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Drills to educate young people about Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS

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FOREWORD

YOUNG people in Zimbabwe face unprecedented challenges related to their sexual and reproductive health. These challenges include a severe HIV epidemic exposing young women to extraordinarily high rates of new infections, high levels of early and unintended pregnancies and limited access to sexual and reproductive health rights. Of particular concern is the increased vulnerability of young women to maternal mortality, due to gender inequality, low access to education, adolescent pregnancy and low access to sexual and reproductive health.

This Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) Soccer manual was developed as a tool to complement and reinforce the Government of Zimbabwe’s efforts through the Ministry of Health and Child Care, the Ministry of Primary and Secondary and the Ministry of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture in the delivery of Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health services to youth in and out of schools. The manual has also been created to engage and educate young people about Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) and HIV/AIDS through imparting life skills and values that will develop their resilience. This manual was developed through a multisectoral and consultative process that relied heavily on the then Ministry of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture Curriculum Development Unit and the National ASRH Coordination Forum.

The development and content of the manual relies heavily on the existing MoESAC Life Skills, Sexuality, HIV and AIDS Education Strategic Plan: 2012 – 2015, The National ASRH Strategy: 2010 - 2015 and the National Standard Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Training Manual for Service Providers. The manual also seeks to apply a life skills and human rights approach in translating ASRH messages through sports. Sports represent a non-threatening environment whose principles the youth will readily understand, hence the manual takes these sporting principles and translates them to ordinary life and then into lessons on aspects of sexual and reproductive health.

This ASRH Sports manual will contribute to coming up with a generation of young people who know and have skills on how to safeguard their sexual reproductive health, make informed and responsible choices as well as practical steps to protect their SRH rights, including building and maintaining positive and safe relationships.

The ministries of Health, Education and that of Sport therefore partner with other stakeholders in endorsing this manual to be used as a complement of the existing education curriculum to teach and educate the youth in and out of schools on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health.

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Introduction

This manual was designed to complement efforts by the Ministry of Health and Child Care, the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and the Ministry of Sport Arts and Culture in empowering young people on sexual reproductive health (SRH) issues. This manual can only be used by a coach who has undergone relevant training.

The Coach and his or her assistant are the key drivers of this manual. Their role is to guide and encourage the participants to share ideas, information and experiences. It is the facilitator’s role to bring the discussions to a conclusion by highlighting 2 or 3 life skills as take home messages at the end of each drill.

The coach must be well prepared, as well as aware of the barriers to communication which can affect young people from effectively participating in discussions about SRH. During the training of the coaches, effective communication with the young people is emphasized. The coach must pay attention to the following:

Knowledge – You need to be knowledgeable if you are speaking on a topic you do not know a lot about. If you do not know something, it is okay to tell the youth that you do not know at present, but that you can find out for them. Also, you can refer youths for more in-depth discussion with the relevant service providers such as clinics, churches etc.

Attitude – Negative attitudes can affect the impact of the message. Good communication must be non-judgmental. You must be aware of your attitudes and biases and keep them out of your communication. Never impose your opinions on controversial topics. Be a good listener.

Age – Some youth do not feel comfortable with people either younger or older than themselves. You therefore need to show proper respect. Explain that when there are serious health consequences, there is need to discuss issues that are sometimes personal. It is important for you as a coach to de-role during discussions.

Religion and Culture – Sometimes youth may feel uncomfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings with a person from another culture or religion. It helps for you to have background information of the religious and cultural beliefs of the youth. Try to identify times when religious and cultural values might interfere with communication, and work with them (do not ignore them). Respect people’s values, even when you do not agree with them.

Sex – Some prefer to communicate with people of the same sex (especially about personal subjects). Again, acknowledge that the discussion might be sensitive but explain that it is necessary to discuss personal topics for health reasons. Acknowledging embarrassment usually helps youth to overcome it.
**Language** – Technical words can be too difficult to understand. It is important to speak in terms that young people understand and to use acceptable names for things. You therefore need to keep the language simple. Confirm whether terms are familiar and understood by youth. If not, explain the terms or use more familiar words.

**Economic status** – Youth might find it hard to relate to a person who appears to be of another economic status. You need to show respect no matter how poor the adolescent might appear. Avoid fancy dress. Sit among group members, instead of standing over them or sitting apart from them. Again, remember to de-role.

**Time** – When possible, let the youth choose the time for discussion. Remember, good communication can occur even when little time is available. Choose an appropriate time to come in and manage or end the discussion.

**Venue** – Noise, excessive temperatures and poor seating facilities can interfere with good communication. Make sure the venue is conducive and in a location that
For the purposes of this manual, the following terms shall be used and understood as defined:

**Who is a young person?**

Young person (adolescent) refers to anyone between 10 – 24 years (United Nations). Adolescence begins at puberty. It is a period in which an individual undergoes major physical, psychological and emotional changes. It is a period characterized by exceptionally rapid growth and development. During this stage, the body develops in size, strength and reproductive capabilities, and the mind becomes capable of more abstract thinking. It is a phase in an individual's life, rather than a fixed age band, and is perceived differently in different societies.

Therefore, for purposes of this manual, the terms “adolescents,” “young people” and “youth” are used interchangeably to refer to the 10 – 24 year target age group for sexual reproductive health programming. (Standard National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Training Manual for Service Providers, Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Zimbabwe, 2012, p11).

**What is Sexual and Reproductive Health?**

Sexual Health: In broad terms, sexual health is a personal sense of sexual well being as well as the absence of disease, infections or illness associated with sexual behaviour. Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence. (Standard National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Training Manual for Service Providers, Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Zimbabwe, 2012, p27 - 28).

**Reproductive Health**

Is the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being of an individual in all matters relating to the reproductive system and its processes and functions but not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. It also includes sexual health and suggests that people with adequate reproductive health have a satisfying and safe sexual life, can have children, and can make a choice as to whether they would like to have children and if so, when and how to have them.

Core SRH activities include providing universal access to voluntary family planning and maternal health services; protection from STIs including HIV, gender violence and harmful traditional practices such as polygamy and child-marriages; and the reduction of gender inequalities.

Young people typically have inadequate information about their own or their partners’ bodies. They need information that is essential for making informed decisions about sexual behavior and
Gender Based Violence (GBV)
Is a violation of human rights and a form of discrimination. It is defined as violence that is directed against a person on the basis of their gender that results in, or is likely to result in physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to the individual, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.
HORMONES

Are substances produced by a gland that is carried in the blood and acts as a chemical messenger to another body structure. Hormones regulate body growth and development, control sexual drive and maintain the body’s chemical balance.

