Bleak prospects: young men, sexuality and HIV/AIDS in an Ethiopian town

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Appendix A: Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire was to elicit responses from a larger group of young people about issues to do with sexuality and HIV/AIDS that generated heated debate and divergent views during focus group discussion. I focused on very general questions as I thought that intimate questions about sexuality might not produce meaningful answers. An attempt was made to analyse the data while in the field and the key informants (school- teachers, young people running Anti-AIDS Clubs, and other people from the government and NGOs working on sexuality and HIV/AIDS) were given the chance to comment on the results obtained from students.

Questionnaire

\[128\] It should be noted that these questionnaires were translated into Amharic (local language) and pilot tested.
Age
Sex
Religion
Grade level
Name of the school
Questionnaire No.

1. Where do you live?
   In Dessie
   Outside of Dessie

2. Do you live with your parents?
   Yes
   No

3. If your answer is no, with whom are you living now?
   With relatives
   Independently (renting a room)
   With friends
   Others (specify)

4. What are your worries and concerns in your daily life (mention only two in
   order of importance)?
   The problem of unemployment/future life after completing school
   Fear of getting infected by HIV/AIDS
   Fear of failure in exams
   Fear of failure of relationship
   Dependence of most young people on chat, cigarette and alcohol
   Physical abuse and harassment
   Shortage of entertainment/recreational facilities
   Others (specify)

5. Which religious group confirms better to sexual values and norms of the
   society?
   Orthodox Christians
   Muslims
   Protestants
   Catholics
   Others (specify)

6. There is a lot of discussion about religion, religiosity and sexuality of young
   people in this country, and some people say that religion does not have any
   effect on the sexual behaviour of young people because, for the most part,
   religious and unreligious are all the same when it comes to their sexual
   behaviour.

   Agree
   Disagree
7. Sex education should be given and condoms be distributed in school
Agree
Disagree

8. What are the circumstances that stimulate you and your peers for first time
and subsequent sexual intercourse (if more than one answer, please tick the
most common two in order of importance)?
   - Peer pressure
   - Watching porno movies
   - Taking alcohol
   - Taking chat
   - Others (specify)

9. What are some of the places where boys and girls meet and start
relationships/sexual intercourse (if it is more than one answer, please indicate
only two most frequent places in order of importance)?
   - Schools
   - Church/mosque
   - Chat house
   - Porno houses
   - Bushes/thickets
   - Neighbourhoods
   - Hotels, cafeterias/shops
   - Wedding ceremonies
   - Wait keeping
   - Night clubs/parties
   - Streets
   - Others (specify)

10. What are the criteria you would use to trust a partner (if you have a partner
or when you will have one in the future- give only one answer)?
    - Women/men cannot be trusted at all
    - When he or she is very caring
    - If he or she is religious
    - When he or she is free from substance abuse
    - Others (specify)

11. What makes a girl to say ‘yes’ to a relationship to the point of having sex
(if more than one answer only the two most important ones in order of
importance)?
    - The boy’s/man’s financial situation
    - Love
    - Physical beauty/outward appearance
    - Peer pressure
    - Force/intimidation
    - Good manners and conduct
    - Fame and popularity of boys/men
    - Others (specify)
12. There is a lot of discussion about the way sexual morals and norms are changing in this country, and some people say that if the two partners agree they can have sex the way they please: vaginal, oral or anal.
   Agree
   Disagree
13. Some young people say that masturbation (sega) is one way of ensuring one’s safety from HIV so that young people should adopt as an alternative sexual practice
   Agree
   Disagree
14. Do you think it is all right for either or both parties in a marriage to have had previous sexual experience?
   It is all right for men
   It is all right for women
   It is all right for both
   It is not all right for both
15. Of the following ABCs of AIDS prevention, which one do you think that young people of your age prefer to practise?
   Abstinence
   Being faithful
   Condom use
16. Do you think that most young people of your age use condom?
   Yes
   No
17. How effective do you think is the current HIV/AIDS education targeting youth?
   Effective
   Not effective
18. Do you think you and your friends have a reasonable amount of accurate knowledge or information about sexuality and HIV/AIDS?
   Yes
   No
19. If you and your friends were to receive educational information about sexuality and HIV/AIDS, how would you like this information presented (if more than one answer, please indicate only two in order of importance)?
   In dramas, musicals and other literary entertainment shows
   Organized and presented by young people
   In groups rather than being individually targeting
   Individually rather than targeting in groups
   Dramas and shows that feature characters with HIV/AIDS
   Others (specify)
20. What are the best channels to transmit information that you think young people will listen to? (if more than one answer, please indicate in order of importance)?
   - Print media
   - Electronic media
   - Face-to-face presentation
   - Others (specify)