is damaged or expiration date has passed. Vaseline and heat destroy the condom.</p>

	HOW IT WORKS	HOW IT IS USED	BENEFITS	DISADVANTAGES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Spermicides	<p>Kills sperm by causing the membrane of sperm cells to break. This keeps sperm from meeting an egg.</p> <p>As commonly used spermicides are 70 % effective</p>	<p>Available in different forms such as forming tablets, foam, melting film, jelly and cream. Spermicide should be placed in vagina prior to sexual intercourse. Different types of spermicides require different time intervals between inserting spermicide into the vagina and having sexual intercourse.</p>	<p>It can be carried in your pocket or purse.</p> <p>It can be inserted by a partner as part of sex play.</p> <p>It does not have an effect on a woman's natural hormones.</p> <p>It is very easy to get — drugstores and supermarkets.</p> <p>It does not require a prescription.</p> <p>It can be used during breastfeeding.</p>	<p>If not used exactly as directed, spermicides may not form a good barrier over the cervix. This may make the spermicide less effective.</p> <p>Some women complain that spermicides are messy or that they leak from their vaginas.</p> <p>Spermicide may irritate the penis or vagina. Switching brands may solve this problem.</p>	<p>Spermicides do not protect from STIs or HIV/AIDS.</p>
Emergency contraceptive pill	<p>Prevent the release of an egg from the ovary or delay its release by 5-7 days. By then, any sperm in the woman's reproductive tract will have died since sperm can survive there for only about 5 days</p> <p>Effectiveness varies from 99% to 98%.</p>	<p>This is a special dose of contraceptive pills that is taken any time within five days after unprotected sex.</p>	<p>The sooner after unprotected sex that ECPs are taken, the more effective they are.</p>	<p>Breast tenderness, irregular bleeding, dizziness, headaches, nausea and sickness</p>	<p>This pill dose may cause a disruption in the menstrual cycle. It does not prevent from pregnancy for any future sex, even the next day. It should not be used as a regular family planning method.</p>

	HOW IT WORKS	HOW IT IS USED	BENEFITS	DISADVANTAGES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Female Condom	The female condom is a lubricated plastic sheath with two rings. One remains outside the vagina, covering part of the labia, and the other is placed in the vagina, covering the cervix. It forms a pouch that collects the semen.	Before sexual intercourse begins, grasp the ring at the closed end, and squeeze it so it becomes long and narrow. Push the inner ring into the vagina as far as it will go. About 2 to 3 centimeters of the condom and outer ring remain outside of the vagina. During intercourse, the man's penis must be guided inside the condom. Afterward, hold the outer ring of the condom, twist to seal in fluids, and gently pull it out of the vagina. Used condoms must be properly disposed and never be re-used.	<p><i>For Women:</i> Women can initiate their use. Have a soft, moist texture that feels more natural than male latex condoms during sex. Help protect against both pregnancy and STIs, including HIV. Outer ring provides added sexual stimulation for some women. Can be used without seeing a health care provider.</p> <p><i>For Men:</i> Are not tight or constricting like male condoms. Do not dull the sensation of sex like male condoms. Do not have to be removed immediately after ejaculation.</p>	<p>Women may find it challenging to persuade her partner to use female condoms or be able to use it every time.  Inner ring may be uncomfortable or painful to some female users.  Condom squeaks or makes noise during sex.  Both users may experience mild irritation in or around the vagina or penis (itching, redness, or rash).  Women may experience difficulty inserting the female condom</p>	It can be inserted 8 hours before sexual activity begins. It enables women and girls to protect themselves and their partners. It is noticeable during sex, and insertion may require practice.

# ANNEX E: CONTRACEPTION — ROLE PLAY HANDOUT

## ASHEESH AND GEETA

**Asheesh:** You are 25 years old and just got married to Geeta. You love Geeta and want to start family as soon as possible. You have not yet taken an STI test.

**Geeta:** You are 20 years old and working as well. You love your husband Asheesh however you do not wish to start family as you would want to pursue your career. You are thinking about having sex but you don't want to risk pregnancy and you don't know much about birth control. You asked your friend, Rita, about contraception and she said that birth control pills can make girls fat and cause cancer, and a constant use of condoms may make a man impotent. She also mentioned that a woman cannot get pregnant if the man practices withdrawal. You want to share this with Asheesh and talk to him about it. You think you can have sex and deal with birth control later.

