

1 On the Comparative Analysis of Determinant Factors on the use 2 of Condom among Nigerian Youths

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7 **Abstract**

8 Condom use during sexual intercourse has been ascertained to be a good contraceptive
9 method that reduces the spread of HIV/STDs. Youths which constitute a high proportion of
10 Nigerians will be at risk of HIV/STDs if they miss the mark to use condom and more research
11 should focus on how to encourage sexually active youth in protected sexually activities. This
12 study utilized NARHS 2007 survey dataset. It focused on sample of males and females age
13 15-24 years living in regular households in rural and urban area in Nigeria. The dependent
14 variables were lifetimes and current use of condom. Data was analysed using Chi-square and
15 logistic regression ($\alpha=5.0$)

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17 **Index terms**— condom, sex, HIV/AIDS, chi-square, logistic regression.

18 **1 Introduction**

19 The epidemic could increase at an exponential rate in Nigeria unless adequate national and regional responses are
20 mounted to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS.

21 According to Kaiser Family Foundation 2005, teens and young adults are in the centre of the epidemic because
22 young people ages 15-24 account for approximately half of new adult HIV/AIDS infections that is the majority
23 of those infected with HIV/AIDS has been affected with this virus before 25 years of age and 28% of the global
24 total adults living with HIV/AIDS. Also United Nations Population Fund (2007) confirmed that young people
25 are at the centre of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in terms of rates of infection, vulnerability and of the 1.5 billion
26 young people worldwide, 11.8 million are estimated to be living with HIV. It is also reported that every day,
27 between 5,000-6,000 young people (ages 15-24) contract HIV and that many of them still lack comprehensive and
28 correct knowledge about to prevent the infection.

29 It is generally known that youths sometimes adopted the use of condom during sexual intercourse and the
30 factors that necessitate condom usage among the youths during sexual activities serve as the determinants of
31 condom usage. The determinants of condom use among youths on compulsory paramilitary national service in
32 Nigeria were documented to include influence of sexual partner, availability of condom, and self-efficacy of condom.
33 (Sunmola A.M, Olley B. ??, et al. 2007). Also, the major mode of HIV/AIDS transmission is through heterosexual
34 intercourse in most part of the globe, including Nigeria. The estimated number of unwanted pregnancies and
35 unsafe abortions in the country presents state can be outlining. The projection of unwanted pregnancies and
36 unsafe abortion to maternal morbidity and mortality in the country is very high ??WHO, 2005).

37 Globally, around half the people who acquire HIV become infected before they turn 25 years and they die before
38 their 35th birthday (Worldwide HIV and AIDS Statistics Commentary, 2006). Thus, many people are sexually
39 active and without adequate information to protect themselves. Therefore, this study will help to investigate the
40 basic characteristics that influence the use of condom among Nigeria youths (15 to 24 years old). That is, to
41 determine the prevalence of youths who had ever used condom, to determine the background characteristics that
42 is likely to enhance the use of condom by the youths and to examine the sexual risk factors that may influence
43 condom use among the youths.

5 RESULTS

44 (NARHS), 2007 with a (three level) multi-stage sampling targeted at selecting eligible persons in each sphere
45 (states) with equal probabilities. Comprehensive report of the methodologies involved in data collection is
46 available on the publication of the original data collector for details on the sampling procedures and validation
47 of the study instruments.

48 In the original sample 11,521 respondents were interviewed. Nevertheless, this study focused on youths aged
49 15-24 years, setting these inclusion criteria reduced the number of youth in the sample to 3,138. However, the
50 number of youths who had ever had sexual intercourse whether vaginal, oral, anal or combination of any of them
51 was found to be 787 and youths who currently use condom among those that were sexually active was 568.

52 Two dependent variables were used in this study are; ever use of condom among the total study sample and
53 currently use of condom among sexually active which is a subset of the studied sample. The variables was recoded
54 into two categories; Condom = 1 and Otherwise = 0. The ever use of condom shows the level of condom use
55 at any point in time in one lifetime while Current use of condom shows the present level of preventing sexually
56 transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancies among youths in Nigeria.

