

Instruction 1: Go to File and ‘Save As’ and save this document with the file codename for the participant you are about to interview. Make sure that they file is saved to your secure location.

Please take your time to read through this survey, making sure that you are familiar with it.

Make sure to ask the respondent what language they would like to answer the survey is in. Offer them Ga, English or Twi.

Reassure the respondent throughout that all their information is secure and will be anonymous.

At the end of this survey is some information on sexual and reproductive health and also on COVID-19. If people ask you questions, please refer them to these services.

Remember: Try to ask the questions in the same way each time, for consistency.

Unless instructed, try to avoid reading out the categories for questions. Instead pick the category that fits their answer best.

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Instruction 2: Read the participant this information sheet.

INFORMATION SHEET

Exploring the relationship between men, masculinities and post-coital pregnancy avoidance,
Ghana
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Information for participants

Thank you for considering participating in this study which will take place March-August 2020. This information sheet outlines the purpose of the study and provides a description of your involvement and rights as a participant, if you agree to take part.

What is the research about?

The research is looking at men's perceptions of manhood, and men's perceptions of emergency contraception, abortion and abortion decision-making in Ghana. The research will involve a survey and interviews. The research was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you whether or not to take part. You do not have to take part if you do not want to. If you do decide to take part, I will ask you to sign a consent form which you can sign and return either before or at the meeting.

Information will be provided in case you might feel uncomfortable. You are not expected to share any personal stories unless you feel comfortable doing so.

What will my involvement be?

You will be asked to take part in a survey, interview or focus group about your knowledge and perceptions of emergency contraception, abortion-related care and activities exploring perceptions of manhood and womanhood in Ghana. It should take maximum 1 hour. You will be thanked for the cost of your time with five-cedi mobile phone credit.

How do I withdraw from the study?

You can withdraw from the study at any point, without having to give a reason. If any of the questions during the focus group make you feel uncomfortable, you do not have to answer them. Withdrawing from the study will have no effect on you. If you withdraw from the study we will not retain any information you have given us thus far, unless you are happy for us to do so.

What will my information be used for?

I will use the collected information to publish articles and a PhD thesis. This will be published and available for the public, so that you can read the outcomes. There will also be dissemination activities where possible for you to hear the outcomes of the study. Key findings will be presented to the Ghana Health Service and the James Town community. It is hoped that these findings will be able to contribute to the continued progress in healthcare provision in James Town.

Will my taking part and my data be kept confidential? Will it be anonymised?

The records from this study will be kept confidential. Only myself and my supervisor will have access to the files and any audio tapes. Your data will be anonymised – your name will not be used in any reports or publications resulting from the study. All digital files will be given codes and stored in protected files.

What if I have a question or complaint?

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Joe Strong (the researcher), on XXXXXX or XXXXXXXX (email).

You can also contact the Ghana health Service Ethics Review Committee at XXXXXXXXX (To be contacted on ethical issues and rights to participation from Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 5pm)

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Instruction 3: Read the consent form. Fill in the blanks.

Consent form

Exploring the relationship between men, masculinities and women's abortion related care in Ghana

PARTICIPATION IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY IS VOLUNTARY

I have read and understood the study information, or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.	YES / NO
I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions and I can withdraw from the study at any time, without having to give a reason	YES / NO
I understand that the information I provide will be used for the researcher's PhD thesis and published articles, and that the information will be anonymised.	YES / NO
I agree that my information can be quoted in research outputs	YES / NO
I understand that any personal information that can identify me – such as my name, address, will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone	YES / NO
I give permission for the (anonymised) information I provide to be deposited in a data archive so that it may be used for future research	YES / NO

WRITE: Participant codename [the same as filename]: _____

READ THEM: Now that you have been provided the information sheet and asked your comprehension and consent, can I confirm whether you have any remaining questions for me before we continue the mobile phone survey / interview. I would like to make sure you know that your participation is voluntary and if you don't want to answer any questions, that is okay. I have read you the contact details of the PI for this study, in case you have any further questions.

Please can you clearly indicate if you consent to continuing with this survey / interview:

WRITE: Your name:

Date:

Respondent consents to be interviewed [If true, type 'X' and **CONTINUE** the interview]:

IF respondent **does not** consent to be interviewed [If true, type 'X' and **END** the interview]:

Before we start the survey, I would like to check that you are somewhere that you feel comfortable speaking freely. I will be asking you questions that relate to your personal life. If you would like to move somewhere more private, please do.

Start the survey:

Where do you currently sleep?

Do you sleep anywhere else?

How do you know the person who recruited you?

Have you seen them and spoken to them in the past two weeks?

