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- The Internet as a Reliable Source of Sexual and Reproductive
- Health Information among Rural School-Aged Children in Oaxaca, Mexico
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9 Abstract

Background: Correct and culturally relevant sexual and reproductive health knowledge among children and adolescents is a key component to a healthy life. In Mexico, a country plagued with a teen pregnancy epidemic, sexuality education in the public-school system begins in 4th grade. Our study aims were to characterize the sexual and reproductive health knowledge of middle school students from Oaxaca, and its association with belonging to an indigenous group, gender, sources of sexual and reproductive health information, and parents? level of schooling. Methods: Cross-sectional study. Students responded to a multiple-choice paper and pencil selfadministered survey on sexual and reproductive health knowledge. Our sample included 245 middleschool students (51.4

Index terms— sexual and reproductive health; oaxaca; mexico; enrolled school children, the internet and reproductive health knowledge among children and adolescents is a key component to a healthy life. In Mexico, a country plagued with a teen pregnancy epidemic, sexuality education in the public-school system begins in 4th grade. Our study aims were to characterize the sexual and reproductive health knowledge of middle school students from Oaxaca, and its association with belonging to an indigenous group, gender, sources of sexual and reproductive health information, and parents' level of schooling.

Methods: Cross-sectional study. Students responded to a multiple-choice paper and pencil self-administered survey on sexual and reproductive health knowledge. Our sample included 245 middle-school students (51.4% were female) enrolled in rural school's 7 th , 8 th , and 9 th grade. Survey contents were based on the Ministry of Education textbooks.

Results: Failing scores in individual sections and diagrams were associated with gender and self-identifying as belonging to an indigenous group. Students obtained higher scores in the knowledge-based technical sections vs diagrams. n 2018, Mexico hosted over 22 million adolescents [1] with a fertility rate of 70.6. [2] In 2014, the latter was calculated at 77, representing live births and no record of pregnancies ending in abortion. [3]The country's teen pregnancy epidemic (highest among member countries of the Organization for Economic ??ooperation and Development) has not yet fully comprehended and addressed by the government. [4] Oaxaca, a state neighboring Central America, is one of the poorest regions, with a population of 3, 976, 297 [5], of which 65.7% belong to over ten indigenous groups [6] and protestant religions. [7] In a 2015 census, they reported over 800,000 adolescents (10-19 years) and in 2018, 12,127 births were registered to women aged 15-19. [8] Approximately 70% of students in Latin America (LA) do not have access to comprehensive sexual education. A study in five LA countries showed that increasing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) literacy can prevent multiple pregnancies as high school dropouts tend to perpetuate the vicious cycle of teen mothers. The chances of experiencing teen pregnancy increased to 53% among adolescents who had no knowledge of their ovulatory cycle and had never used any form of contraception. [9] Unintended pregnancy leads to a gender-inequity gap that widens and perpetuates the

intergenerational poverty cycle. [10] According to UNESCO, "early and unintended pregnancy prevention is one piece of a bigger puzzle", where an effective response from the education sector is needed so adolescents can access quality sexuality education. [11] This is an exploratory, cross-sectional study aimed at documenting adolescent's knowledge on SRH and its correlates with sample characteristics, to better understand the context in which students' from a disadvantaged rural population access information about human sexuality, sexual anatomy, and physiology; reproduction; contraception; as well as correct condom and contraceptive use. We aimed to determine an association between failing scores of enrolled students in knowledge-based and diagrams of the male and female reproductive systems. Assess if their reported sources of information regarding SRH, i.e., parents, teachers, health care centers and the internet, affect their scores.

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2 Methods

The research team traveled to Oaxaca to meet with the Ministry of Education and school district municipal representatives to explain the study, request authorization to survey middle school students (grades 7 th -9 th , 12-14 years) regarding unmet SRH information needs. The ad-hoc study questionnaire was drafted in collaboration with local partners and adapted to the local context. We carried out a pilot phase among students attending the same school years. As students were underage, we convened a meeting with parents and school principals to obtain informed consent, given the sensitive nature of some questions. We began data collection with partners from Oaxaca State University. All 245 students (male and female) enrolled in grades 7 th , 8 th , and 9 th were eligible and invited to participate, the survey content was explained, and consent requested. All students agreed and signed an informed consent form. Our response rate was 100%. We selected 3 public middle schools located in the Tlacolula, Etla, and Centro school districts. We used convenience sampling and selection bias was addressed by selecting similar public schools (State of Oaxaca Human Development Index (HDI): 0.67; San PedroIxtlahuaca HDI: 0.64-0.70; San Juan del Estado HDI: 0.64-0.70; San Sebastián Teitipac HDI: 0.59-0.64), [12] and geographically distant while belonging to the region. Fieldwork started after the study protocol was submitted to UNAM's Internal Review Board and approved: FM-DI-028-2017.

