



RHSP's Social and Behavioral (SB) Studies

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Social & Behavioral Studies (SBS)

SBS are integrated in all RHSP work in different ways:

- Randomized trial designs (initial and continuous)
- Interpreting quantitative analyses (less men in services)
- Designing and improving HIV prevention and care services
- Program message development (MMC trial)
- Answering other stand alone questions (life transition among adolescents)

Qualitative Research (QR) Key Questions

QR explores people's perceptions, opinions, beliefs and attitudes

- *How do people behave ?*
- *Why do they behave the way they do?*

Social & Behavioral (SB) Studies

- Qualitative Research methods (major)
In-depth Interviews (one-on-one)



*Focus Group Discussions
(8-10 people)*



*Observations
(e.g. in a bar to observe
sex-workers' behaviors)*

Salient Lessons from the Different Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Studies

Barriers

- Male infertility
- Change of religion
- Pain (esp. after surgery)
- Long sex resumption period/sex abstinence
- ***Female partner influence***
- Time off work

Facilitators

- HIV/STI prevention
- Improved penile hygiene
- HIV Testing Services (HTS)
- ***Female partner influence***
- Male sexual prowess
- Male & female sexual pleasure

Salient Lessons from the Different HIV Care Studies

Barriers:

- Stigma
- Fear to disclose HIV+ status
- Lack of partner support
- High transport costs
- Negative side effects
- Long travel and waiting times
- Inadequate staff respect for patients

Targeted interventions:

- Couple counselling intensified
- Health education programs
- Decentralising ART provision/Outreach
- Patient-friendly and flexible clinic service hours.

A Qualitative Study of Barriers to Enrollment into Free HIV Care: Perspectives of Never-in-Care HIV-Positive Patients and Providers in Rakai, Uganda

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Women's role in male circumcision promotion in Rakai, Uganda

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HIV self-testing values and preferences among sex workers, fishermen, and mainland community members in Rakai, Uganda: A qualitative study

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Importance of Relationship Context in HIV Transmission: Results From a Qualitative Case-Control Study in Rakai, Uganda

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We present results from life history interviews with 60 young adults from southern Uganda. Using a novel qualitative case-control design, we compared newly

factors surveyed in epidemiological studies, researchers have added nuance to unexplained

Risk Denial and Socio-Economic Factors Related to High HIV Transmission in a Fishing Community in Rakai, Uganda: A Qualitative Study

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Qualitative insights into implementation, processes, and outcomes of a randomized trial on peer support and HIV care engagement in Rakai, Uganda

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Lesson

- SB studies greatly contribute to proper **designing and improvement** of research and service delivery.