57 2 III.

58 3 Data Analysis Procedures

59 Data were analyses using Stata software version 12.0. The analysis began with Chi-square tests to establish
60 associations in the selected variables. Afterwards Logistic regression was used for the outcome variables lifetime
61 user and current user to determine the strength of significant explanatory variables the youth.

62 4 a) Chi-Square Test

63 The chi-square test is used to determine whether there is a significant difference between the expected frequencies
64 and the observed frequencies in one or more categories. Is this difference between the expected and observed
65 due to sampling error, or is it a real difference. Chi-Square Test requirements are: quantitative data, one or
66 more categories, independent observations, adequate sample size (at least 10), Simple random sample, data in
67 frequency form and all observations must be used.

68 The chi-Square formula: $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$ (2)

69 Where O = Observed Frequency in each category E = Expected Frequency in the corresponding category
70 $df = \text{degree of freedom } (n-1)$ χ^2 = Chi Square b) Logistic Regression

71 In the family of generalized linear models which contained models for categorical responses as well as standard
72 models for continuous responses, the most important case is logistic regression, which is a linear model for the
73 log it transformation of a binomial parameter. Binary logistic regression is a form of regression which is used
74 when the dependent variable is dichotomy and the independent variables are of any type (i.e qualitative or
75 quantitative) while Multinomial logistic regression is design to handle the case of more than two categories of
76 dependent variable. When ranking of multiple classes of the dependent variable is put in place, then ordinal
77 logistic regression is preferred to multinomial logistic regression. It should be noted that continuous variables
78 cannot be used as dependents in logistic regression. So also there can be only one dependent variable in logit
79 regression. Its predict a dependent variable on the basis of continuous and/or categorical independent variables
80 and to determine the percent of variance in the dependent variable explained by the independents; to rank the
81 relative importance of independents; to assess interaction effects; and to understand the impact of covariate
82 control variables.

83 Logistic regression applies maximum likelihood estimation after transforming the dependent into logit variable
84 (the natural log of the odds of the dependent occurring or not). In which case, logistic regression estimates the
85 probability of a certain event occurring. And it calculates changes in the log odds of the independent but not
86 changes in the dependent itself as ordinary least square does.

87 Logistic regression has many similarities to ordinary least square: logit coefficients correspond to β coefficients
88 in the logistic regression equation, the standardized logit coefficient correspond to beta weights, and a R² statistic
89 is available to summarize the strength of the relationship unlike ordinary least square. However, logistic regression
90 does not assume linearity of relationship between the independent variables; the dependent does not require
91 normally distributed variables, does not assume homoscedasticity and generally has less stringent requirement.
92 In which case, logistic regression requires that observations are independent and that the log it of the independent
93 variables is linearly related to dependent.

94 The logistic regression model is given as: $\ln(\frac{O}{E}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_n X_n$ or IV.

95 5 Results

96 The mean age and standard deviation of the respondents is 19.6 ± 2.8 . This data shows that a quarter (25.1%) of
97 the respondent had ever used condom in their lifetime while more than three-quarter (72.2%) of those that had ever
98 used condom are still currently using condom. All the background characteristics were found to be significantly
99 ($P < 0.05$) associated with lifetime use of condom except marital status but marital status and gender was found
100 to be significantly associated with current use of condom. Older youth aged 20 -24 years (35.7%) were lifetime
101 users of condom compared to younger youths aged 15-19 years (13.6%). Youths living in the rural location were

102 slightly higher 27.81% than youths in the urban location (23.1%). The South South zone reported the highest
103 lifetime use of condom (38.1%), followed by the South West (32%) while it was reported least in the North West
104 zone of the country (6.1%). Also, males use of condom was found to higher than that of females (28.3% vs.
105 20.7%) while married youth used condom in lifetime than singles. Lifetime condom use by education reveals a
106 trend; the higher the education, the more the use of condoms amongst these youth. The proportion of Christians
107 using condom are about twice the proportion of Muslims making use of condoms (31% vs. 14.4%).