**Female hormones and their effects**
The principal female hormones are oestrogen, secreted by ovaries (female sex glands), which causes the body to develop secondary sexual characteristic such as breasts, pubic hair and progesterone, which helps maintain pregnancy by keeping the uterus a suitable environment for the embryo to grow.

**Male hormones and their effects**
The male hormone testosterone, produced by the testes, controls the growth of the male reproductive system and stimulates development of secondary sexual characteristics.

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Having good SRH means having the knowledge, skills, services and ability to make positive, informed, safe and responsible decisions about sex and sexuality. For young people to protect themselves and their partners from unintended pregnancies, HIV other STIs and from unhealthy or harmful relationships, they need a set of life skills which include being well informed about the risks and consequences of sex; having the confidence to stand up for their rights and beliefs; believing in themselves and their ability to say no to anything they do not feel comfortable with or that they know is unsafe.

One outcome will be a generation of youth who know the practical steps to protect themselves and others from STIs including HIV and AIDS. A second outcome will be a generation that will know and desire to take the practical steps if they suspect they are HIV positive so that they can lead a healthy and productive life.

Values and attitudes

Values: Also the same as moral values are standards (principles) of behavior, which we use to classify behaviour as good or bad (right or wrong)

We learn or acquire many of our values from our family, religion, friends, education, cultural factors and personal experiences. Values are beliefs, principles and standards to which we assign importance. They are things we prize and give a degree of significance to.

Attitude: is a state of mind or a feeling. It is the mental stance we take in relation to the world. Attitudes are largely based on our personal values and perceptions. Attitudes are mental views, opinions, dispositions or postures.

Sources of Values, Attitudes and Perceptions

Where do we get our values and attitudes?
From parents, society, culture, traditions, religion, peer groups, media (TV, music, videos, magazines, advertisements), school, cinemas, climate, environment, technology, politics, friends, personal needs, economics, family, and personal experiences.

Key Moral Values

- Love – commitment to treat others well
- Honesty – commitment not to lie, cheat, steal or deceive
- Justice – to be without prejudice, discrimination or dishonesty
- Faithfulness – undeviating allegiance to a person, contact or oath
Dignity – according appropriate worth to self and to others
Responsibility – thinking rationally and being accountable for one’s behavior
Compassion – caring for those smaller and weaker than ourselves and not abusing or taking advantage of anyone
Integrity – consistency in what one says and does and the commitment to be honest and conscientious in what one does or says.

Negotiation Skills
In SRH discussions, there are other life-skills you need to emphasise as a coach which include teamwork, inter-personal communication and negotiation skills which are best brought out through role playing. Ask participants to do a role play on an adolescent relationship, for example a male youth negotiating for sex with his girlfriend.

Negotiation takes at least two parties with two different views on an issue, in this case sexual behaviour.

Tips for Negotiation
• Be a good listener. Let your partner know that you hear, understand and care about what she/he is saying and feeling.
• Be “ask-able” – let your partner know that you are open to questions and that you won’t jump on him/her or be offended by questions.
• Be patient and remain firm in your decision that talking is important.
• Recognize your limits. You don’t have to know all the answers.
• Understand that success in talking does not mean one person getting the other person to do something. It does mean that you have both said what you think and feel respectfully and honestly.
  - Avoid making assumptions. Ask open-ended questions to discuss.
  - Avoid judging, labeling, blaming, threatening or bribing your partner. Don’t let your partner judge, label, threaten or bribe you.
  - Be assertive and not aggressive.


Self Esteem
This is the way ‘we put value on ourselves’. It encompasses the way we perceive, the way we feel, the way we think and act.

“Everybody has self-esteem – it’s what you think of yourself, the confidence level you have when dealing with problems and making all kinds of decisions.”

Bragging and pride are not self esteem!!!
## Characteristics of High & Low Self Esteem

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WHAT IS STRESS?

- Stress is defined as pressure or worry resulting from mental or physical distress or difficult circumstances.
- An event that may be stressful to one person may not be so to another. People react differently to various situations.

CAUSES OF STRESS

- Emotional/personal problems
- Traumatic experiences, i.e. violence, organized torture, gang warfare, gang rape, abductions
- Death of a family member or friend
- Economic hardships e.g. lack of money
- New environments or situations, changes in places of work, living situation, family situation
- Unemployment

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STRESS

Stress may manifest itself in either or both physical and emotional signs.

Physical: -

- Excessive substance (beer, drugs) abuse
- Fatigue
- Weight loss/gain
- Sleeplessness/insomnia
- Change in appetite (over-eating or loss of appetite)
- Skin problems (rash, pimples, acne)
- Loss of libido
- Impotence

Emotional: -

- Mood swings
- Isolation or loneliness
- Depression
- Change in normal patterns of behaviour
• Anger or aggressiveness
• Irritability (snapping up at peers or family members unnecessarily)
• Sudden poor school performance for somebody who was performing well

**Ways of Reducing Stress**
• Proper rest
• Deep breathing
• Exercises (relaxation, gym etc)
• Being more organized
• Sports (i.e. jogging)
• Hobbies
• Positive socialization (i.e. joining a youth club)
• Change of environment
• Communication (i.e. sharing problems with someone you trust—a guardian, a relative, counsellor or friend)
• Recognizing those things that are really important and those that are not
• Child/parent counselling
• Praying and meditation
• Religious singing
• Positive self-talk
• Accepting reality
• Recognizing what you can control and what is not in your control

**COMMON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**
There are many STIs and below are a few which can be easily noticed. The period from the day when a person is infected to the day the signs and symptoms occur differs according to the type of STI. This period is referred to as incubation period.

**Genital ulcer**
• Syphilis
• Chancroid
• Herpes  
• Granuloma inguinale  
• Lymphogranuloma Venereum  

**Discharge**  
• Bacterial Vaginosis  
• Yeast Infection  
• Gonorrhoea  
• Trichomoniasis  

**Others**  
• Genital Warts  

**Signs and Symptoms**  
The different STIs present different signs and symptoms. Some of these signs and symptoms are:  
• Urethral Discharge  
• Burning when passing urine  
• Ulcers on genitals  
• Pain in genitals  
• Vaginal discharge that might be offensive  
• Vaginal or vulva itches  
• Lower abdominal pain in women  
• Swelling and pain in the inguinal region  

**CANCERS OF THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**  
**What is cancer?**  
• Cancer occurs when cells in the body grow out of control.  
• Cancers are named for the part of the body where they start.  