**The Scene:** The scene opens with Asheesh and Geeta sitting on a couch and Asheesh is asking whether Geeta loves him. Geeta is ready to have a sexual relationship but she asks Asheesh about what they should do to protect themselves and repeats the information given to her by Rita. Asheesh is ready to use condoms but only from time to time. He heard that it is not always dangerous to have unprotected sex, and agrees that it may work to just practice withdrawal.

# ANNEX F: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION

## CHLAMYDIA

Chlamydia is a common sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by the bacterium, *Chlamydia trachomatis*. Chlamydia is five times as common as gonorrhea and more than 30 times as common as syphilis. Chlamydia is spread by vaginal and anal intercourse. Rarely, it is spread during oral sex or by touching your eye with your hand. It can also spread from a woman to her fetus during birth. Chlamydia is not passed through casual contact.

Chlamydia can infect the penis, vagina, cervix, anus, urethra, eye, or throat. If Chlamydia is not treated it can lead to sterility and infertility in both men and women.

## SYMPTOMS

Usually, Chlamydia has no symptoms. Most people are not aware that they have the infection especially women. If a person does get Chlamydia symptoms, they may begin in as little as 5 to 10 days after a person got the infection.

When women have Chlamydia symptoms, they may experience

- abdominal pain
  - abnormal vaginal discharge
  - bleeding between menstrual periods
  - low-grade fever
  - painful intercourse
  - pain or a burning feeling while urinating
  - swelling inside the vagina or around the anus
  - the urge to urinate more than usual
  - vaginal bleeding after intercourse
  - a yellowish discharge from the cervix that may have a strong smell
- When men have symptoms, they may experience
- Pain or a burning feeling while urinating
  - Pus or watery or milky discharge from the penis
  - swollen or tender testicles
  - Swelling around the anus

In both women and men, Chlamydia may cause the anus to itch and bleed. It can also result in a discharge and diarrhea. If Chlamydia infects the eyes, it may cause redness, itching, and a discharge. If Chlamydia infects the throat, it may cause soreness.

Chlamydia symptoms may only appear in the morning and may be mild, especially for men. That's why many people do not realize they have an infection.

## TREATMENT

Chlamydia can be easily treated and cured with antibiotics. A single dose of azithromycin or weeks of doxycycline (twice daily) are the most commonly used treatments. A health care provider can help to decide which the best treatment is.

All sex partners should be tested, and treated. Persons with Chlamydia should abstain from sexual intercourse until they and their sex partners have completed treatment, otherwise re-infection is possible.

## PREVENTION

Abstain from vaginal and anal intercourse and oral sex.

If you choose to have vaginal or anal intercourse, use a condom every time.

Giving or getting Chlamydia during oral sex is rare, but you can further reduce your risk by using condoms or latex or plastic barriers.

## GONORRHEA

Is a common sexually transmitted infection (STI). is caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, a bacterium that can grow and multiply easily in the warm, moist areas of the reproductive tract, including the cervix (opening to the womb), uterus (womb), and fallopian tubes (egg canals) in women, and in the urethra (urine canal) in women and men. The bacterium can also grow in the mouth, throat, eyes, and anus.

Gonorrhea is spread through contact with the penis, vagina, mouth, or anus. Ejaculation does not have to occur for gonorrhea to be transmitted or acquired. Gonorrhea can also be spread from mother to baby during delivery. People who have had gonorrhea and received treatment may get infected again if they have sexual contact with a person infected with gonorrhea.

### SYMPTOMS

Often, gonorrhea has no symptoms. In women, the symptoms of gonorrhea are often mild, but most women who are infected have no symptoms. Some men with gonorrhea may have no symptoms at all. However, some men have signs or symptoms that appear two to five days after infection; symptoms can take as long as 30 days to appear.