108 Furthermore, younger youth aged 15-19 years who are currently using condom (77.5%) is more than older
109 youth aged 20-24 years(70.3%) who are lifetime use of condom were still currently using condom. The proportion
110 of current use of condoms between rural and urban location were similar (73.1% vs. 71.3%). More so, current use
111 of condom across the zone was highest in the South South region (74.3%) and least in the North West (55.6%). A
112 higher percentage (78.5%) of the male youths was more than females (60.6%) currently uses condom while married
113 youths (78.1%) also have a higher use compared to unmarried youths (48.1%). Similarly, higher proportion of
114 those that use condom currently were found to be more educated. In investigating the association between
115 lifetime condom use and selected behavioural characteristics, youths with two or more partners representing
116 69.8% is significantly associated with lifetime use of condoms compared to youths that professed to have just one
117 sexual partner (44.1%). Perceived risk of contracting HIV/AIDS is also associated with lifetime use of condoms
118 among the youths while the proportion of perception is higher among the perceived high risk group. Again,
119 both alcohol use and drug use is associated with lifetime use of condoms. The result shows that 54.1% of youths
120 who takes alcohol and 49.1% who takes drugs were significantly higher than those who do not take any of these
121 substances. A similar scenario is observed among youths that currently use condom but there was no significant
122 association for perceived risk of HIV/AIDS and drugs intake. Current use of condom was higher among youths
123 with 2 or more sexual partners (88%) than those with only one sexual partner (71%). A majority (85%) of the
124 youths rate their chances of getting HIV/AIDS as high and there was a decreasing pattern observed in these
125 proportions as perceived risk decreases expressed by the youths that rate their chance of contracting HIV/AIDS.
126 Also, there was a significant association between youths that currently use condom and alcohol intake (82.5%)
127 and a similar proportion of 82% was observe among drugs users but not statistically significant.

128 **6 Variables**

129 V.

130 **7 Multivariate Analysis**

131 In Table 3, older youths aged 20 -24 years were 4times more likely to used condom compare to younger youths.
132 Across the six geo-political zones; youth in the South South are 7times more likely to use condom in their lifetime
133 compare to youth in North west, follow by North west (put no of times here in bracket) and North Central youth
134 who are six times more likely, also South East youth are about 4times more likely and lastly North East youth
135 are 2times more likely to used condom in their lifetime. Female are less likely to used condom in their lifetime
136 compare to male since the questions was centred on 'Have you ever used male condom', the probability that
137 female will use it is zero ($= -0.524$? $?$ 0). The higher the education level, the more youths are likely to use
138 condom that is youth tends to lifetime use of condom as they go higher in their educational attainment compare
139 to youth who do not have any academic background. It was also observed that the odds of youth who practice
140 Christianityis 2times more compare to Muslim youth. Youth with multiple sexual partners are more like compare
141 to youth with single partner. The odds of youth with high risk perception of contracting HIV/AIDS decreases
142 by 25% though it is not statistically significant and youth with low risk perception of HIV/AIDS are significantly
143 more likely to lifetime use of condom compare to youth that reported no perceived risk of HIV/AIDS. Youth
144 that takes alcohol and drugs are more likely compare to those who do not.

145 However for current use of condom, the odds of female decreases by 40% compare to male since the questions
146 was centred on 'Do you still use male condom in the last 12month', the probability that female will use it is
147 zero ($= -0.516$? $?$ 0). An interesting thing is that marital status which has no significant association with the
148 lifetime use of condom was significant in current use of condom. Youths who are not married are 3times more
149 likely to current use condom compared to married youths. This shows that older youths who are married do not
150 use condom to prevent pregnancy. Youths with multiple sexual partners are 3times more likely to be current
151 condom users compare to youth with single partner and lastly those that take alcohol are significantly more likely
152 compare to those who do not take at all. VI.

