

Contribution 1:

hey!!!

I know I am quite late in contributing this week but comp was down and hey better late than never :)

I am in complete agreement with the use of radio as an effective tool of communication for all the reasons discussed so far except one: ANONYMITY.

Recently we had workshop in Peshawar, Pakistan in a medical college regarding 'child sexual abuse prevention'. Pakistan is a Muslim country with conservative notions and many subjects, esp. those related to reproductive health and sexual behaviour are considered a taboo. So in this workshop, in an action planning session, one participant suggested the use of anonymous hotlines on radio (including campus station) for advocacy and as an outlet for those who wouldn't come out in the open but would share their stories and experience so others can relate to it. Even abusers may come forward as well under the cover of anonymity and one could try to understand the dynamics of the issue with appropriate referrals for alleviation (NGOs, Psychologists, etc.)

Just thought I should share that!

Looking forward to following the next discussion. Excellent work. Keep it up!

Take care

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Contribution 2:

Here are the answers to the last 2 questions

1. In your opinion, who should determine what behaviors should be considered positive and what behaviors should be considered negative?

In my opinion, decisions should be made individually and freely without any pressure by the society. Behaviors should be considered positively when they are with the value statements based on the policy framework, and negatively when they are against these value statements.

2. The mass media are clearly powerful. Who should determine how this power should be used with regard to setting sexual and reproductive health norms?

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The policy makers, religious leaders, community leaders and the youth members in the country depend on the culture of the society have the right to determine how this power should be used.

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