[Please continue with the interview regardless. If you are unsure about what the respondent answers above, message Joe straight after the interview].

Can you confirm your gender?

[If the respondent answers that they identify as a woman, please thank them and end the survey].

SECTION 1 – SOCIO DEMOGRAPHICS

I now going to ask you some questions about yourself.

1.1.How old are you?

1.2.What year were you born?

1.3.Do you have a birth certificate?

Yes

No (Go to 1.4)

Don't know (Go to 1.4)

1.3.1. Do you know where it is?

Yes

No

Don't know

1.4.What ethnic group / tribe do you belong to?

Ga

Akan

Fante

Asante

Ewe

Guan

Mole-Dagbani

Grusi

Gurma

Mande

Other

Don't know

1.5.Do you have a religion?

Yes

No (Go to 1.6)

1.5.1. What is your religion?

Tsetsetse

Iam

Christian (unknown denomination)

Catholic

Anglican

Methodist

Presby

Pentecostal / charismatic

Other Christian

Islam
Individual
Other
Don't know

1.5.2. Are you currently practising your religion?

Yes
No
Don't know

1.6. What is the highest level of schooling you attended or are currently attending?

Never attended
Primary
Middle / JSS
Secondary / Technical
Higher
Don't know
Other

1.7. Are you currently in work?

Yes
No (Go to 1.9)

1.7.1. What is your work?

1.7.2. Do you receive payment for this work?

1.7.3. How long have you been doing this work for?

1.7.4. Is your work affected by coronavirus? If YES, how has it been affected?

1.8. Are you currently doing any other work?

Yes
No (Go to 1.9)

1.8.1. What is this work?

1.8.2. Do you receive payment for this work?

1.8.3. How long have you been doing this work for?

1.8.4. Is your work affected by coronavirus? If YES, how has it been affected?

1.9. Is there anyone else in your household who is working?

Yes

No (go to 1.10)

1.9.1. Who?

1.10. Who is the main source of income for your household?

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SECTION 2 – YOUR HOUSEHOLD

I am now going to ask you a few questions about the place where you currently are sleeping.

2.1. What **working** items does this household contain? [read out the categories]

Electricity
Wall clock
Radio / Speaker
TV
TV Decoder
DSTV
Computer / Laptop
Non-smart mobile phone (yam)
Smart phone
Coal pot
Gas stove
Fridge
Freezer
Sofa
Table
Bed
Fan
Air-conditioning
Flushing toilet
Livestock
Canoe / net
Bicycle
Motorcycle
Car

2.2. In your room, what is the main material of the floor?

Earth/Sand
Wood planks
Palm / Bamboo
Polished Wood
Vinyl / Asphalt
Cement
Tiles
Other (please type what)

2.3. What is the main material on the roof of this building

No roof
Thatch
Wood
Metal
Cement
Tiles
Slate
Azar

Other

2.4. Where do you get your main source of water

Commercial domestic

Private domestic

Commercial shared

Private shared

Other

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SECTION 3 – RELATIONSHIPS

I am going to ask you some questions about your relationships. Please remember that everything you say is confidential and you do not have to answer if you do not want to.

3.1. Are you currently in a relationship?

Yes

No (Go to 3.3.)

Don't know

3.1.1. Can you describe that relationship to me?

Instruction: If the person indicates they are in a relationship with a man, please explain to them that you are interested in pregnancy and sexual and reproductive health, and you would like to know whether the person they are in a relationship was born male.

Explain that everything said is confidential and private and if they do not wish to answer, they don't need to.

3.1.2. Is it a sexually active relationship?

Yes

No

Don't know

3.1.3. Do you live with this person?

Yes

No

Don't know

3.1.4. Has this relationship been affected by coronavirus?

Yes

No

Don't know

3.1.4.1. If YES, how has it been affected?

3.2. Are you in any other relationship? **Ask them to describe ALL the other relationships they are in.**

Yes

No (Go to 3.3)

Don't know

3.2.1. Can you describe that relationship to me?

3.2.2. Is it a sexually active relationship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

3.2.3. Do you live with this person?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

3.2.4. Has this relationship been affected by coronavirus?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

3.2.4.1. If YES, how has it been affected?

3.3. Have you ever had sex?

- Yes
- No (Go to 3.8)
- Don't know (Go to 3.8)

3.4. When having sex, how often do you use contraception / family planning?

- Always
- Sometimes (more than half the time)
- Sometimes (less than half the time)
- Never
- Don't know

3.4.1. Why do you always / sometimes / never use contraception?

3.5. When having sex, how often does the person you are having sex with use contraception / family planning?

- Always
- Sometimes (more than half the time)
- Sometimes (less than half the time)
- Never
- Don't know

3.5.1. In your opinion, why do they always / sometimes / never use contraception

3.6. In your opinion, who should make the decision about whether someone uses contraception / family planning?

3.7. Would you be happy if [insert relationship] becomes pregnant now?

Instruction: Repeat question 3.7. for all the relationships that the person says that they are in. In your answers, make sure you note which relationship you are talking about.