**What are reproductive cancers?**  
Reproductive cancers start in the organs related to reproduction (sex). These organs are located in the pelvis. The pelvis is the area in the lower belly between the hip bones.
The most common reproductive cancers in women are:

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<td>Cervical – begins in the cervix, the lower end of the uterus that attaches to the vagina.</td>
<td>Cervical-vaginal bleeding or discharge that is not normal.</td>
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<td>Ovarian – begins in the ovaries, the two organs that make and house a woman’s eggs.</td>
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<td>Vaginal – begins in the vagina, the hollow channel that leads from the uterus to the outside of the body.</td>
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<td>Vulvar – begins in the vulva, the area around the opening of the vagina</td>
<td>Vulvar-pressure or pain in the pelvic area, itching, burning, rash, or sore around the opening of the vagina.</td>
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<td>*Breast cancer is sometimes considered a reproductive cancer too. Breast cancer begins in the tissues that make up the breast.</td>
<td>Breast – a lump in the breast, fluid coming from the nipple, or changes in the skin around the nipple.</td>
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To understand what HIV is, let us break it down:

**H** – **Human** – This particular virus can only infect human beings.

**I** – **Immunodeficiency** – HIV weakens your immune system by destroying important cells that fight disease and infection. A “deficient” immune system can’t protect you.

**V** – **Virus** – A virus can only reproduce itself by taking over a cell in the body of its host.

*Human Immunodeficiency Virus* is a lot like other viruses, including those that cause the “flu” or the common cold. But there is an important difference – over time, your immune system can clear most viruses out of your body. That isn’t the case with HIV – the human immune system can’t seem to get rid of it.

We know that HIV can hide for long periods of time in the cells of your body and that it attacks a key part of your immune system – your T-cells or CD4 cells. Your body has to have these cells to fight infections and disease, but HIV invades them, uses them to make more copies of itself, and then destroys them.

Over time, HIV can destroy so many of your CD4 cells that your body can’t fight infections and diseases anymore. When that happens, HIV infection can lead to AIDS.
To understand what AIDS is, let us break it down:

**A – Acquired** – AIDS is not something you inherit from your parents. You acquire AIDS after birth.

**I – Immuno** – Your body’s immune system includes all the organs and cells that work to fight off infection or disease.

**D – Deficiency** – You get AIDS when your immune system is “deficient,” or isn’t working the way it should.

**S – Syndrome** – A syndrome is a collection of symptoms and signs of disease. AIDS is a syndrome, rather than a single disease, because it is a complex illness with a wide range of complications and symptoms.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome is the final stage of HIV infection. People at this stage of HIV disease have badly damaged immune systems, which put them at risk for Opportunistic infections (OIs).

You will be diagnosed with AIDS if you have one or more specific OIs, certain cancers, or a very low number of CD4 cells. If you have AIDS, you will need medical intervention and treatment to prevent death.

*For more information about HIV and AIDS visit a nearest clinic or health service provider.*
Is there a link between STIs and HIV?

Having a sexually transmitted infection (STI) can increase your risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV. This is true whether you have open sores or breaks in the skin (as with syphilis, herpes, and chancroid) or not (as with Chlamydia and gonorrhea). Where there are breaks in the skin, HIV can enter and exit the bloodstream more easily. But even when there are no breaks in the skin, STIs can cause biological changes, such as swelling of tissue, which may make HIV transmission more likely. Studies show that HIV-positive individuals who are infected with another STI are three to five times more likely to contract or transmit the virus through sexual contact.

Are some people at greater risk of HIV infection than others?
HIV does not discriminate. It is not who you are but what you do that determines whether you can become infected with HIV.

Are women especially vulnerable to HIV?
Women are at least twice as likely to contract HIV through vaginal sex with infected males as vice versa. This biological vulnerability is worsened by social and cultural factors that often undermine women’s ability to avoid sex with partners who are HIV-infected or to insist on condom use (gender based violence).

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
Sexual Rights include the human rights of women and men to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality.

Reproductive Rights are integral parts of human rights. They are the basic rights of women and men to decide freely and responsibly on issues of sexuality and family planning, to have access to information to make these decisions and the means to carry them out. Reproductive rights include the right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health and the right to decide on issues of reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence.
Note: Sexual and Reproductive health rights are human rights. These rights are listed below.

- The right to life
- The right to liberty and security
- The right to equality and to be free from all forms of discrimination
- The right to privacy and confidentiality
- The right to freedom of thought or expression
- The right to information and education
- The right to choose whether or not to marry, and whether or not to found and plan a family
- The right to decide whether or not to have children
- The right to health care and health protection
- The right to the benefit of scientific progress
- The right to freedom of assembly and political participation
- The right to be free from torture and ill treatment
- The right to have a safe and satisfying sexual relationship

As defined by International Planned Parenthood Federation, 2008. IPPF Sexual Rights: An IPPF Declaration.

**Youth Responsibilities vis-à-vis Rights**

- Participation in issues that affect their sexual and reproductive rights
- Advocacy for better services
- Taking responsibility for consequences of one’s actions

**Barriers to Rights**

- Cultural barriers
- Economic barriers
- Social barriers
- Legal barriers: For example, although young people have a right to decide when to have a child, abortion is not an option that they can simply choose except in cases of rape, incest or when the pregnancy threatens the health of the mother or the child.
- Lack of harmonization between some laws and policies.

Each section of this book is divided into four major parts. These parts are **Drill, Discussion, Application** and **Fact Sheet**.

The drill section introduces the participants to the concepts or principles found in the lesson objective. The drill is a non-threatening way of bringing up challenging principles. If the drill is done correctly, it should lead naturally to the discussion. Please note that the drill is a part of the coach’s training session plan. Therefore all other aspects of good coaching practice must be considered. Warm up, demonstration of techniques and skills for the participants to copy must be done.

**Discussion** - The discussion should be a natural follow up from the drill. The discussion can take place at the beginning of the training session, halftime or at the end of a training session depending on the coach’s choice. Participation of students should be encouraged. The discussion hinges heavily on the coach’s ability to facilitate discussions. Try by all means to involve all participants. An idea is to give each participant three stones. Each time they contribute they give away one stone.