Ours was a cross-sectional study that included a multiple-choice paper and pencil self-administered survey with 9 questions covering demographics, 24 questions divided in 3 sections assessing technical knowledge and 5 diagrams. Every participant received colored diagrams, a response sheet, and a survey booklet. Diagram design followed international guidelines. [13,14] (Appendix A). Section 1: female sexuality (Q#1-7), Section 2: male sexuality (Q#8-12), Section 3: modern contraceptive methods (MCM), sources of SRH information (Q# [13][14][15][16][17][18] ??19][20][21][22]. Diagrams were subdivided into five categories: a) female reproductive system (FRS), b)male reproductive system (MRS), c) anatomical placement of MCM, d) diagrams associated with MCM, and e) 9 steps for correct male condom placement. Sections and diagrams were scored as follows; a failing score included having <60% of incorrect questions. Each question in every section was scored individually, and we obtained a score for the entire survey (3 sections). For the diagram illustrating correct condom placement, students had to correctly identify all 9 to score it correctly. Students took on average 60 minutes to respond to the survey, and we stood by to respond to questions/queries. Students had a day off to participate and answer the survey in their classroom during routine school hours. Survey questions were based on public textbooks from grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. In Mexico, sexuality education begins in the public-school system in grade school four, according to the Ministry of Public Education SRH guidelines. Our questions were based on textbooks and included the minimal level of information every student needs to cover before graduating and enroll in their current school year (Appendix B). We included information only covered in grade 7 because the recent education reform does not include health sciences in grades 8 and 9 (peak years for teen pregnancy). Analysis included all 245 students. We describe sample characteristics, family structure, belonging to an indigenous group, family structure, parents' level of schooling, and year currently enrolled in students classified as failing in the three individual sections, the entire survey, and the diagrams. Variables were included as frequencies and proportions and we determined their association with failing scores using chi-square tests. The dependent variable was obtaining a failing score in individual sections and a failing score for the entire survey and the diagrams. Sample characteristics and sources of SRH information were considered independent variables. We used logistic regression models and the probability of failing associated with sample characteristics and sources of SRH information. Alpha levels were set at 0.05, we calculated odd ratios and carried out statistical analysis, SPSS v. 25. [15] Diagram 1: Female reproductive system

3 Results

The school distribution for all 245 students was school A; 50.6% (n=124, 48.4 female), school B; 32.2% (n=79, 45.6% female) and school C; 17.1% (n=42, 71.4% female). We did not find significant differences across schools in total failing scores (p>0.05). All 245 students that were invited to participate responded to the selfadministered survey, with a 100% response rate. 51.4% were women; mean age was 13.06 (SD=1.0, p=0.061).

34.3% were currently enrolled in 7 th , 30.2% in 8 th and 35.5% in 9 th grade. The gender distribution across all years was similar (p>0.05) (Table ??). Only 12.5% (14 women, 15 men) self-identified as belonging to an indigenous group (we did not enquire language spoken at home, last name, the region of origin, nor skin

color). [16] 76.8% of mothers and 77.7% of fathers had completed at least 10 years of schooling (above the 7.5 state average). [17] Table ?? Prevalence failing scores per individual sections were FRS (15.9%), MRS (24.9%), knowledge of MCM (30.6%), and failing score for the entire survey was 34.3%. Table 2 describes the failing scores per section, failing scores for the entire survey and associations by sample characteristics. Failing scores for the FRS were associated with gender and belonging to an indigenous group (p<0.05). Failing scores for knowledge of MCM were associated with gender and mother's age (p<0.05). Failing scores for the entire survey were associated with gender and belonging to an indigenous group (p<0.05). All failing scores in individual sections and the entire survey were associated with students' year of enrollment, with a higher proportion of students in grade 7th with failing scores (individual and total scores). Students responses to section B included diagrams displaying the anatomical representation of the female and MRS, the anatomical placement and visual recognition of MCM, and a diagram of correct condom placement. The failing score prevalence for the FRS was 50.2%, for the MRS 44.5%, for anatomical placement of MCM 64.9%, for visual recognition of MCM 24.5% and for the diagram of correct condom placement; 20.4%. Table 3 shows how the schematic representation of the FRS and the diagram for correct condom placement were associated with the school year currently enrolled in (p<0.05). We found an association among students with failing scores in visual recognition of MCM; 92% of those who failed did not report using the internet as a source of SRH information, and 96% of those who failed the section on correct condom use (p=0.004). We found an association between failing scores in the male and FRS diagrams, and approaching their father as a source of SRH information (p<0.05); however, 34 and 36% of students who approached their father failed both the male and reproductive systems. After bivariate analysis (Appendix C) we carried out the multivariate analysis. Table 4 includes sample characteristics (gender, school year, indigenous group, and source of SRH information) and its association with failing scores in knowledge-based sections. The failing scores for the FRS were associated with gender; males had a five-fold risk of failing this section compared to women (OR 5.12 [CI 95% 2.12-12.37]), self-identifying as belonging to an indigenous group had an approximate four-fold risk of failure (OR 4.50 [CI 95% 1.71-11.8]), being enrolled in higher years 8th or 9th was a protective factor (OR 0.26 [CI 95% 0.10-0.69]) and (OR 0.33 [CI 95% 0.12-0.87]) respectively. Gender was associated with failing the section on knowledge of MCM; men had a two-fold risk of failing (OR 2.16 [CI 95%] 1.20-3.89]). Students who used the Internet as a source for SRH information displayed a protective factor when answering MRS (OR 0.30 [CI 95% 0.10-0.90]). Being male was associated with failing sections on knowledge of MCM (OR 2.16 [CI 95% 1.20-3.89]) and with year enrolled in; when they reach grade 9 (compared to 8th(OR 0.51 [CI 95% 0.26-0.41]) being in school seems to be less protective (OR 0.20 [CI 95% 0.09-0.41]).