When women have symptoms, they commonly experience

- abdominal pain
- bleeding between menstrual periods
- fever
- menstrual irregularities
- painful intercourse
- painful urination
- swelling or tenderness of the vulva
- the urge to urinate more than usual
- throwing up
- yellowish or yellow-green vaginal discharge
- When men have symptoms, they commonly experience
- pus-like discharge from the penis
- pain or burning feeling while urinating
- more frequent urination than usual

In both women and men, gonorrhea may cause the anus to itch. It can also result in a discharge and painful bowel movements. Itching-and soreness of the throat with trouble swallowing may be symptoms of an oral infection. Nine out of 10 oral infections show no symptoms at all.

### TREATMENT

Gonorrhea is easy to treat. It is treated by antibiotics. Health care providers usually prescribe a single dose of an anti-biotic. Some gonorrhea infections, however, are resistant to certain types of antibiotics, so it is needed to take more than one dose. Both sexual partners must be treated for gonorrhea before having sex again. That way-they can avoid becoming infected again...

### PREVENTION

Abstain from vaginal and anal intercourse and oral sex.

choose to have vaginal or anal intercourse, use a condom every time.

Giving or getting gonorrhea during oral sex is rare, but you can further reduce your risk by using condoms or latex or plastic barriers.

## GENITAL HERPES

Genital Herpes is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 (HSV-1) or type 2 (HSV-2). Most genital herpes is caused by HSV-2. Most individuals have no or only minimal signs or symptoms from HSV-1 or HSV-2 infection. When signs do occur, they typically appear as one or more blisters on or around the genitals or rectum. The blisters break, leaving tender ulcers (sores) that may take two to four weeks to heal the first time they occur. Typically, another outbreak can appear weeks or months after the first, but it almost always is less severe and shorter than the first outbreak. Although the infection can stay in the body indefinitely, the number of outbreaks tends to decrease over a period of years.

A person can only get HSV-2 infection during sexual contact with someone who has a genital HSV-2 infection. Transmission can occur from an infected partner who does not have a visible sore and may not know that he or she is infected

## SYMPTOMS

Most people with genital herpes have no symptoms, have very mild symptoms that go unnoticed, or have symptoms but do not recognize them as a sign of infection. The most common herpes symptom is a cluster of blistering sores –usually on the vagina, vulva, cervix, penis, buttocks, or anus. Symptoms may last several weeks and go away. They may return in weeks, months, or years. The first time that genital herpes symptoms appear is called “first episode” or “initial herpes.” The initial herpes symptoms are usually more noticeable than later outbreaks.

Genital herpes symptoms may include:

- blisters
- burning feelings if urine flows over sores
- inability to urinate if severe swelling of sores blocks the urethra
- itching
- open sores
- pain in the infected area
- During initial herpes, symptoms may also include
- swollen, tender glands in the pelvic area, throat, and under the arms
- fever
- chills
- headache
- general run-down feelings
- achy, flu-like feelings

When there are initial herpes symptoms, they usually appear from 2 to 20 days after infection. But it may be years before the first symptoms appear. Initial herpes sores usually heal in about 2 to 4 weeks. But the virus stays in the body. It can flare up and cause sores again. Symptoms from flare-ups usually heal in 10 to 14 days.

## TREATMENT

There is no treatment that can cure herpes, but antiviral medications can shorten and prevent outbreaks during the period of time the person takes the medication. In addition, daily suppressive therapy for symptomatic herpes can reduce transmission to partners.

## PREVENTION

There are three main ways you can prevent spreading genital herpes.

Stop having sexual contact as soon as you feel warning signs of an outbreak. Warning signs may include a burning, itching, or tingling feeling. Do not have vaginal, anal, or oral sex - even with a condom. Wait until seven days after the sore heals. The virus can spread from sores not covered by the condom. It can also spread in sweat or vaginal

## TREATMENT

Trichomoniasis can usually be cured with prescription drugs, either metronidazole or tinidazole, given by mouth in a single dose. The symptoms of trichomoniasis in infected men may disappear within a few weeks without treatment. However, an infected man, even a man who has never had symptoms or whose symptoms have stopped, can continue to infect or re-infect a female partner until he has been treated. Therefore, both partners should be treated at the same time to eliminate the parasite. Persons being treated for trichomoniasis should avoid sex until they and their sex partners complete treatment and have no symptoms. Metronidazole can be used by pregnant women. Having trichomoniasis once does not protect a person from getting it again. Following successful treatment, people can still be susceptible to re-infection.

