Women with Disabilities need Reproductive Health services Too

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Outline

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A survey to obtain up-to-date data on PWDs

- Conducted by the National Coordinating Agency for Population & Development in collaboration with Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
- The survey was Supported by the Kenya government, DFID, USAID, WB, and UNFPA
- Covered a national sample of 14,560 households & 120 institutions
Methodology

Quantitative and qualitative instruments used

1. Quantitative:
   - **Household schedule:** used to collect information at household level.
   - **Individual questionnaire:** Administered to identified Persons With Disabilities (PWD’s) at household level
   - **Reproductive health questionnaire:** Administered to female aged 12 to 49 years

2. Qualitative: Focus Group Discussion with PWD groups, community leaders
About 5 percent of Kenyans have a disability

Percent

- Total: 4.6
- Mobility: 1.6
- Visual: 1.4
- Hearing: 0.5
- Other: 1.1
More than one-half of PWD's are married

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Nearly three-fourths of the PWDs have children

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More than 1 in 10 PWDs became pregnant when they were teenagers.
Current Use of Family Planning Kenya

- Any Method: 46 (All Females) 16 (PWDs)
- Modern Method: 39 (All Females) 13 (PWDs)
- Traditional Method: 6 (All Females) 2 (PWDs)
Access by PWDs to Medical Services and Information (Percent)

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HIV/AIDS Knowledge of Female PWD's (Percent)

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- Know about HIV/AIDS: 84.4%
- Know how to prevent HIV: 65.5%
- Access to information on HIV/AIDS: 66%
- Ever been tested for HIV: 16.9%
Quote

‘Most of the PWD are not likely to make their personal choices on Family Planning methods, most of their RH decisions are made by their close family members or other relatives or by other people. They are never invited to any awareness meeting or workshop’. FGD
Summary

- Women with disabilities are sexually active
- A big proportion of PWDs are in marital union or in a relationship
- More than one in ten became pregnant when they were teenagers
- Nearly three-fourths have children
Women with disabilities need RH services!

Quote:

Mukobe, physically disabled asks “When you give me condoms to use, do you ever imagine how I’m going to use them when I have no hands... and those who can’t see, how will they know the expiry date..”