Failing scores for the entire survey were associated with gender and indigenous group; men had a (OR 2.23) [CI 90% 1.21-4.09]) and those self-identified as indigenous (OR 2.11 [CI 90% 0.89-5]). For failing scores in the entire survey, being male was also a risk factor and enrolled in 8 th grade (OR 0.26 [CI 95% 0.13-0.54]) and 9 th (OR 0.23 [CI 95% 0.11-0.48]) was protective (Table 4). Gender was not associated with failing scores in students' recognition of diagrams. When students were asked to identify diagrams of the female and MRS, being in 9th grade (vs 7th) was considered a protective factor for not failing the diagrams of the FRS (OR 0.43 [CI 95%] 0.23-0.81]). We found an association between being enrolled in grade 8th and not failing the MRS diagram (OR 0.37 [CI 95% 0.17-0.82]). Students (male and female) who asked their fathers about SRH information compared to those who did not, had an almost two-fold risk of failing the section on the FRS (OR 1.90 [CI 95% 1.05-3.43]) and the MRS (OR 2.48 [CI 95% 1.24-4.96]). Failing scores on anatomical placement of MCM were significantly associated with father's level of schooling; those with completed high school (compared with those with <high school) yielded an (OR 0.49 [CI 95% 0.25-0.95]). Students self-identifying as indigenous had a two-fold risk of failing the visual recognition of MCM (OR 2.38 [CI 95% 1.05-5.42]) and using the internet as a source of reference for this section was a protective factor (OR 0.33 [CI 95% 0.12-0.89]). Lastly, failing scores for correct condom placement were associated with the use of the internet as a source of SRH information as a protective factor(OR 0.18 [CI 95% 0.04-0.81])(Table 5). IV.

4 Discussion

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Our exploratory study describes SRH knowledge among students currently enrolled in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade in a rural public middle school in Oaxaca. We found an association between grade of enrollment and knowledge of male and FRS; school appears to be a protective factor as there is a slight difference between grades 8 and 9, however, knowledge of MCM decreases by grade 9 when they are most in need of information as the median age for adolescent's sexual debut is 15, our participants have scant knowledge of MCM, [18] and Oaxaca is the third state with the highest rate of teen pregnancy.[19] In Mexico, adolescents receive sex education from public schools and most sexuality education topics are covered by middle school. [20,21] While the content would need to be consistent with the grade level, our results show otherwise. Basic knowledge of male and FRS is taught in middle school and reviewed in grade 7 th together with MCM. So as not to create detrimental information gaps, students would need to continue receiving information on MCM during grades 8 and 9 to comply with UNESCO's 2009 guidelines on comprehensive sexuality education curricula. [22] Adolescents face significant challenges when accessing and learning about consistent contraceptive use. We showed ethnic inequities among students selfidentifying as indigenous vs those who do not. In our study, 12.5% of students who self-identified as indigenous (in Oaxaca 65.7% belong to one) had a twofold risk (2.38) of failing the visual recognition of MCM and a four-fold risk of failing the FRS. In 2014 women who spoke an indigenous language reported a higher uptake of