153 **8 Discussion**

154 In spite of the high level on the awareness and knowledge of condom use around the globe, a greater proportion
155 of youth still do not make use of it. According to Oyediran K.A., 2003, the effects of awareness of HIV/AIDS as
156 a major determinant of condom use in Nigeria is the fact that the major motivating factor for condom use among
157 monogamous married males was prevention of pregnancy and not prevention of STIs. This draws an alarm on
158 the needs to encourage youths through health talk, media shows, public seminar/workshop and other awareness
159 forum on the danger, benefit and usefulness of condom to their health. Though condom was design primarily
160 for family planning purpose but as AIDS epidemic is on the increase in recent times, condom use play a vital

10 CONCLUSION

161 role in AIDS prevention campaigns and it has been reported in research work that condom can reduce the risk
162 of contacting HIV/AIDS. Also United Nations Population Fund (2007) confirmed that young people are at the
163 centre of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in terms of rates of infection, vulnerability and of the 1.5 billion young people
164 worldwide, 11.8 million are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS. It is also reported that every day between
165 5,000 to 6,000 young people (ages 15-24years) contract HIV and that many of them still lack comprehensive and
166 correct knowledge on how to prevent the infection.

167 This research found that all the respondents (100.0%) aged 15 to 24years had heard of condom which agrees
168 with Omorepie, G., study while one quarter of the youth had use condom in their lifetime and the three-quarter
169 of those who had used condom are current user. About 60% of the youth reported they have no risk perception
170 of HIV/AIDS, 37% indicated low risk perception and 3% with high risk perception. This was the main reason to
171 examine if the use of condom depends on the background (demographic) characteristics. The chi square test of
172 independence had reveals the association between lifetime use of condom and current use of condom with youth
173 background characteristics and selected behavioural characteristics. Age group, location, geo-political zone, sex,
174 Education level, religion, number of sexual partner, perceived risk of HIV/AIDS, alcoholic intake and drugs intake
175 were found to be significantly associated with the lifetime use of condom while sex, marital status, number of
176 sexual partner and alcoholic intake were found to be significantly associated with the current use of condom.

177 Modelling the relationship of significant individual independent variables to the outcome variable-lifetime use
178 and older youths aged 20 -24 years were 4times more likely to used condom compare to younger youths. Across
179 the six geo-political zones; youth in the South South are 7times more likely to use condom in their lifetime
180 compare to youth in North west, follow by South west (6times) and North Central youth who are six times more
181 likely, also South East youth are about 4times more likely and lastly North East youth are 2times more likely
182 to used condom in their lifetime. Female are less likely to used condom in their lifetime compare to male since
183 the questions was centred on 'Have you ever used male condom', the odds that female will use condom is less
184 likely (0.6times). The higher the education level, the more youths are likely to use condom that is youth tends
185 to lifetime use of condom as they go higher in their educational attainment compare to youth who do not have
186 any academic background. It was also observed that the odds of youth who practice Christianity is 2times more
187 partner. The odds of youth with high risk perception of contracting HIV/AIDS decreases by 25% though it is not
188 statistically significant and youth with low risk perception of HIV/AIDS are significantly more likely to lifetime
189 use of condom compare to youth that reported no perceived risk of HIV/AIDS. Youth that takes alcohol and
190 drugs are more likely compare to those who do not. Thus, a logistic model was fit for the significant background
191 and the selected behavioural characteristics.

192 However for current use of condom, the odds of female decreases by 40% compare to male since the questions
193 was centred on 'Do you still use male condom in the last 12month', the odds that female will use condom is still
194 less likely (0.6times). An interesting thing is that marital status which has no significant association with the
195 lifetime use of condom was significant in current use of condom. Youths who are not married are 3times more
196 likely to current use condom compared to married youths; this can be traced back to a study in Zimbabwe that
197 measures the change in HIV prevalence and sexual behaviour between 1998 and 2003. This shows that older
198 youths who are married are not current user of condom supported by Meekers et al., 2003. Youths with multiple
199 sexual partners are 3times more likely to be current condom users compare to youth with single partner and
200 lastly those that take alcohol are significantly more likely compare to those who do not take at all.