**Application**—Lesson on sexual reproductive health, including HIV and AIDS. The coach must take care to prepare by understanding the objective of the drill, by studying the SRH and HIV and AIDS fact sheet at the end of each section before they go out to train the players.
**AIM**
To educate the youth to have courage to deal with the difficult situations in life.
- Soccer is the only sport where one is expected to put their head into the path of a fast moving object. This takes courage.

**DRILL**
1. **Skill Activity Preparation**
   - Prepare 5 boxes / bottles which are numbered 2, 5, 5, 10,
2. **Skill Activity Instructions**
   - Align the boxes / bottles along the goal line.
- Divide the players into 2 teams. Ask each team to choose one player who will throw the ball from behind the goal.
- The two teams line up outside the penalty box.
- As the ball is thrown, one player will run and try to head the ball at the boxes / bottles. Alternate between teams until every player gets a chance to head the ball.
- You can score points for your team by hitting one of the targets (2 points, 5 points or 10 points).
- The team with the most points wins the game.

**DISCUSSION**

ASK: What did you learn from the drill today? (If you are not brave you cannot head the ball.)
ASK: What situations in life require bravery/ courage so we can live satisfying lives?
ASK: Does it require courage to be tested for HIV/AIDS?
ASK: What are the benefits of knowing one’s HIV status and sexual reproductive health rights?
1. Do you know what HIV means?  
Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

2. If you have this virus does this mean you have AIDS? Why?  
Here you want the youth to understand that as long as the HIV is managed a person’s life can be long and productive.

3. If someone is already infected, what steps do you think are necessary for the management of HIV and other STIs?

Identifying - this means getting tested, having information and knowledge that will help you manage the virus and also having information on how STIs present so that one can get treated fast.

4. What are the difficult situations that youth can face in life? (Will I ever get married? What do I do if I have been abused? Gender Based Violence etc.)

5. Would you agree to be tested or to go for regular health checks? Why?  
Here the objective is to draw the youths out so that they express their fears.

Possible answers:
I don’t want to know, if people find out I have the virus they won’t like me any more. What if I am positive?

ASK:  Is it not better to know so you can get help?

Here you can include all the information about testing, counseling, resource centres and treatment that is available to youths.

6. What can you do to access medical treatment if you get an STI (even if you are homosexual)? Revisit the Sexual Rights.
7. If your friends laugh at you that you are the only one who hasn’t had sex in your group what will you do? How do you know you are ready to have sex?

8. Would you risk losing your friends or your virginity?

CONCLUSION
Today we learnt that courage is facing what we are afraid of. Those who are tested for HIV and AIDS and are found positive will be able to receive help. Remember, knowledge is power.

Help is always available, it takes courage to get help and getting help means a better quality of life.

FACT SHEET # 1
What is HIV?
- HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It is the virus that causes AIDS.
- HIV infects human cells and uses the energy and nutrients provided by those cells to grow and reproduce. It destroys the immune system (soldiers that help the body to fight infection).

What is AIDS?
AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
It is a disease in which causes the body’s immune system to break down and is unable to fight off infections, known as “opportunistic infections,” and other illnesses that take advantage of a weakened immune system.

Examples of opportunistic infections are tuberculosis, diarrhea, pneumonia (mabayo).

It is really important not to be pressurised into having sex when you really don’t want to. Just because your friends say that they are doing it doesn’t mean they actually are. There is no ‘right’ age to start having sex. What is important is choosing a time that is right for you.
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are usually spread from an infected person to a partner during sexual intercourse. Some STIs are curable, but all STIs are preventable.

**TAKE HOME**

- Good SRH means having the knowledge to make positive, informed, safe and responsible decisions about sex and sexuality.
- It is really important not to be pressurised into having sex when you really don’t want to.
- Some STIs are curable, but all STIs are preventable.
**AIM**

To educate the youth that influence or control over their feelings or sexual urges is an important asset.

- Good ball control is the most important asset for a player.
- A good first touch allows the player to do what they want.
- A bad first touch puts the player under pressure as the defender closes in.
DRILL

1. **Skill Activity Preparation**
   - Cones laid ten metres apart.
   - Break players into two groups.
   - Each group lines up behind a cone.

2. **Skill Activity Instructions**
   - Players will pass the ball to the opposite team.
   - The receiver will use the inside of the foot to control or cushion the ball.
   - When the ball is under control, the player will return the ball to the opposite side who will also control and return.

3. **Coaching Tips**
   - Body must line up with the ball.
   - Players must approach the ball before receiving it.
   - Standing leg must be bent at knee with toe pointing toward the direction the ball is coming from.

DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn from today’s drill? (First touch is important, a bad touch puts you under pressure).
2. Have you ever had a bad first touch in a game and what were the consequences?
3. Can you recall some situations that you have been in school or at home that require self-control?
4. Is it possible to control sexual urges? Tell me why?
5. Are there boundaries we can set to help us with controlling our sexual urges? (Manage what we watch (pornographic material), listen to, who we hang out with etc)

APPLICATION

1. How does a girl feel after having sex against her will?
   Let the youth respond
   Say: If someone took something away from you without your agreement you would feel robbed.
2. If a boy fails to control his sexual urges and puts a girl under a lot of pressure until she says yes, has the girl really agreed or is it force in a different way?

3. Give reasons for your answer?

4. How would you define rape?
Rape is a criminal offense defined as forcible sexual relations with a person against that person’s will.

CONCLUSION

We learnt today that controlling the ball requires mastering the right technique. Also doing the right things like monitoring what we watch, listen to, who we play with, will help us control our sexual urges.

CONTROL is one of the vital components of keeping yourself safe and playing the game.

Remember to treat everyone as a potential sexual abuser even if you know him or her very well.

FACT SHEET # 2

How are STIs transmitted?
Sexually Transmitted Infections are usually spread from an infected person to a partner during sexual intercourse. While some are spread only through sexual intercourse, others can be spread in other ways. These infections may affect the reproductive organs, and with the culture of silence on reproductive matters, STIs can be difficult to talk about.

HIV and AIDS
It can take 3 months or longer for HIV to be detected in a person. During this period an infected person can infect any sexual partners before realizing that he or she has the HIV. The virus will continue to attack the body’s disease-fighting power. It can take 5 to 10 years for a person to develop symptoms of AIDS. During this period, the infected person looks completely healthy but is continuously infectious.
Transmission of HIV

A person who has HIV carries the virus in certain body fluids, including blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and breast milk.