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MCM in their first sexual encounter compared with data from 2009 (4.9% vs 11.8%). The reasons why indigenous women do not access MCM is primarily due to a lack of knowledge of where to obtain them and not knowing how to use them. [23] In our question on correct condom use, only 20% failed, 24.5% failed the visual recognition of MCM and 64.9% failed the anatomical placement of MCM. If students are unable to correctly identify the anatomical site of MCM this will become their strongest barrier to use, together with the fact that they are unable to identify them. The latter is consistent with data from surveys where 84.5% of women report using condoms in the first sexual encounter. [23] As per our results, this may due to their lack of information on other MCM with higher effectiveness rates; Mexican adolescents continue favoring condoms over other effective methods as part of their sexual debut. A third of adolescents (28.6%) who chose not to use a contraceptive method during their first sexual encounter reported "not knowing where to get them or how to use them" [23], which is consistent with the 24.5% of our participants being unable to visually identify MCM. Gender (male) was associated with failing scores in all the knowledge-based sections; FRS and MCM. In contrast, male (50.9%) and female (49.1%) students had similar failing scores in diagrams; both were unable to identify anatomical placement of MCM, visual recognition of MCM showed similar failing scores (50% vs 50%). In traditional societies, the responsibility of contraception is often placed in the hands of women, we may hypothesize that our male participants are failing the knowledge questions because they are replicating the standard where they do not feel it is up to them to prevent a pregnancy; thus are not fully engaged in SRH programs and it appears as if condoms are their only viable alternative. A recent ethnographic study done in rural communities with the highest teen pregnancy rates reports girls also expect their boyfriend/partner will take care of them (i.e., use a MCM) in their first sexual encounter. [24] We also explored the sources of SRH information reported by students. In our multivariate analysis, we did not find an association between failing any section (knowledge and diagrams) and approaching teachers, friends/ boyfriend/girlfriend, and not approaching anyone. We found an association between internet use and knowledge of the MRS, visual recognition of MCM, and correct condom use. Our prevalence of internet use (17%) was high considering that in 2018, 5.3% of rural households in Oaxaca reported having internet access [25]; therefore, we estimate that students may be accessing SRH on their mobile phones. [26] Evidence suggests mobile phones are useful to reach vulnerable populations and have the potential to generate changes in knowledge and behavior. [26,27] We need to implement a strategic approach whereby adolescents access SRH education and services via m Health-use of mobile phones to improve health behaviors and services-a technical area that has witnessed an increased interest and promise in high and middleincome countries. [26] Of all internet users in Oaxaca, 23.6% access it in school and 24% in free public spaces. [25] Despite limited internet access among this population, the internet was considered an adequate learning tool in our study as it provided sufficient knowledge, and its use improved students' scores. It was the most reliable source of SRH information regarding knowledge of the MRS and visual recognition of MCM.

Parents have a unique opportunity to transmit knowledge and information about potential sexual risks and instill confidence and safety around adolescents' sexual choices. [28] Strategies parents adopt regarding SRH have repercussions on adolescent's sexual behavior; however, most parent-adolescent SRH communication research comes from high-income countries, and there is a dearth of information in low-and middle-income countries (LMIC). [29] Adolescents from LMIC, living in rural areas, continue to face social and health challenges. [30] However, in our study, male and female students who approached their father (52.6% had primary school or no schooling) as a source of SRH information, were associated with 1.9 greater risk of failing. In a traditional society such as Oaxaca, what students learn about SRH is taught by their father and not their mother. [31] If parents are sensitized about the risks that adolescence involves, will be easier to promote sexuality education, prevention of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy through more effective parent-adolescent communication strategies, and evidence-based SRH information. [32] Parents need to know that in Mexico, 23% of adolescents begin their sexual life between 12-19 years; of these, 15% of men and 33% of women did not use any MCM in their first sexual encounter. Thus, according to these data, approximately 340,000 births occur per year in women under 19. [33] One of the biggest challenges SRH education has is the way it is taught to children and adolescents. In our study, the biggest hurdle was students' difficulty to correctly identify diagrams of the male and FRS, anatomical placement of MCM, and correct identification of MCM. To promote the inclusion of students from rural areas, we need to implement innovative and effective online teaching methods (i.e., WhatsApp) while acknowledging internet access is poor. A study examined the impact of audio-visual media in SRH knowledge among 153 middle-school students. Findings showed that audiovisual media significantly improves SRH knowledge among adolescents. [34] If our study participants displayed more difficulty in sections involving diagrams (vs the knowledge-based questions), perhaps we must center our efforts on learning tools with graphic and brief content that have the potential to "remain in the minds of those who simply glance at them". [35] In the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the government estimates that between 2020-2021 there will be a 20% increase in teen pregnancies equivalent to 21,575 pregnancies associated with an unmet contraceptive need. [36] If we take into account that: a) schools closed as of March 23, 2020 and education is currently offered via television; b) schools in rural settings traditionally have limited resources, lack adequate infrastructure including trained teachers in charge of providing evidence-based SRH information; c) there has been an increase in school desertion; d) the absence of the lay state complicates the lack of available information parents of adolescents have regarding SRH topics; e) Mexico hosts a teen pregnancy epidemic; f) our study participants had a high percentage of failing scores when asked about SRH topics they had covered during primary school. The latter

points towards a pressing need to promote SRH education at all levels of middle school to help reduce adolescent pregnancy.

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5 Conclusion

The internet must become an alternative learning medium on SRH topics and part of traditional teaching especially because the information our participants receive from their parents is inadequate and was associated with the risk of obtaining failing scores. SRH must be taught as a continuum and not only in grade 7th because school decreases as a protective factor as the year of enrollment increases. Our data was collected before the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. As online education becomes an integral part of the New Normal, Oaxaca's government will need to expand/ strengthen internet coverage for students to continue learning the context-specific SRH curricula that will allow them to flourish.

6 Study limitations:

We only surveyed three public middle schools, and while we got a 100% response rate, we would benefit from sampling schools from other regions. Our methodology does not allow for causal inferences about the associations found, and we were unable to follow-up our participants to enquire if after their participation, they had sought other sources of SRH information. Students belonging to an indigenous group were at a disadvantage; a translation of the survey into their language would reflect more accurately their level of knowledge and eliminate the bias of responding in Spanish.

