Impact of Demand Generation on Voluntary Vasectomy

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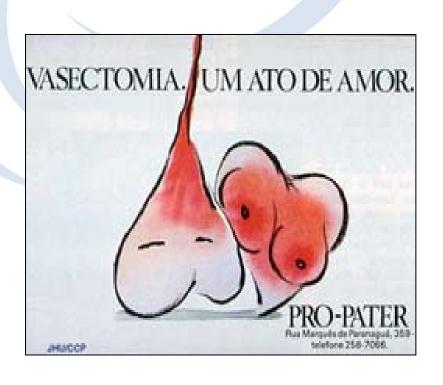


Having a little fun





Brazil Shifting Machismo to Responsibility



*Imagine:

Promoting male responsibility in a culture celebrating machismo

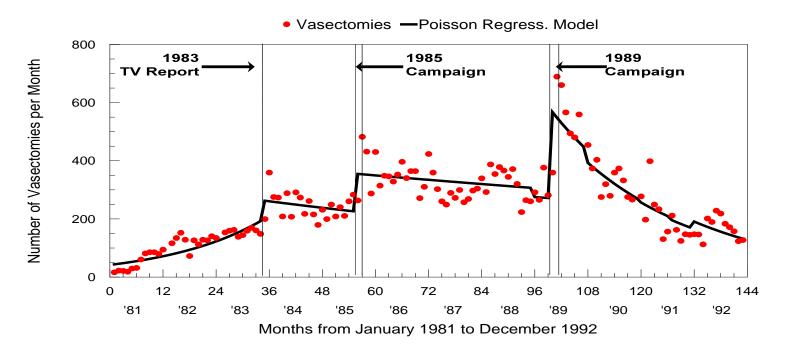
*Challenge: Motivating men to get a vasectomy





Effect of Communication on Vasectomy Uptake

Effect of Media Events on Number of Vasectomies Performed per Month and Poisson Regression, Pro-Pater Clinic, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1981-1992



Source: Kincaid and others (1996) JHU/SPH/CCP & PRO-PATER









India: Spotlight on the Client





PEER Approach to Vasectomy in Uttar Pradesh, INDIA

1. Identify:

- Knowledge, attitudes, & perceptions
- How best to support positive attitudes & acceptability
- How those with vasectomy are perceived by community members
- 2. Understand quality of care issues
- Assess nature of spousal communication around FP
- Identify best ways to frame benefits and tailor messages to promote vasectomy





The RESPOND Project Study Series: Contributions to Global Knowledge

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Factors Affecting Acceptance of Vasectomy in Uttar Pradesh: Insights from Community-Based, Participatory Qualitative Research

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Emergent Themes

- Wife is initiator but husbands often reject FP
- Common belief that FP is concern of women; men actively uninterested
- Resistance to NSV ↑ among men & women
- 5 Main Barriers
 - Extreme fear of weakness (biggest factor)
 - Impact on sexual performance
 - 3. Fear procedure
 - 4. Fear of failure: severe consequences for woman, charges of infidelity & eviction
 - Availability of other methods







Translating research to strategy

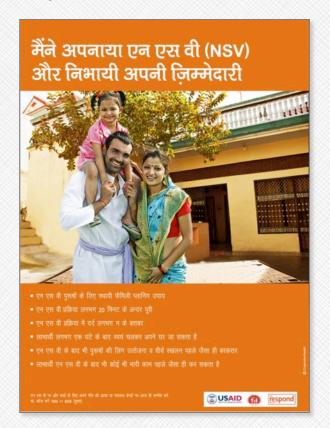
- 1. Focus primarily on couples who have completed their family size
- Promote NSV as option for couples who want to limit at or soon after birth of 2nd and/or 3rd child (PPFP)
- 3. ASHAs (CHWs) key link
- 4. Address barriers in messages
 - Powerful testimonials with simple assurances from qualified doctors
- 5. Sharing positive testimonials
 - Emphasize permanence of NSV with man's continued ability to work & provide for family
 - Build on perception that only strong/courageous men undergo NSV reposition as manly
 - Promote simple, painless, & stitch-free nature—avoid use of "operation"
- 6. Focus on men directly





Demand-side Approaches

- Supported to NRHM, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand in improving messaging
- IPC skills building sessions with ASHAs and satisfied acceptors
- Ongoing Coaching of ASHAs and satisfied acceptors
- Developed NSV movie
- Distributed posters and brochures on NSV
- Radio spots to increase awareness and acceptance of NSV







Key Messages

- NSV does not cause physical weakness
 - Explain it is not major surgery; no major blood loss involved
 - No incision; hence no suture; confirm with doctor before accepting NSV
- NSV is a simple procedure; completed in 10-20 minutes
 - Client can go home on his own in an hour after NSV
- NSV does not cause sexual weakness
 - NSV does not affect sexual performance
 - Can talk with satisfied acceptor







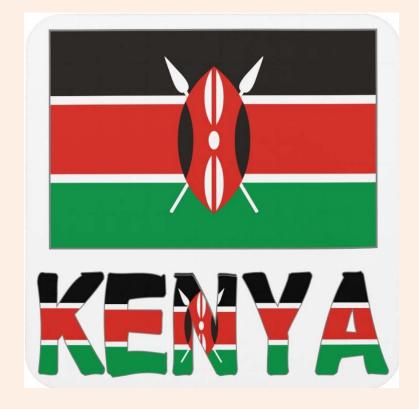
Impact



- Uttar Pradesh: 44 facilities supported in 9 intervention districts
- Jharkhand: 19 facilities supported in 3 districts
- 3 fold increase in NSV acceptance (2% to 11%) in 9 UP project districts
- Jharkhand: significant increases in West Singhbhoom, Bokaro and Ranchi
- No cases of complications reported in 2012 from any project districts







World Vasectomy Day 2016





Generating Support for Vasectomy

 Springboard event focused on vasectomy, gender and SBCC



- Hosted by Kenya Health Communication Network (Springboard COP)
- 40 SBCC practitioners from INGOs, Gov't and local orgs
- Active discussion on male involvement in FP, importance of couple communication, addressing barriers/misconceptions
- 760 page views on Springboard site
- 115,540 people reached through social media/twitter





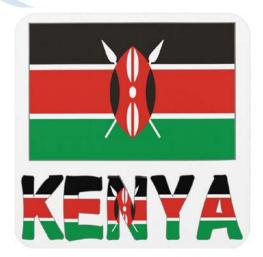
Power of Stories

- K4Health published 8 stories related to male engagement on FP Voices leading up to World Vasectomy Day
- Collected 13 stories from World Vasectomy Day participants
 - Students
 - Providers
 - Partners
 - Clients
- Collected 6 additional stories with other partners in Nairobi



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Summary

- Moving men from interest to uptake is feasible
- Essential to gain depth of understanding of male experience, gender constructs and virility
- Engaging men and women in personalized discussions on benefits of vasectomy works
- Modeling supportive norms such as couple communication is effective
- Multi-channel approaches work
- Ensure men have positive service experience during