

IUSSP Working Session on

Programmatic Interventions in Reproductive Health Involving Men or Couples

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Chat file

- Stan Becker: If you have a question for this or other presentations, please add it to the chat. Thank you.
- Kola Oyediran: Karen: Are there any strategy for engaging men and boys in the SDGs? How can men and boys in SRH further gain global attention/
- Rachel Shapiro: I had a question around the recommendation of inducting young couples--this runs somewhat counter to the logic of engaging more established adults/couples/stakeholder for this work that I often here. Can you share more about how young couples can be leveraged to promote more equitable FP decision making/outcomes?
- Kuhika Seth: younger couples are at a stage of forming their emotional couple bond and at an early stage of 'couple-making'
- Kuhika Seth: our evidence review and primary research suggests that younger couples are more open to negotiating with norms - also good as peer influencers, glad to share more later :)
- Sharmishtha Nanda: please visit our page here for more context to Aishwarya's presentation: <https://www.icrw.org/publications/its-on-him-too-pathways-to-engage-men-in-family-planning/>
- Jessica Gipson: Great presentations!!
- Jessica Gipson: Anne - can you talk about the hook?
- Sharmishtha Nanda: very interesting presentation! Please share a link to the project website/any published resources
- Rachel Shapiro: All resources will be available here: www.care.org/IMAGINE. We are planning to upload the curricula this week, so stay tuned!
- Sharmishtha Nanda: Thank you! :)
- Kola Oyediran: Is there any study that take into account influence of significant orders (husband parents and family members) in family planning use
- Anita Raj: Hi all, we just checked the numbers from CHARM2. We had a participation rate of 68% (% of those who were eligible at screening, randomly selected from the screening list and approached for participation, and enrolled). The remaining 32% are comprised of: 10% (177/1756) of those eligible and approached for participation refused; 18% (323/1756) of those eligible and approached were unavailable; and 3% (55/1756) were ineligible upon reexamination.
- Anne Laterra: Thanks Anita
- Sharmishtha Nanda: We (www.icrw.org) have just started a study on understanding the role of key influencers, in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh provinces in India. Will be happy to share some preliminary results next year.
- Jeffrey Edmeades: Really interesting presentations all. This is not a new point, but we really need better information on men's own desires, perspectives, reasons for non-use, etc. This information is really critical to designing couple-based approaches and obviously approaching men as clients. Remains a major gap.
- Karen Hardee: Thanks Jeff, I agree with you.
- Shannon Wood: Very much agreed, Jeff—thanks for bringing this up.
- Aishwarya Sahay: hi - we did look at service delivery aspects, however wince the focus was demand side dynamics we did not include those efforts, happy to share more details on them too

- Anita Raj: I also agree, Jeff, and I think we will have some of that information from CHARM2. We can make sure to prioritize that in our analyses.
- Anita Raj: I was remiss in also recognizing Dr. Mohan Ghule, who is also on the call and is the heart of the project. I had not realized he is on! He is our scientific director in the field and must be credited with our 90% retention rates and overall high quality implementation of the study in the field. I am sorry to take our chat for this, but Dr. Ghule and our Field Team are phenomenal and have managed all of this work safely and carefully even during the pandemic, and in an area close to hotspots. We are very grateful to them!
- Anita Raj: I love this, Stan!!!!!!
- Jackeline Romio: Greetings from Brazil. thank!
- Jeffrey Edmeades: Thanks all!
- Anita Raj: thank you, Stan and Ilene and the IUSSP committee
- Aishwarya Sahay: thank you everyone!
- Kexin Zhang: Thank you very much!!