7 List of abbreviations

LA-Latin America SRH-Sexual and reproductive health HDI-Human Development Index MCM-Modern Contraceptive Methods FRS-Female reproductive system MRS-Male reproductive system LMIC-Low-and middle-income countries

8 Declarations

252 Ethics approval and consent to participate: Faculty of Medicine (IRB #: FM-DI-028-2017).

9 Availability of data and materials:

The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. 1

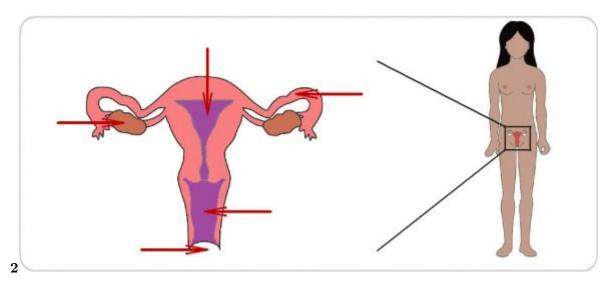


Figure 1: Diagram 2:

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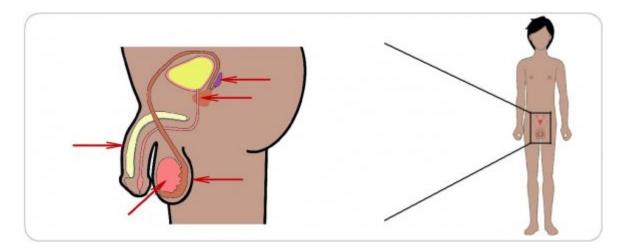


Figure 2:

	Women	Men	p- value	Total
Age(?? ?)	126 (51.4) 12.9 (0.9) n (%)	119 (48.6) 13.18 (1.1) n (%)	0.654	245 13.06 (SD=1.0) n (%)
School year currently enrolled	n (70)	II (70)	•	11 (70)
in (grade)				
7th	48 (38.1)	36 (30.3)	0.206	84 (34.3)
8th	32(25.4)	42 (35.3)		74 (30.2)
9th	46 (36.5)	41 (34.5)		87 (35.5)
Belongs to indigenous group	,	,		,
(self-report)				
No	106 (88.3)	98 (86.7)	0.710	204 (87.5)
Yes	14 (11.7)	15 (13.3)		29 (12.5)
Family structure (lives with)	,	,		,
Both parents	87 (69)	86 (72.3)	0.824	173 (70.6)
Mother	34(27)	28 (23.5)		62 (25.3)
Father, grandfather, uncle	5 (4)	5 (4.2)		10 (4.1)
Mother's level of schooling		· · ·		, ,
Up to high school	60(54.1)	41 (42.7)	0.190	101(48.8)
High school	30 (27)	28 (29.2)		58 (28.0)
High school+	21 (18.9)	27 (28.1)		48 (23.2)
Father's level of schooling				
Up to high school	48 (52.2)	44 (53)	0.119	92 (52.6)
High school	28 (30.4)	16 (19.3)		44 (25.1)
High school+	16 (17.4)	23(27.7)		39 (22.3)
Mother's age range (yrs)				
<30	11 (8.9)	16 (14.4)	0.287	27(11.5)
30 -40	66 (53.2)	61(55)		127 (50.0)
40+	47(37.9)	34 (30.6)		81 (34.5)
Father's age range (yrs)				
< 30	4(3.5)	4(3.8)	0.703	8 (3.7)
30 -40	45(39.8)	47 (45.2)		92 (42.4)
40+	64(56.6)	53 (51)		117 (53.9)
$?^2$ test, 95%				

Figure 3: :

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		Failing	scores in indi	vidual s	sections			
	Female repro	ductive	Male reprodu	uctive	Knowledge o	f	Failing scores	for ent
	system		system		contraceptive	e methods	survey	
Sample	n=39 (15.9%))	n=61 (24.9%)	5)	n=75 (30.6%))	n=84 (34.3%))
characteristics								
	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-
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School year cur-								
rently enrolled								
in (grade)								
7 th	23(59)	0.002	30(49.2)	0.018	38(50.7)	< 0.001	46(54.8)	< 0.00
8 th	8(20.5)		15(24.6)		24(32)		20(23.8)	
9 th	8(20.5)		16(26.2)		13(17.3)		18(21.4)	
Gender	()		(~~()		(
Women	10(25.6)	< 0.001	\ /	0.685	30(40)	0.017	35(41.7)	0.027
Men	29(74.4)		31(50.8)		45(60)		49(58.3)	
Belongs to in-								
digenous group								
(self-report)	05(00.4)	10.001	47(01)	0.000	61 (09.6)	0.010	CC(01 F)	0.040
No	25(69.4)	< 0.001	47(81)	0.083	61(83.6)	0.212	66(81.5)	0.040
Yes	11(30.6)		11(19)		12(16.4)		15(18.5)	
Mother's age								
range (yrs) <30	10(25.6)	0.091	10(16.9)	0.201	13(18.6)	0.037	13(16.5)	0.170
30 -40	10(23.0) $14(38.9)$	0.091	29(49.2)	0.301	39(55.7)	0.037	43(54.4)	0.170
40+	14(36.9) $15(41.7)$		29(49.2) $20(33.9)$		18(25.7)		23(29.1)	
Source of SRH	10(41.7)		20(33.9)		10(20.1)		23(29.1)	
information								
The Internet								
No	37(94.1)	0.023	57(93.4)	0.007	66(88)	0.107	77(91.7)	0.005
Yes	2(5.1)	0.020	4(6.6)	0.00.	9(12)	0.20.	9(12)	0.000
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No	35(89.7)	0.123	54(88.5)	0.078	67(89.3)	0.025	76(90.5)	0.006
Yes	4(10.3)		$7(11.5)^{'}$		8(10.7)		8(9.5)	
Father	,		, ,		,		,	
No	24(61.5)	0.093	39(63.9)	0.082	55(73.3)	0.853	54(64.3)	0.036
Yes	15(38.5)		22(36.1)		20(26.7)		30(35.7)	