## PREVENTION

- There are several ways to help prevent getting trich or spreading it to other people. - You can abstain from vaginal and anal intercourse.
- If you choose to have vaginal or anal intercourse, use female or latex condoms every time.
- If you already have trich
- Inform your sex partner(s) of the infection.
- Have no sex until treatment is complete.
- Be sure your sex partner(s) is/are tested and treated before having sex again to avoid getting trich again.
- Once you are cured and start having sex again, use female or latex condoms every time you have vaginal intercourse.

## SYPHILIS

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*. It has often been called "the great imitator" because so many of the signs and symptoms are indistinguishable from those of other diseases.

Syphilis is passed from person to person through direct contact with a syphilis sore. Sores occur mainly on the external genitals, vagina, anus, or in the rectum. Sores also can occur on the lips and in the mouth. Transmission of the organism occurs during vaginal, anal, or oral sex. Pregnant women with the disease can pass it to the babies they are carrying. Syphilis cannot be spread through contact with toilet seats, doorknobs, swimming pools, hot tubs, bathtubs, shared clothing, or eating utensils.

## SYMPTOMS

Many people infected with syphilis do not have any symptoms for years, yet remain at risk for late complications if they are not treated. Although transmission occurs from persons with sores who are in the primary or secondary stage. Many of these sores are unrecognized. Thus, transmission may occur from persons who are unaware of their infection.

Symptoms vary with each stage. But the syphilis symptoms do not always occur in the same order.

**Primary Stage.** A painless sore or open, wet ulcer, which is called a chancre. Appears. You may have just one chancre or a few. Chancres usually appear about three weeks after infection, but may take up to 90 days. Without treatment, they last 3-6 weeks. Chancres can appear on the genitals, in the vagina, on the cervix, lips, mouth, breasts, or anus. Swollen glands may also occur during the primary phase.

**Secondary Stage.** Other symptoms often appear 3-6 weeks after the sores appear. These syphilis symptoms may come and go for up to two years. They include body rashes that last 2-6 weeks, often on the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet. There are many other symptoms, including mild fever, fatigue, sore throat, hair loss, weight loss, swollen glands, headache, and muscle pains.

**Late Stage.** One out of three people who have syphilis that is not treated suffer serious damage to the nervous system, heart, brain, or other organs, and death may result. This can occur 1-20 years after the start of the infection.

## TREATMENT

Syphilis is easy to cure in its early stages. A single intramuscular injection of penicillin. An antibiotic will cure a person who has had syphilis for less than a year. Additional doses are needed to treat someone who has had syphilis for longer than a year. For people who are allergic to penicillin. Other antibiotics are available to treat syphilis. There are no home remedies or over-the-counter drugs that will cure syphilis. Treatment will kill the syphilis bacterium and prevent further damage. but it will not repair damage already done.

Because effective treatment is available. it is important that persons be screened for syphilis on an on-going basis if their sexual behaviors put them at risk for STDs.

Persons who receive syphilis treatment must abstain from sexual contact with new partners until the syphilis sores are completely healed. Persons with syphilis must notify their sex partners so that they also can be tested and receive treatment if necessary.

Having syphilis once does not protect a person from getting it again. Following successful treatment. People can still be susceptible to re-infection. Only laboratory tests can confirm whether someone has syphilis. Because syphilis sores can be hidden in the vagina, rectum, or mouth, it may not be obvious that a sex partner has syphilis.

## PREVENTION

The surest way to avoid transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, including syphilis, is to abstain from sexual contact or to be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is known to be uninfected.

Avoiding alcohol and drug use may also help prevent transmission of syphilis because these activities may lead to risky sexual behavior. It is important that sex partners talk to each other about their HIV status and history of other STDs so that preventive action can be taken.