HIV is transmitted by:

- Unprotected sexual intercourse (either vaginal or anal) with someone who has HIV.
- Sharing needles or syringes with someone who is HIV infected.
- Infection during pregnancy, childbirth or breast-feeding (parent to infant transmission).
- Unprotected oral sex with someone who has HIV.

STIs make people more prone to HIV infection

How is HIV not transmitted? (Myths and misconceptions)

It is not transmitted through food or air (for instance, by coughing or sneezing).

Sweat, tears, vomit, faeces and urine do contain HIV, but have not been reported to transmit the disease.

Mosquitoes, fleas, and other insects do not transmit HIV.

HIV changes the signs of some STIs making it difficult to identify them. Controlling the spread HIV infection is linked to preventing and controlling STIs.

TAKE HOME

- Manage what we watch (pornographic material), listen to, who we hang out with
- STIs make people more prone to HIV infection
Simple way to practice ball control
AIM
To show that we must do everything in our power to protect ourselves from STIs including HIV and unintended pregnancies. To learn about the various methods of prevention of HIV infection including STIs and unintended pregnancies.

- The most precious thing in the game is the ball.
- Do everything you can to protect the ball.

DRILL
1. Skill Activity Preparation
- Get one ball for each player. If you have insufficient balls, divide the team into 2 or 3 groups and repeat the activity.
- Using cones / markers, form a large rectangle in the field.

2. Skill Activity Instructions
- Appoint 1 player to be the opponent for every 2 players with a ball.
- The goal is to retain possession of the ball for as long as possible, as the opponents try to kick your ball away.
- As the activity is progressing, keep shouting “Man On!” or “Watch
The final three people with the ball are declared the winners. Rotate the opponents with other players.

3. Coaching Tips

- Players with the ball should keep their body between the opponent and the ball.
- Keep knees bent.
- Keep arms out or away from body in order to shield the opponent.
- Rotate and change direction.

**DISCUSSION**

ASK: What have you learnt from this drill?
Say: So the ball is worth protecting and it is possible to protect the ball but you will have to put effort.

ASK: Are there things in our life that are worth protecting?
Possible answers: Family, friend, life, health, money etc

Say: You mentioned health as one of the things to protect.
ASK: What can we do to protect our health and ourselves?

Possible answers: eat a good diet, exercise, avoid taking drugs and alcohol, avoid having unprotected sex, knowing your HIV status, delaying sexual activity, abstinence, getting circumcised etc.

**APPLICATION**

1. What might happen to someone who has unprotected sex?

Possible answers: They may contract STIs and HIV, drop out of school, face social stigma, have unplanned pregnancies etc. Results of unprotected sex such as unplanned pregnancies can also cause stress, depression and even suicidal tendencies for both partners.

2. What are some STIs you know or have heard about?
Let them answer and then share the list below: Gonorrhea, Chancroid, Genital Herpes, Syphilis, HIV, Monillia, Trichomoniasis, Pubic Lice, Genital Warts and Chlamydia.

Inform participants that there are some STIs that have no symptoms. Therefore, it is wise to go for regular health checks.

3. How might one know that they have one of these illnesses?

Let the youth respond. They will probably come up with most of the common symptoms. Highlight the following list:

**In men:** Discharge or puss from the penis, sores on the penis, lower abdominal pain, pain when passing urine, swollen inguinal glands, frequency in passing urine.

**In women:** Rash or irritation around the vagina, Vaginal discharge which maybe itchy, passing urine frequently, sores on the vulva, pain when having sexual intercourse, pain in passing urine, foul smelling vaginal discharge.

4. What are some of the ways you know which protect or shield us from contracting STI’s?

**Possible answers:** correct use of condoms, abstinence and having one faithful sexual partner.

5. Ask: Are people protected if they use condoms some of the times?

6. Ask: What are the chances of contracting STIs and HIV if you abstain from sex and unsterilized needles?

8. Apart from condomising, are there any other ways we could protect ourselves from STIs and unplanned pregnancies?
CONCLUSION

Your health is precious. The condition of your body determines the quality of life you will live. Why not shield and protect your body by abstaining from sex until you are sure you are in control, or by being faithful to your partner or by making sure you use the condom properly and consistently.

Let them reflect and then give them time to talk about how they will protect themselves.

If you have had sex and you are worried visit your nearest health service provider. Do not delay doing this and also do not be afraid or shy. Remember your health is your life.
FACT SHEET # 3
STIs, HIV and unplanned pregnancies prevention
How can I reduce the risk of becoming infected with HIV through sexual contact?
Practice ABC
A- Abstinence
B- Being faithful to one sexual partner
C- Correct and consistency use of condoms
- Do not exchange needles
- Avoid contact with body fluids (blood, vaginal discharges etc) without gloves
- Boys opting for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) that reduces the rate of HIV infection in men by 60%
- Even after VMMC always wear a condom during sex as circumcision does not give 100% protection

All STIs are preventable, and it is your duty to protect yourself and the ones you love.
- Abstain from sexual intercourse.
- Stick to one uninfected, mutually faithful partner.

Condoms for males or females greatly reduce the risk of getting STIs and unplanned pregnancies if they are used correctly and consistently.

Young people who are sexually active may require contraception to:
- avoid unintended pregnancies
- avoid unsafe abortions
- avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV

TAKE HOME
- Protect your body by abstaining from sex until you are sure you are in control
- Your health is your life
- All STIs are preventable, and it is your duty to protect yourself and the ones you love
AIM
To explore with the youth how to regain possession of their lives in the face of STIs, early and unintended pregnancies and AIDS.

When possession is lost, confidence and pro-action must be employed in order to regain possession of the ball.

DRILL
1. Skill Activity Preparation
   • Mark out a small area of ten metres by ten metres.
   • Select players to be defenders and attackers.
2. **Skill Activity Instructions**
   - Pair an attacker with a defender
   - Attacker has possession of the ball
   - The defender and the attacker stand opposite each other face to face at least five metres away.
   - The attacker will advance towards the defender. The defender will hold their ground.
   - When the timing is right, the defender will challenge for the ball with a tackle.
   - The correct execution of a tackle is; if the attacker is right footed the defender challenges with the right foot and the same principle for the left foot.