Figure 4: Table 2:

		Failing scores for diagrams		
Female	Male	Anatomical	Visual recog- nition	Schematic diagram
reproductive	reproductive	placement of	of contracep- tive	of correct con- dom
system schematic	system	contraceptive	methods	placement (9
diagram n=123 (50.2%)	schematic diagram	methods n=159 (64.9%)	n=60 (24.5%)	steps) n=50 (20.4%)
. ,	n=109 (44.5%)			

Figure 5: Table 3:

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				Failing scor	res			
		Model 1	Model	2	Model 3		Model 4	
	Female	reproductive system	Male r	eproductive system	Knowledg contracept	e of tive methods	Entire su	urvey
Sample characteristics Gender	OR	CI 95%	OR	CI 95%	OR	CI 95%	OR	CI 95%
Women	1				1		1	
Men	5.12** *	(2.12 -12.37)	-	-	2.42***	(1.33 - 4.41)	2.23***	1.21- 4.09
School year currently enrolled in (grade)		,				,		
7th	1		1		1		1	
8th	0.26**	(0.10 -0.69)	0.49*	(0.23 - 1.01)	0.50**	(0.25 - 0.98)	0.26***	(0.13 -0.54)
9th	0.33**	(0.12 -0.87)	0.50*	(0.24 - 1.03)	0.20***	(0.09 - 0.42)	0.23***	$(0.11^{'}$ $-0.48)$
Belongs to an indigenous								
group (by self-report)								
No	1						1	

Figure 6: Table 4:

Failing scores:	Model 1 i	Female reproductive system schematic diagram CI 95%	Model 2 OR	Male reproduct CI 95%
School year currently enrolled in (grade) 7th 8th	1 0.70	(0.36	1 0.37**	(0.17
9th	0.39**	1.33) (0.21	0.67	0.82) (0.31
Belongs to an indigenous group (by self-report) No Yes	-	0.74)	-	1.48)
Father's level of schooling				
High school	-	-	-	-
High school +	-	-	-	-
Source of SRH information: Mother No Yes				
Father No	1		1	
Yes	2.08**	(1.14	2.48**	(1.24
The Internet		3.79)		4.96)

Figure 7: Table 5:

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Men 3.74*** (1.73 - 8.07) 1.13 (0.63 - 2.01) 1.95*** (1.12 - 3.38) School year currently enrolled in (grade) 8th 0.32*** (0.13 - 0.77) 0.46*** (0.22 - 0.58 (0.30 - 0.94) -1.11) 9th 0.27**** (0.11 - 0.64) 0.41*** (0.20 - 0.94) -1.11) 9th 0.27**** (0.11 - 0.64) 0.41*** (0.20 - 0.82) -0.44) 8elongs to indigenous group (by self-report) 1.85 2.04** (0.90 - 0.66) 1.65 (0.75 - 3.67) Yes 4.38**** (1.85 - 0.04) 2.04** (0.90 - 0.66) 1.65 (0.75 - 3.67) Family structure (lives with) 1.42 (0.66 - 3.04) 1.08 (0.56 - 0.73 (0.38 - 3.67) Father/other 1.48 (0.30 - 7.38) 1.34 (0.33 - 0.90 (0.22 - 2.11) - 1.39) 1.39 (0.22 - 5.40) -3.59) Mother's level of schooling 0.60 (0.60 - 3.18) - 0.91 (0.44 - 0.98 (0.48 - 1.89) - 1.99) -1.99) -1.99) Grade school + 0.76 (0.28 - 2.08) - 0.37** (0.14 - 0.97) - 0.797) - 1.89) -1.89) -1.89) Father's level of schooling 0.81 (0.29 - 2.26) - 0.83 (0.36 - 1.19) - 0.797) - 1.89) -1.89) -1.89) Grade school +<	
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9th	
Belongs to indigenous group (by self- report) Yes	
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Figure 8: Table 1A :