Genital ulcer diseases like syphilis can occur in both male and female genital areas that are covered or protected by a latex condom as well as in areas that are not covered. Correct and consistent use of latex condoms can reduce the risk of syphilis as well as genital herpes and chancroid. Only when the infected area or site of potential exposure is protected.

## ANNEX G: LEADER'S RESOURCE — RISK QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTION	ANSWER	MARKS (Choose corresponding to answer)	SCORE
Are you physically Mature?	Yes	10	
	No	20	
Have you started having sex?	No	0	
	Yes, but not frequently	20	
	Yes, frequently	40	
Have you had more than one sexual partner?	None at all	0	
	Only one	20	
	More than one	40	
Do you use a condom when having sex?	Always	25	
	Sometimes	50	
	Never	100	
Do you have sex when high on alcohol or other substances?	No	0	
	Yes	40	
Have you ever had a sexually transmitted infection (STI)?	No	0	
	Yes	40	
Do you know the consequences of having sex?	Yes	5	
	No	20	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			

# ANNEX H: PRE/POST TEST

## PRE TEST QUESTIONNAIRE

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS: CIRCLE ONLY ONE CORRECT RESPONSE

#### UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

1. Which body fluid does not spread HIV?
  - A. Blood
  - B. Sweat
  - C. Semen
  - D. Vaginal secretion
2. Which is the best way to protect yourself from Sexually Transmitted Infections including HIV?
  - A. Abstain from sex
  - B. Use condoms consistently and correctly
  - C. Have only one sexual partner
  - D. Take vitamin C
3. Which of the following is a Sexually Transmitted Infection?
  - A. Dermatitis
  - B. Chlamydia
  - C. Asthma
  - D. Amenorrhea
4. What is a part of the female reproductive system that is responsible for the production of egg cells?
  - A. Fallopian tubes
  - B. Ovary
  - C. Uterus
  - D. Vagina
5. What part of the male reproductive system is responsible for the production of sperm cells?
  - A. Scrotum
  - B. Penis
  - C. Testicles
  - D. Urethra
6. Which of the following is NOT an example of a gender role?
  - A. Women are more caring than men
  - B. Women can become pregnant
  - C. Men do not cry
  - D. Women are better at cooking than men
7. Which of the following contraceptive methods is the least effective in preventing pregnancy?
  - A. Intrauterine Device (IUD)
  - B. Oral contraceptive pills
  - C. Withdrawal
  - D. Injectables such as DepoProvera
8. The most likely time for a girl/woman to get pregnant is:
  - A. During her period
  - B. Just before her period
  - C. Around 14 days before her next period
  - D. Immediately after her period

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9. Can a girl or woman get pregnant the first time that she has sex?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Unsure
10. What behavior is not a strategy to prevent sexual threats and abuse?
  - A. Not accepting gifts
  - B. Discussing sexual limits with partner
  - C. Avoiding secluded places
  - D. Crying
11. Which of the following is NOT a harmful drug?
  - A. Nicotine
  - B. Marijuana
  - C. Alcohol
  - D. All are harmful
12. To make sure that a mother and baby are healthy, how long should a mother wait to become pregnant again after she has had her last child?
  - A. She does not need to wait
  - B. 6 months
  - C. 10 months
  - D. 18 months
13. Which of the following is NOT an example of an abusive behavior?
  - A. Insulting someone
  - B. Having sex with someone without her/his consent
  - C. Hitting your husband or wife
  - D. All are abusive behaviors
14. Do you know where you or a friend could go to get contraceptives?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Unsure
15. Do you know where you or a friend could go to get help for an alcohol or drug use problem?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Unsure
16. Do you think that a man should punish his wife if she makes him angry?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Unsure
17. Do you think that both women and men have the right to choose when to have sex?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No

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18. Which of the following best describes your plans to protect yourself against contracting HIV/AIDS?

