Hearing from the Men: Implementation science with male partners of adolescent girls / young women

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Men’s life circumstances: history of trauma

Ever
- Witnessed an armed attack: 59%
- Robbed at gunpoint or knifepoint: 39%

Before age 18
- Beaten at home: 77%
- Saw/heard mother being beaten: 22%

- Childhood experiences of violence associated with multiple sexual partners in the last year and inconsistent condom use (both p<0.05)

Study site: South Africa
Men’s relationships: conflict and miscommunication

- Marital relationships filled with conflict—seen as inevitable and unresolvable
- Most relationships characterized by ineffective communication and distrust, resulting in delays in formalized partnerships and/or many side partners

“...it is caused by lack of trust in relationships such that sticking to having one partner might cause issues such as if she cheats. So, it is very difficult to commit yourself to one individual; we end up having several partners.”

—Age 34, Siphofaneni, Swaziland

Study sites: Uganda & Swaziland
Profiles of men in Durban, South Africa

Preliminary findings from latent class analysis using survey data among 20- to 40-year-olds (n=962)

**YOUNG MODERATE RISK**
- 42% of sample

**OLDER LOW RISK**
- 13% of sample

**YOUNG HIGH RISK**
- 29% of sample

**OLDER HIGH RISK**
- 15% of sample