1B								
8th	0.80	$(0.43 \\ 1.50)$	-			0.94	$(0.50 \\ 1.76)$	-
$9 \mathrm{th}$	0.42** *		-			0.64		-
Belongs to indigenous group		0.1.1 _/					1.10,	
$\begin{array}{c} \text{(by self-report)} \\ \text{Yes} \end{array}$	1.47	(0.67	-			1.59	(-
Family		3.24)					3.48)	
structure (lives with)								
Mother	0.73	$(0.41 \\ 1.31)$	-			0.49 **	$(0.27 \\ 0.91)$	-
Father/other	2.20	(0.55) (0.80)	-			0.69		-
Mother's level of		0.00,					2.00)	
schooling								
Grade school	0.84	(0.44)	_			1.01	(0.53)	-
Olado 21	0.0	1.60)				1.0_	(0.93)	
Grade school+	1.10	$(0.56 \\ 2.20)$	-			0.82		-
Father's level of schooling		- ,					- ,	
Grade school	1.19	$(0.58 \\ 2.45)$	-			0.45 **	$(0.21 \\ 0.95)$	-
Grade school +	0.94	$(0.44 \\ 1.98)$	-			0.74	$(0.35 \\ 1.57)$	-
Mother's age range (yrs)		,					,	
30 -40	0.64	$(0.27 \\ 1.48)$	-			1.52	$(0.65 \\ 3.58)$	-
40+	0.61	$(0.25 \\ 1.47)$	-			1.23	$(0.50 \\ 3.02)$	-
Father's age							٠	
range (yrs)								
30 -40	0.53	$(0.12 \\ 2.33)$	-			3.00	$(0.58 \\ 15.65)$	
40+	0.68	$(0.15 \\ 2.96)$				2.24	(0.43 11.56)	-
*** p<0.01, ** p	<0.05, *		Ĺ			Failing s	,	n individual diagrams
Failing scores:	Female OR	e repro CI 95	ductive syste $\%$	em schemati	c diagram	_		tive system schematic dia
Gender								
Men	1.51	$(0.91 \\ 2.49)$	-			1.00	$(0.61 \\ 1.66)$	-
School year currently								
enrolled in (grade)				12	10.3425	7/GJCST	'GVOL	20IS6PG1

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Friends					
No	36(92.3)	0.692	59(96.7)	0.059	70(93)
Yes	3(7.7)		2(3.3)		5(6.7)
Health care					
center					
No	31(79.5)	0.303	53(86.9)	0.617	69(92)
Yes	8(20.5)		8(13.1)		6(8)
Boyfriend/girl	friend		•		
No	30(50)	0.380	61(100)	0.246	75(10
Yes	0(0)		0(0)		0(0)
The Internet					` '
No	13(21.7)	0.023	57(93.4)	0.007	66(88
Yes	2(5.1)		4(6.6)		9(12)
Other	,		,		` ′
No	36(92.3)	0.378	60(98.4)	0.174	72(96
Yes	3(7.7)		1(1.6)		3(4)
Does not ask	,		, ,		` ′
anyone					
No	32(82.1)	0.423	51(83.6)	0.512	62(82)
Yes	$7(17.9)^{'}$		10(16.4)		13(17)
$?^2$ test, 95%	,		,		`
,		Failing scores in individual se	ections		
Source	Female repro-	ductive system n=39 (15.9%)		ctive system n=61 (24.9%)	Knov
of SRH	•	,	•		
information					
	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-	n (%
	22 (, 0)	value	2- (, 0)	value	(, ,
Mother		Value		Verreit	
No	16(41)	0.584	19(31.1)	0.263	31(41
Yes	23(59)	0.001	42(68.9)	0.200	44(58)
Father	20(00)		12(00.0)		(
No	24(61.5)	0.093	39(63.9)	0.082	55(73
Yes	15(38.5)	0.000	22(36.1)	0.002	20(26
Teacher	10(33.3)		22(30.1)		20(25
No	35(89.7)	0.123	54(88.5)	0.078	67(89
Yes	4(10.3)	0.120	7(11.5)	0.010	8(10.
200	-(10.0)		. (11.0)		0(10.

Figure 10: Table 1C :

1D

The Internet No Yes	102(82.9) 0.717 21(17.1)		94(86.2) 0.125 15(13.8)	
Other No Yes	113(91.9) 0.019 10(8.1)		106(97. 2) 3(2.8)	0.164
They do not ask anyone	()			
No Yes ? ²	109(88.6) 0.257 14(11.4)		90(82.6) 0.150 19(17.4)	
test,95% Source of SRH informa- tion:	Female reproduc	ctive system schematic diagram n=123 (50.2%)	Male reproduc	tive system $\mathrm{sch} \epsilon$
uloii.	n (%)	p- value	n (%)	p- value
Mother				
No	45(36.6) 0.856		41(37.6) 0.891	
Yes	78(63.4)		68(62.4)	
Father	, ,		,	
No	81(65.9) 0.018		70(64.2) 0.009	
Yes	42(34.1)		39(35.8)	
Teacher	, ,		, ,	
No	$99(80.5) \ 0.896$		91(83.5) 0.342	
Yes	24(19.5)		18(16.5)	
Friends				
No	$112(91.1) \ 0.811$		101(92.7)	0.325
Yes	11(8.9)		8(7.3)	
Health				
care				
center			/	
No	105(85.4) 0.837		92(84.4) 0.847	
Yes	18(14.6)		17(15.6)	
Boyfriend/g			100/00 1)	0.400
No Voc	121(98.4) 0.993		108(99. 1)	0.429
Yes	2(1.6)		1(0.9)	