(Circle all that apply)

- A. I don't plan to do anything
- B. I will remain abstinent until I find a life partner
- C. I will be faithful to one person
- D. I will use condoms every time I have sex
- E. Unsure

19. Do you think that you could confidently refuse unwanted sex?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unsure

20. If you were sexually harassed by a man/woman at your job, what would you do?

(Circle all that apply)

- A. Nothing
- B. Report this to your supervisor
- C. Tell the man/woman to stop
- D. Unsure

21. How often do you feel it is ok for adolescents to use alcohol?

- A. Everyday
- B. Once a week
- C. Once a month
- D. Never
- E. Unsure

22. Who is responsible for family planning?

- A. The boy or man
- B. The girl or woman
- C. Both

23. Would you feel comfortable obtaining contraceptives from a health care provider?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unsure

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- H. Vagina

21. What part of the male reproductive system is responsible for the production of sperm cells?

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- F. Penis
- G. Testicles
- H. Urethra

22. Which of the following is NOT an example of a gender role?

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- B. Women can become pregnant
- C. Men do not cry
- D. Women are better at cooking than men

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23. Which of the following contraceptive methods is the least effective in preventing pregnancy?
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  - F. Oral contraceptive pills
  - G. Withdrawal
  - H. Injectables such as DepoProvera
24. The most likely time for a girl/woman to get pregnant is:
- E. During her period
  - F. Just before her period
  - G. Around 14 days before her next period
  - H. Immediately after her period
25. Can a girl or woman get pregnant the first time that she has sex?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure
26. What behavior is not a strategy to prevent sexual threats and abuse?
- E. Not accepting gifts
  - F. Discussing sexual limits with partner
  - G. Avoiding secluded places
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27. Which of the following is NOT a harmful drug?
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  - F. Having sex with someone without her/his consent
  - G. Hitting your husband or wife
  - H. All are abusive behaviors
30. Do you know where you or a friend could go to get contraceptives?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure

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31. Do you know where you or a friend could go to get help for an alcohol or drug use problem?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure
32. Do you think that a man should punish his wife if she makes him angry?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure
17. Do you think that both women and men have the right to choose when to have sex?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure
18. Which of the following best describes your plans to protect yourself against contracting HIV/AIDS?  
(Circle all that apply)
- F. I don't plan to do anything
  - G. I will remain abstinent until I find a life partner
  - H. I will be faithful to one person
  - I. I will use condoms every time I have sex
  - J. Unsure
19. Do you think that you could confidently refuse unwanted sex?
- D. Yes
  - E. No
  - F. Unsure
20. If you were sexually harassed by a man/woman at your job, what would you do? (Circle all that apply)
- E. Nothing
  - F. Report this to your supervisor
  - G. Tell the man/woman to stop
  - H. Unsure
21. How often do you feel it is ok for adolescents to use alcohol?
- F. Everyday
  - G. Once a week
  - H. Once a month
  - I. Never
  - J. Unsure
22. Who is responsible for family planning?
- D. The boy or man
  - E. The girl or woman
  - F. Both

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23. Would you feel comfortable obtaining contraceptives from a health care provider?

- D. Yes
- E. No
- F. Unsure

Please answer the following questions about your experience with this training:

24. Did you like this Reproductive Health training?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unsure

25. How helpful was this training in teaching you about reproductive health?

- A. Very helpful
- B. Helpful
- C. Somewhat helpful
- D. Not helpful

26. What were your three favorite lessons?

- A. Personal Values
- B. Puberty
- C. Reproduction Review
- D. Teen Pregnancy
- E. Contraception
- F. STIs
- G. HIV/AIDS
- H. Substance Abuse
- I. Gender Roles & Stereotypes
- J. Gender-based and Sexual Violence

27. What were the three most important lessons for young people to learn?

- A. Personal Values
- B. Puberty
- C. Reproduction Review
- D. Teen Pregnancy
- E. Contraception
- F. STIs
- G. HIV/AIDS
- H. Substance Abuse
- I. Gender Roles & Stereotypes
- J. Gender-based and Sexual Violence

28. What was your least favorite lesson?

- A. Personal Values
- B. Puberty

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- C. Reproduction Review
  - D. Teen Pregnancy
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  - F. STIs
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  - I. Gender Roles & Stereotypes
  - J. Gender-based and Sexual Violence
29. How could this training be improved?
- A. If it was longer
  - B. If it was shorter
  - C. If there were different activities
  - D. If there was more information on reproductive health
  - E. Other (Please Describe):





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