3.8. Do you have any children or are you caring for any children like a father?

Yes

No

Don't know

3.8.1 Could you tell me about these?

3.9. In your opinion, who should decide when to have children

3.10. In your opinion, who should decide how many children to have

3.11. Is coronavirus having an impact on your attitude towards pregnancy? If YES, how?

SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

I am now going to ask you some questions about emergency contraception.

4.1. Have you heard of emergency contraception?

Yes

No (Go to 4.2.)

Don't know (Go to 4.2.)

4.1.2. Can you tell me what emergency contraceptive is used for?

4.2. Emergency contraception is commonly used within 72 hours of having sexual intercourse, in order to avoid pregnancy. Have you heard of that?

Yes

No (Go to 4.5.)

Don't know (Go to 4.5.)

4.3. How did you **first** hear about it?

Relationship partner

Female friend

Male friend

Mother

Father

Male relative

Female relative

Internet

Radio

TV

Public advertising

Pharmacist

Other healthcare professional (specify)

School

Don't know

Other (please type)

4.4. Have you ever seen emergency contraception?

Yes

No (Go to 4.5.)

Don't know (Go to 4.5.)

4.4.1. Can you describe it to me?

4.4.2. Have you ever bought it?

Yes

No (Go to 4.5.)

Don't know (Go to 4.5.)

4.4.3. Who did you last buy it for?

4.4.4. Have you ever bought it for another person?

Yes

No (Go to 4.5.)

Don't know (Go to 4.5.)

4.4.5. Who were they?

4.4.6. How much did it cost?

4.5. In your opinion, who should be the person to go and buy these pills

4.6. Would it be okay if [insert partner] used these pills?

Yes

No

It depends

4.6.1. If it depends, what does it depend on

4.7. Would you buy these pills for [insert partner]?

Yes

No

It depends

4.7.1. If it depends, what does it depend on

Instruction: Repeat 4.6. and 4.7. for as many partners as they have and write the partner next to each response

4.8. Is coronavirus having an impact on your attitude towards emergency contraceptives? If YES, how?

SECTION 5 – ABORTION

I am now going to ask you some questions on abortion. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, and everything we discuss is private.

5.1. Do you know what an abortion is?

Yes

No (Go to 5.3.)

Don't know (Go to 5.3.)

5.2. What is it?

5.3. An abortion is an intervention which ends a pregnancy / stops it from continuing. Have you heard of this?

Yes

No (Go to 5.5.)

Don't know (Go to 5.5.)

5.4. How did you **first** hear about it?

Relationship partner

Female friend

Male friend

Mother

Father

Male relative

Female relative

Internet

Radio

TV

Public advertising

Pharmacist

Other healthcare professional (specify)

School

Don't know

Other (please type)

5.5. What ways have you heard of that women use to have abortions?

5.5.1. Do you think some ways of aborting are safer than others?

Yes

No (Go to 5.6.)

Don't know (Go to 5.6.)

5.5.1.1. Which are safer

5.5.1.2. Which are less safe

5.6. Is it lawful / allowed in the law to have an abortion in Ghana?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5.6.1. Can you tell me what the law is?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5.7. Have you supported someone obtain an abortion?

- Yes
- No (Go to 5.8.)
- Don't know (Go to 5.8.)

5.7.1. Have you supported more than one person?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5.7.1.1. For the most recent, what relationship / relation was this person to you?

5.7.1.2. Do you remember what type of abortion it was?

5.7.1.3. Who decided on this way?

5.7.1.4. How did you support them?

Instruction: Repeat section 5.7. for all the people they say they have supported having an abortion. In your answers, make sure to note which person you are writing about.

5.8. Would it be okay if [insert relationship] had an abortion?

Instruction: Repeat 5.8. for all the relationships they say they are in. In your answers, make sure to note which person you are writing about.

