

Newsletter from the JIC evaluation team

UPDATE –Baseline Survey Progress

Updates at a glance

The JIC baseline is well on its way and JIC implementation has also started. The baseline questionnaire was completed in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Afya Mzuri and reviewed and approved by the UNZA Social Sciences IRB. The Zambia office of the American Institutes for Research then piloted the questionnaires in 6 schools in Livingstone and finally started the baseline in Livingstone in

March 8 after obtaining permission from the District Education Officer.

The team has completed Livingstone district with 37 schools of which 31 primary and 6 in secondary and a total of 3,196 pupils. In each selected school, the team surveyed all students in either grade 6 (if primary) or grade 11 (if secondary).

The data collection is now on hold due to the school break. The team will move to Choma district to complete the baseline as soon as the break ends on Monday May 15th.

The questionnaire

The questionnaire was completed in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. Below we present the sections of the questionnaire and, for each, some sample questions.

Section in Questionnaire	Sample Questions
Demographics	Data collected here included name, grade, religion, whether mother or father are alive and literate and whether student lives with mother or father
Contraceptives	Have you heard about possible ways to prevent pregnancy? These are also called contraceptives or family planning methods. Which ones of the contraceptive below protect both against
Condoms	Birth control pills also protect against STIs Condoms prevent women/ girls from getting pregnant A condom can be used more than once
HIV and AIDS	A healthy looking person can have HIV and AIDS You can get HIV through kissing
STIs	You can always see if somebody has a sexually transmitted infection Sexually transmitted infections can never be cured
Sex	In the last six months, did you visit a health clinic to talk about issues relating to sex or pregnancy prevention? Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
HIV Testing	Have you ever been tested for HIV? Where did you get tested for HIV?
Youth-friendly corners	Have you ever heard of a youth friendly corner at the health facility? What are youth friendly corners?

Why ACASI?

The questionnaire was conducted through audio computer assisted self-interview (ACASI). ACASI software systems are especially well suited for collecting sensitive data on topics such as alcohol and illegal drug use or sexual behavior. ACASI was selected for this survey because it allows participants to privately answer sensitive personal questions on a

computer, tablet or phone with headphones. This minimized data entry errors and saved on time considering the number of pupils that had to take the survey. ACASI also ensures that the questionnaire is delivered in the exact same way to each participant. It also allowed students with literacy problems to be part of the survey because they could use the audio option.



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Current results

Out of the 3,196 pupils interviewed 2,523 were grade 6 pupils and 52.4% were female. Below are some preliminary descriptive statistics- keep in mind they are only from half of the baseline.

	Secondary		Primary	
Knowledge on Contraceptives and Condoms				
Ever heard of contraceptives	663	91%	2429	65%
Knows that contraceptives are free at government clinics	415	9%	1268	53%
Believes that only married women should use contraceptives	487	44%	1288	56%
Believes that men have the right to determine when a woman should get pregnant	479	36%	1341	62%
Believes that correctly using a condom prevents pregnancy	531	88%	1344	62%
Believe condoms prevent HIV/AIDS	621	76%	2288	68%
Believes that if a woman uses a condom she does not trust her partner	631	18%	2226	62%
Knowledge on HIV and STI's				
Believes that you cannot get HIV the first time you have sex	608	15%	2212	46%
Has comprehensive knowledge of HIV	673	65%	2523	19%
Heard of STI's before	668	92%	2419	68%
Believes that MC reduces the probability of contracting HIV	584	95%	1410	74%
Sexual Experience				
Had sexual intercourse	645	19%	2375	20%
Used condom last time	113	67%	465	58%
Have ever tested for HIV	663	61%	2435	41%

Notes: SD in italics. Comprehensive HIV Knowledge: Following the DHS 2014 we have created an index of comprehensive HIV knowledge using the following true/false questions: 1. A healthy looking person can have HIV and AIDS; 2. HIV/AIDS can be transmitted by mosquitoes.; 3. You can get HIV/AIDS by sharing food with a person who has AIDS, 4. You can get HIV/AIDS because of witchcraft. A person is characterized as having comprehensive HIV knowledge if answers correctly to all 4 questions.

Next Steps

The baseline survey will continue once schools open in May and will go on up to sometime in June. We will continue to keep you informed as the data collection proceeds.