3. **Coaching Tips**
   - Coach must emphasize timing
   - Keep your eye on the ball
   - Defensive position or stance

**DISCUSSION**

1. What did we learn in today’s drill? (Courage and conviction are required to make a tackle)

2. If one is afraid to make a tackle, can they regain possession of the ball? Why do you think so?

3. Do you know of anyone who lost something and had to fight to get it back? (Neria: A widow who lost her house to her husband’s greedy brother and fought culture, fear and intimidation to get her property back could be a good example)

1. We all know that HIV and AIDS destroy the body. Can a person affected regain their health and live a long productive life?
2. Unsafe abortions can be very dangerous. What can a young woman with an unplanned pregnancy do to repossess her health?
3. What SRH challenges do we and our friends know? (STIs, unplanned
pregnancies, dropping out of school, stress etc.

4. If your friend finds out that she is pregnant but still wants to complete school and her boyfriend is pressuring her to abort, what advice would you give her?

APPLICATION

1. How many of us are ready to take responsibility for our health? Look them in their eyes.

2. What might happen if you take responsibility for your health?

3. Do you need help regaining control? Consider someone to see to help you walk through this time.

Where to get services e.g. Pap smear, access to Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), Victim Friendly Units etc. See section on additional information at the back of the book.

Who is your support system?

CONCLUSION

Today we have outlined ways in which we can protect ourselves from making informed choices on our sexual and reproductive health. Make a commitment today to watch and protect your SRH.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

FACT SHEET # 4

Effects of different forms of sexual behaviours on adolescents include damage to organs; spread of infections; strained relationships; sexual dissatisfaction; stigma; punishment by law and psychological trauma.

Adolescents can delay sexual debut through:
- Socialising in groups
- Planning exciting public activities
- Involving parents as elders in decision making
- Setting limits on how far they go in expressing romantic affection
- Avoiding sexually stimulating situations
- Not using alcohol or mind altering substances
- Choosing friends who share their values
- Not settling for less than they think they deserve in a relationship

**TAKE HOME**

- Avoiding sexually stimulating situations
- Not using alcohol or mind altering substances
- Choosing friends who share your values
AIM

To show that we need other people to help us to defend our lives. To show that defending of oneself from HIV, STIs and unplanned pregnancies is crucial. To build high self-esteem.

Those who defend well always cover for others.
1. Skill Activity Preparation
- Select one group to be attackers and the other to be defenders.
- Place a goalkeeper in the goal

2. Skill Activity Instructions
- Put the defenders into a team of 2. Call one P (pressure) and the other C (cover). Select one attacker at a time to attack the goal. A variation is to increase the number of attackers.
- The attacker approaches the goal, P puts pressure immediately, whilst C covers just behind so that if P is beaten, C takes over and becomes P. P then becomes C and so on.

As the activity is progressing, P shouts “cover” as he puts pressure and C encourages P to put pressure as he covers. Goalkeeper can shout “Watch Out!”
3. **Coaching Tips**
   - Ensure team players know the proper defensive position or stance.
   - Ensure weaker foot always in front and stronger foot always behind.
   - Defenders’ movement in defensive position is always zigzag.
   - Never attempt to tackle until you have cover.

**DISCUSSION**

**ASK:** What did you learn about defending the goal?

It takes teamwork.

**ASK:** What would you do if your friend got injured?

**ASK:** What areas in your life need to be defended?

Health

**ASK:** What are the things that pose a threat to your health? drugs, diseases, alcohol, unhealthy diet.

**ASK:** When you feel pressured to have sex or take drugs, who can you talk to?

**APPLICATION**

2. Define self-esteem: Self-esteem has to do with the way we value ourselves; whether we see ourselves as valuable and equal to others.
3. Do you think that you are valuable and equal to others? Why?
4. Do you think people who pressurize others to have sex believe others are valuable and equal to them? Why?
5. How does someone prove that they value you and they believe you are equal to them?

Wait for youth to respond. Then say: Someone who values you will respect what you say. They will not disrespect your yes or disrespect your NO.
6. Knowing that you are valuable, what will you do if the person you love pressurizes you for sex when you have said NO?
   - Would you tell someone?
   - Who would you ask for help?

7. How do you assist someone who has an unplanned pregnancy, HIV or an STI?

CONCLUSION

So in today’s discussion we have seen that it is important for us to value ourselves. It is also important to value yourself so much that you defend yourself against all kinds of pressure.

We have also learnt that there are people around us who are well placed to help us in the area of defending our lives. They are there to help us keep the ball in motion and stand by us. Let us make sure we ask them for help.
FACT SHEET # 5
Positive living

An HIV positive person can live a healthy happy life. Positive living will add quality to your life.

Adherence to medication and eating a balanced diet can prolong one’s life.

Membership to a support group can help in building self-esteem and reducing stress.

You can have a treatment buddy (friend) who assists you not to forget taking treatment. Taking treatment for a lifetime can be exhausting hence the need for a treatment buddy and to join a support group.

While abstaining from sex until the right time and age is the best way to prevent unplanned pregnancy, STIs and HIV, adolescents who are sexually active may require contraception to:
• avoid unplanned pregnancies
• avoid unsafe abortion
• emergency contraception.

Emergency contraception, which is also called the “morning-after pill,” is a birth control measure that if taken after sexual intercourse, may prevent pregnancy. If a woman has unprotected sexual intercourse or a condom failure, she can take a regimen of pills within 120 hours that will prevent pregnancy. Recommended for adolescents in emergency situations only.

TAKE HOME
• Everybody has self-esteem – it’s what you think of yourself, the confidence level you have when dealing with problems and making decisions
• Bragging and pride are not self esteem
• Don’t let your partner judge, label, threaten or bribe you.
**AIM**
To educate the youth to protect that which is important (Health). Are young people at risk of STIs, early and unintended pregnancies and cancers of the reproductive system?
- The ball is the most important item on the field and you cannot win without it.

**DRILL**

1. **Skill Activity Preparation**
   - Goal keeper in goal
   - Three defenders and five attackers
2. Skill Activity Instructions
- Attackers are to play long ball to the blind side of the defenders.
- The defenders are to watch the runs of the free attackers in order to protect the goal.

DISCUSSION
1. What did you learn from the drills today?
2. What would happen if no one watched and protected the goal mouth?
3. What are some areas in our lives at home, school and in community that we need to be watching and protecting?
4. What would happen if we did not watch and protect these areas?
5. How can we watch and protect ourselves from unplanned pregnancy, STIs, HIV and AIDS?