5.9. Would you support the following to obtain an abortion if they wanted one?

- Wife
- Second wife / girlfriend
- Girlfriend
- Sister
- Sister-in-law
- Daughter
- Other female relative
- Female friend
- School girl
- Sex worker
- Female colleague

Yes	No	Don't know	It Depends

5.10. Is coronavirus having an impact on your attitude towards abortion? If YES, how?

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SECTION 6 – MASCULINITY

6.1. What are the three key things you would want to see in a man your age?

6.2. What are the three key things you would want to see in a woman your age?

6.3. For you, who should make or did make the final decision regarding...

When you should / did marry?

What profession you should / did take?

When to start having sex for the first time?

Currently whether to have sex or not?

The continuation of your education?

What clothes you wear?

Where you currently live now?

6.4. In the household, who should make the final decision regarding...

Spending money on food

Spending money on bills + rental

Spending money on electrical items

Spending on furniture

Spending on school fees

How to care for children

How to discipline children

Who a child should live with

What to name a child

Who should inherit the household

The division of household chores?

6.5. Are there people in your household who are more important than others?

Yes

No (Go to 6.6.)

Don't know (Go to 6.6.)

6.5.1. Who are they?

6.6. For men, do you believe that it is important for man to:

Show emotion?

Not be disabled?

To want to have sex with women?

To have more sons than daughters

To be the main cook for his family?

To grow muscles?

To want to have sex with men?

To defend his honour

To have multiple sexual relationships at the same period of time

To have children

To beat his partner

To beat his children

For a husband to share household duties with his wife

A man to report when a woman beats him to the police

	Yes	No	Don't know	It depends
Show emotion?				
Not be disabled?				
To want to have sex with women?				
To have more sons than daughters				
To be the main cook for his family?				
To grow muscles?				
To want to have sex with men?				
To defend his honour				
To have multiple sexual relationships at the same period of time				
To have children				
To beat his partner				
To beat his children				
For a husband to share household duties with his wife				
A man to report when a woman beats him to the police				

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SECTION 7 – ABILITY QUESTION

7.1. Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.2. Do you have difficulty hearing, even using a hearing aid?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.3. Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.4. Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.5. Do you have difficulty with self-care, such as washing all over or dressing?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.6. In your usual language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.7. Do you have difficulty performing sexual intercourse?

- No – no difficulty
- Yes – some difficulty
- Yes – a lot of difficulty
- Cannot do at all

7.8. Do you have any challenges affecting your mind?

QUESTIONS AFTER SURVEY

Instruction: Replace the [age category] with the group that you are interested in

How many [age category] do you know in Jamestown?

How many [age category] do you know in Jamestown that know you?

How many [age category] do you know in Jamestown that know you and that you have seen in the past two weeks?

How many [age category] do you know in Jamestown that know you and that you have seen and talked to in the past two weeks?

Please read: Thank you for taking part in this survey. Do you have any questions for me?

Please read: Recruitment instructions

I am now going to ask you to recruit a **maximum** of three people who identify as men to take part in this survey. These should be people you are friends with, who you know and have talked to in the past two weeks.

The people you speak to have **one week** to take part. If they decide to take part, you will be sent an additional 2 cedis **for each person**. They will also get compensation for taking part.

I am going to tell you my MTN and AirtelTigo numbers. Please pass these onto your friends to call me on. If they call me, I will arrange to return their call.

Here is your personal number [XXXXXXXXXX]. Tell your three friends this number, because I will ask for it when they call.

I will also send you an SMS message with these details. Is this the best number to message? If this is not the best number, please can you tell me the best number to message you. I will also use this number to transfer mobile credit.

Do you have any questions about what I have just said?

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NOTES

Add any notes here from this survey, including how you thought it went, whether there were any challenges, whether anything interesting occurred.

Information on abortion and emergency contraception

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Abortion + EC FACT SHEET

Abortion is allowed in Ghana under the following cases:

- In cases of rape, incest or defilement of the female idiot
- If the life or health of the woman is in danger
- If there is risk of fetal abnormality

The Ghana Health Service has provisions for safe abortion services, and safe abortions at public clinics should cost between 50-100 cedis.

Safe abortions are those which are provided by a trained doctor, nurse or midwife using manual vacuum aspiration, dilation and curettage, or misoprostol (Cytotec), and which are performed in a government or private hospital, health centre or clinic.

There are clinics that will say they are health facilities but are not safe for abortions. Make sure to confirm that the clinic is government or has proof that it is an official provider.

For more information:

Call Marie Stopes toll-free for a confidential talk on
0800 20 85 85 OR WhatsApp them on 0556489090

Covid-19 Facts

Covid-19, or 'Coronavirus', is a virus that spreads from person to person. The best response to it is to wash your hands whenever possible, limit your social interactions, and wear a cloth over your mouth and nose in public.

Please follow the advice provided by the Ghana Health Service and the World Health Organisation.

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