201 9 VII.

202 10 Conclusion

203 Noticeably awareness and knowledge is not the hindrance but the low prevalence of lifetime use of condom can be
204 traced to other numerous factors which the scope of this study cannot encompass. The background characteristics
205 that are likely to enhance the use of condom for both lifetime use and current use differ. The lifetime use of
206 condom was boost by all the demographic variables used except the marital status while current use of condom
207 lean towards youth sex (gender), marital status, number of sexual partner and alcohol intake.

208 In order of eradicating HIV/AIDS, there is a need for sound education not watered one to the youths who are
209 sexually active and Parents at large. Also, It will be a great phenomenon if Governments, Non-Governmental
210 Organizations and other service providers place importance in dealing with the problem of HIV/ AIDS pandemic,
211 especially sexually active youths in safe sex practice. ^{1 2}

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Variables	Lifetime use of condom				Current Use of condom	
	Yes	? 2 -	p-value	Yes	? 2 -	p-value
Age			205.015	0.000		
15-19	13.6(1506)			77.5(204)		
20-24	35.7(1632)			70.3(583)		
Location		8.894	0.003		0.276	0.600
Rural	27.8(1309)			73.1(364)		
Urban	23.1(1829)			71.4(423)		
Zone		198.249	0.000		7.468	0.188
North West	6.1(445)			55.6(27)		
North East	11.0(336)			59.5(37)		
North Central	25.9(591)			73.6(159)		
South West	32.3(679)			72.6(219)		
South East	23.1(463)			72.9(107)		
South South	38.1(624)			74.4(238)		
Sex		23.555	0.000		28.956	0.000
Male	28.3(1793)			78.5(508)		
Female	20.7(1345)			60.6(279)		
Marital Status		0.469	0.493		56.249	0.000
Single	24.8(596)			48.1(156)		
Married	26.2(2542)			78.1(631)		
Education		133.993	0.000		7.359	0.061
None	7.7(92.3)			70.0(20)		
Primary	17.3(433)			62.7(75)		
Secondary	25.6(2134)			71.6(546)		
Tertiary	46.8(312)			79.5(146)		
Religion		113.590	0.000		9.124	0.725
Islam	14.3(1160)			71.1(166)		
Christianity	31.4(1978)			72.2(621)		

Figure 1: Table 1 :

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	P> z	Lifetime use of condom		Current Use of condom P> z Exp(?) 95% CI for Exp(?)
		Exp(?)	95% CI for Exp(?)	
Aged 20-24	0.000*	3.87318	(3.19319, 4.69798)	
Rural	0.053	0.83075	(0.68864, 1.00218)	
North East	0.032***	1.79576	(1.05087, 3.06886)	
North Central	0.000*	5.61596	(3.55281, 8.87723)	
South West	0.000*	6.04396	(3.83958, 9.51393)	
South East	0.000*	3.50062	(2.12067, 5.77851)	
South south	0.000*	7.20155	(4.45901, 11.6309)	
Female	0.000*	0.59206	(0.49233, 0.71200)	0.0040559664(0.42000, 0.84758)
Married				0.0003.11070(2.09880, 4.61049)
Primary	0.155	1.50018	(0.85797, 2.62311)	
Secondary	0.009**	1.97598	(1.18676, 3.29004)	
Tertiary	0.000*	3.59880	(2.06699, 6.26579)	
Christianity	0.000*	1.70773	(1.33539, 2.18390)	
Multiple partner	0.000*	2.57761	(1.92723, 3.44747)	0.0002.73494(1.72287, 4.34153)
Low risk	0.012***	1.35267	(1.06791, 1.71335)	
High risk	0.282	0.74360	(0.43347, 1.27561)	
Alcohol intake	0.000*	2.44218	(1.83085, 3.25763)	0.0141.71632(1.11695, 2.63732)
Drugs intake	0.485	1.31142	(0.61123, 2.81370)	

[Note: * Significant at 0.1%; **Significant at 1%; *** Significant at 5%]

Figure 2: Table 3 :

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