APPLICATION
1. How many of us here are ready to start a family?
2. Give reasons for your answers. Possible answers may include – still too young, don’t have money for a family, don’t want to have children etc
3. How can we ensure that we control our decision not to have children when we are neither prepared or don’t want them as yet? Possible answers: Don’t have sex, use condoms, use pills etc
Share the list of contraceptive options that are available. (See coaches/facilitators resource handbook on HIV and AIDS)
4. Which option protects you from both unplanned pregnancy, STIs and HIV?

CONCLUSION
Today we have outlined ways in which we can protect ourselves from unplanned pregnancies, STIs, HIV and AIDS. Make a commitment today to watch and protect yourself from the effects of unplanned pregnancies, STIs, HIV and AIDS as well as starting a family before you are ready.

FACT SHEET # 6
Are young people at significant risk of HIV infection?
Many young people also use drugs and alcohol, which can increase the likelihood that they will engage in high-risk sexual behavior.

**Peer pressure**
Wanting to experiment especially during the adolescent stage (10-18 years).
They can be sexually abused!

**Is there treatment for HIV/AIDS?**
A number of drugs are available to treat opportunistic infections and illnesses (e.g. chest infection, diarrhea, tuberculosis) that affect people with AIDS.
When taken as directed, anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) can reduce the amount of HIV in the bloodstream to very low levels and often enables the body’s immune cells to rebound to normal levels.
It is important for one to know their HIV status
Get tested at a New Start Centre or local clinic
If you test positive, further tests are done e.g. CD4 count or viral load to determine the amount of HIV in the blood.
If eligible, the person is commenced on ART and counseled on positive living.

**Join support group**
Once on ART, adherence to ARVs is critical for improved health
Balance diet and exercises are also important
Prompt treatment of opportunistic infections
Keeping doctor’s appointments to check on progress is also important
Disclosure should be considered so that one can get the required assistance from the family or friends. Disclosure should be voluntary but has many benefits if done properly.

**TAKE HOME**
- Using drugs and alcohol can increase the likelihood that you will engage in high-risk sexual behavior
- It is important for you to know your HIV status
**AIM**

To educate about people we are connected to for matters to do with decisions and the direction we take in life. Other people and our friends can be great influences

- Always look for a teammate.
- Avoid giving away possession.
- The ball is precious, keep possession.

**DRILL**

1. **Skill Activity Preparation**
   - Eight cones and two balls.
   - A pen, timer/stopwatch and a piece of paper.
**Skill Activity Instructions**

- **Activity 1:** Let three players play against one player for three minutes. Ask them to score as many goals as possible and add up the goals. Plays in a twenty metres x twenty metres space with small goals in the corners.

- **Activity 2:** Relay race between three players (Team 1) and one player (Team 2). Run with the ball for twenty metres and return to starting point. Let the group of three do it in turns but the single player does it alone.

3. Coaching Tips

- Ensure proper technique for passing is used.
- Ensure proper technique for control is used.
DISCUSSION

Say: Today we learnt about passing the ball.

ASK: How does passing the ball help the team to keep possession?

ASK: What happens when you lose possession? (The opponent will hurt your team)

ASK: How do we know who to pass the ball to? (Same uniform, same team, scoring the same direction)

Say: In other words, your teammates would not do anything to make you lose possession.

ASK: What are some things we possess in life that are to be shared only with the right people? (direct to our health)

ASK: What should we do to keep possession of our health?

ASK: Who are the people you are connected to in life?
APPLICATION

1. How do we tell that someone has a positive influence in our life? Let the youths respond.
2. Share this list of activities shared between positive peers:
   Reading, sports, art and music, prayer, engaging in income generating projects.
3. How can we tell that someone is a negative influence? Let the youth respond.
4. Share this list with them:
   stealing, lying, cheating on parents/authorities/friends, taking health risks such as smoking, drinking, engaging in sexual intercourse and drug abuse.

CONCLUSION

Today we have seen that our lives are important possessions that cannot be entrusted to the wrong people because of unplanned pregnancies, STIs, HIV and AIDS and other negative consequences of live. It is important for us to communicate with those people close to us if we feel they are
FACT SHEET # 7
Should I get tested?
If you think you might have been exposed to STIs and HIV, you should get tested as soon as possible. Here is why:

Even in the early stages of infection, you can take concrete steps to protect your long-term health.

- Regular check-ups at a health institution will enable you (and your family members or loved ones) to make the best decisions about whether and when to begin anti-HIV treatment, without waiting until you get sick.
- Taking an active approach to managing HIV may give you many more years of healthy life than you would otherwise have.

If you are HIV positive and pregnant, visit a health facility and join the PMTCT programme.
How can I get tested?
Most people are tested at local health centres, New Start Centres or in hospitals.

Counselors can answer questions about high-risk behavior and suggest ways you can protect yourself and others in the future.

They can also help you understand the meaning of the test results and refer you to local support groups.

Advantages of joining a support group are the same as advantages of playing soccer as a team. It’s good to laugh with others. It relieves stress.

STI Signs and Symptoms
Any abnormality in the genital area should be treated. Most signs are easily noticed in men due to the position of their organs, but signs may be absent or difficult to detect in women.

Treatment Compliance
If those with STIs seek treatment early, most STIs can be treated and cured. Delaying makes the infection more difficult to treat and allows time for infecting partners. Be open with the health care provider, as misinformation can result in your getting the wrong treatment. Finish all the medication even when signs and symptoms disappear. Use condoms with all sexual partners until you are completely cured. Advise all sexual partners to seek treatment. Go for review even if you feel very well.

TAKE HOME
- Any abnormality in the genital area should be treated
- Regular check-ups will enable you to make the best decisions about whether and when to begin anti-HIV treatment, without waiting until you get sick
**AIM**

To help young people explore other alternatives when someone is putting them under pressure to have sex – and other undesirable situations like abortion, drug abuse, peer pressure, virginity testing.

- Turning is an important skill to have.
- Turning allows a player who is tightly marked or under pressure to create space.

**DRILL**

1. **Skill Activity Preparation**
   - Prepare cones ten metres apart.

2. **Skill Activity Instructions**
   - Players run with the ball from the first cone to the second cone.
• When the player arrives to the second cone, the player pretends to shoot or pass the ball.
• The player will pass the ball to the first cone where a player will be waiting to receive the ball.
• Variations can include different turns (rolling the ball back, angling with inside of foot, angling with outside of foot, turning the ball with inside foot behind the standing foot.

