

Title of Article: The Effect of Inter-spousal communication on contraceptive use among married couples in Alimosho Local Government Area of Ipaja, Lagos state, Nigeria.

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Abstract: The paper examines the effect of inter-spousal communication on contraceptive use among married couples in Alimosho Local Government Area of Ipaja, Lagos State, Nigeria. However, the main objective of this study is to examine the influence of husband-wife communication with respect to their current contraceptive use. A total sample size of 250 couples was interviewed through administration of questionnaires in Lagos State, Nigeria. Frequency tables and regression model were used to analyze the data collected from the field of survey. Only one hypothesis was tested in this study. The result obtained from frequency table showed that greater proportion of married couples would prefer to have more male children than female children, that is, they are sex-selective and gender-biased. The finding derived from regression analysis indicated that inter-spousal communication has significant effect on contraceptive use. The result obtained from hypothesis testing showed that there is a positive and strong relationship between inter-spousal communication and contraceptive use. The paper recommends that the present Democratic government in Nigeria should urgently allocate more funds to the health sector so as to boost the effectiveness of some family planning methods and consequently reduce the price of some reliable contraceptives. Finally, there is an urgent need for Non-governmental organizations to create more grass-root awareness on radio, television and internet for couples mainly the husbands, to make them realize the positive effects that usage of contraceptives would have on the reproductive health of their wives.

Key Words: Inter-Spousal Communication, Contraceptive use, Regression Analysis and Married Couples