**DISCUSSION**

ASK: What did you learn during the drill today? (You can relieve pressure by turning).
ASK: How does turning help to relieve pressure in a bad situation? (Helps you keep control)
ASK: What situations/people in your own life can put you under negative pressure and what kind of pressure could it be?
Say: We learnt that turning relieves pressure or creates space.
ASK: Where or who can we turn to when someone pressures us to have sex?
ASK: Is it ok for a boy to pressure a girl into having sex?

**APPLICATION**

5. What are the undesirable things that youths are faced with?
6. So what are the effects that these undesirable things have on young people?
7. How can you come out of these undesirable situations?
8. Did you get someone to confide in or are there other support systems?
5. Let the youth share their thoughts
6. Say instead of feeling the pressure by yourself there are options that are available to youth who think they might be infected with HIV or other STIs such as: -
   • Clinic
   • New Start Centre
   • Local Doctor/Nurse
   • Church/peer leader
Community based distributors of contraceptives

They will be there to walk you through as you make some important decisions.

CONCLUSION

Today we have learnt that whatever pressures we face in life, be it sexual pressure or health pressure, we do not have to face it alone.

Help is always just around the corner, the question is, are you willing to seek out this help…?

Remember to take courage like in the ‘heading’ exercise.

FACT SHEET # 8

How can I help fight HIV/AIDS?

Everyone can play a role in confronting the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Here are just a few suggestions on how you can make a difference:

- Volunteer with your local AIDS service organization.
- Talk with the young people you know about HIV/AIDS.
- Speak out against AIDS-related discrimination.
- Value and preserve your body until time is ripe when you are mature to make informed decisions.
- All relationships including sexual relationships should be based on consent, as without consent, one will be ignoring other people’s right to choose and this results in abuse.
- Delay sex.
- If already sexually active, use protection during sex.
- For boys, go for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision.

An HIV free generation begins with you!
TAKE HOME

- Speak out against AIDS-related discrimination
- Value and preserve your body until you are mature to make informed decisions
- All relationships including sexual relationships should be based on consent
AIM
To teach youth on the principles of fairness and responsibility
• Considering others
• Playing by the rules
• Being truthful

DRILL
1. **Skill Activity preparation**
• Set a field 20 m by 20 m with a goal on either side.
• Break the group into teams of 5 players
• Set special rules for the game. (No more than 3 touches. A player can only score with a push pass. All balls which are out of bounds are kicked in rather than thrown in.
• Choose one player from one of the teams to be a mole. The mole’s job is to break all the rules at every opportunity.
• Don’t blow the whistle when the mole cheats, but blow for everyone else.

**DISCUSSION**

Ask: Did you enjoy the game? (One team will say yes the other will say no because of the mole)

Ask: To those who said they did not enjoy the game, can you tell us why?

Say: Rules tell us what to do and what not to do so that the different activities we do can be safe and enjoyable.

Ask: So do you think rules are important? Why?

Ask: What rules can one follow to keep their health good and safe?

Ask: What can a young person like you do or where can you go if someone attempts to break these rules about your health.

**APPLICATION**

Say: A person’s health is very important.

Ask: What important information about health matters can young people share with other young people?

Ask: What is the best way to share this information with our friends who you see are breaking rules and might end up in trouble?

Ask: Who among you is committed to play fair and to encourage others to play fair in the area of their sexual health?

**FACT SHEET # 9**

**Unintended Pregnancies**

Besides spreading STIs and HIV, some unintended pregnancies are a result of unfair play – unfair on the mother, the unborn child, families and communities

- Unintended pregnancies are the primary cause of induced abortion
- Unintended pregnancy is linked to numerous maternal and child health problems

**Causes of unintended pregnancies**

- Not using contraception
- Using contraception inconsistently and incorrectly
- Contraceptive failure (the method was used correctly, but did not
Contraceptive failure accounts for a relatively small fraction of unintended pregnancies when modern highly effective contraceptives are used.

Reasons contraceptives might not have been used or been used incorrectly include:
1. Coercion. Rape or involuntary sex which sometimes happens in the context of domestic violence.
2. Lack of knowledge about sex and reproduction. Including erroneous beliefs.
3. Lack of knowledge or experience with the contraceptive, or lack of motivation to use it correctly.
4. Lack of planning or ambivalence about whether to have a child.
5. Religious or other cultural beliefs that discourage or even prohibit contraceptive use, or contribute to ignorance about them or how to use them correctly.
6. Lack of over the counter availability, or shame over embarrassing doctor appointments.

Source: [http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/unintended_pregnancy](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/unintended_pregnancy)

**TAKE HOME**
- If already sexually active, use protection during sex
- Use contraception consistently and correctly
- An HIV free generation begins with you!
Youths have a right to receive accurate sexual and reproductive health information and confidential services without discrimination. These services are called Youth Friendly Services (YFS) and are accessible, acceptable and appropriate for young people.

Zimbabwe provides friendly SRH services to young people through health facilities, communities and schools.

**Health facility:** SRH services are provided to young people as part of the general public but special arrangements are made to make the service more acceptable to them. Every health facility is required to establish and equip some special rooms, which are referred to as “youth friendly corners”

**Community:** Service is offered via community youth centres including private pharmacies, police victim friendly units, New Start Centres, SRH drop-in or interact centres or clubs and institutions.

**Schools:** Service is mainly through the provision of life skills education and counseling for young people by both teachers and peer educators in schools (both public and private) and tertiary or vocational institutions.
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| Clinics                  | - Education and counseling on HIV and AIDS  
                           - Post HIV-test support,  
                           - Screening and treatment of STIs  
                           - Provision of contraceptives and other family planning methods  
                           - Emergency contraception  
                           - Pregnancy testing  
                           - Comprehensive post rape care  
                           - Youth Friendly Corners                                                                                               |
| New Start Centres        | - HIV testing and counseling  
                           - Medical male circumcision  
                           - Health information                                                                                             |
| Community Based Distributors | - Education and counseling on HIV and AIDS  
                                - Provision of information and education on SRH  
                                - Promotion of family planning services including the re-supply of appropriate contraceptives to eligible clients. They also refer and encourage communities to seek treatment early from a rural health centre or clinic. |
| Churches                 | - Education and counseling  
                           - Care and support  
                           - Life skills training                                                                                             |
| Police                   | - Education and counseling  
                           Victim Friendly Unit and support                                                                                   |
| Schools                  | - Education and counseling  
                           - Life skills training                                                                                             |
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