Figure 11: Table 1D :

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1E
 Year
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                                            Failing scores in individual sections
         Source of SRH \, Female reproductive system OR CI 95% 1 0.82 (0.41 -1.65) 1 1.84* (0.90 -3.77) \, I
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         information:
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         Yes Father No
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         No Yes Friends
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                                           -3.76)
         Internet
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         Yes Does not
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         ask anyone
                                            -7.06)
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         Yes
                          1.45
                                            (0.58 -
                                            3.61)
         *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1
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Figure 12: Table 1E:

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Source of SRH infor- mation	Female repro	ductive system schematic diagram	Male re	Failing scores in individual diagrams eproductive system schematic diagram
mation	OR	CI 95%	OR	CI 95%
Mother No	1		1	
Yes	1.05 (0.62 -1.	76)	0.96	(0.57 -1.62)
Father No	1		1	
Yes	1.99 **	(1.12	2.13**	(1.20
		-	*	-3.77)
		3.54)		
Teacher	1		1	
No Yes	1 1.04 (0.55 -1.	97)	$1 \\ 0.73$	(0.38
105	1.04 (0.00 -1.	<i>31)</i>	0.10	-1.40)
Friends				,
No	1		1	
Yes	$0.90 \ (0.38 \ -2.$	13)	0.64	(0.26
Health care center				-1.57)
No	1	2-1	1	(0.70
Yes	0.93 (0.46 -1.	87)	1.07	(0.53 - 2.16)
No	1		1	
Yes	0.99 (0.14 -7.	16)	0.41	(0.04
				-4.00)
The Internet				
No	1		1	
Yes	0.89 (0.46 - 1.	70)	0.59	(0.30)
0.1				-1.16)
Other No	1		1	
Yes	5.31 **	(1.14	0.40	(0.11
		-		-1.51)
		24.76)		,
Does do				
not ask anyone				
No	1		1	
Yes	0.66 (0.31 -1.	37)	1.70	(0.82
				-3.53)
*** p<0.01,	** p<0.05, * p	><0.1		

 $\label{eq:Figure 13.16} \mbox{Figure 13.16} \mbox{Table 1F}: \quad 10.34257/\mbox{GJCSTGVOL20IS6PG1}$

	9th	47(30.5)		17(25.4)		26(55.3)	
Belongs to indigenou	,						
	Yes	129(88.4) 0.63	31	61(93.8)	0.068	43(91.5)	0.
	No	17(11.6)		4(6.2)		4(8.5)	
Family structure (live	es with)						
Both parents		110(71.4) 0.68	88	61(91)	0.000	28(59.6)	0.
	Mother	39(25.3)		5(7.5)		16(34)	
Father, grandfather,	uncle	5(3.2)		1(1.5)		3(6.4)	
Mother's level of scho	ooling	, ,		, ,		. ,	
Up to high school		69(50.4)	0.24	4126(44.8)	0.781	20(51.3)	0.
High school		41(29.9)		17(29.3)		8(20.5)	
High school+		27(19.7)		15(25.9)		11(28.2)	
Father's level of scho	oling	,		,		,	
Up to high school	0	61(54.5)	0.53	321(40.4)	0.097	16(50)	0.
High school		29(25.9)		17(32.7)		$8(25)^{'}$	
High school+		22(19.6)		14(26.9)		8(25)	
Mother's age range (vrs)	()		,		()	
0 0 %	<30	19(12.7)	0.5	108(12.5)	0.623	1(2.2)	0.
	30	77(51.3)		37(57.8)		23(50)	
	-40	()		,		()	
	40+	54(36)		19(29.7)		22(47.8)	
Father's age range (y		()		,		()	
0 0 0	<30	6(4.3)	0.65	582(3.1)	0.224	1(2.4)	0.
Boyfriend/	30	56(40.6)		33(51.6)		13(31.7)	
J /	-40	()		,		()	
girlfriend	40+	76(55.1)		29(45.3)		27(65.9)	
0		()		,	I information*	()	
		Mother		Father		Teacher	
		n = 154(62.9%)	<u>(</u> ()	n=67 (27.5%)		n=47 (19.2%)	6)
		n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-
		11 (/0)	valı	` /	value	11 (70)	Va
	Gender		, 631	~~ ~			
	Women	93(60.4)	0.00	0024(35.8)	0.003	24(51.1)	0.
	Men	61(39.6)	0.0	43(64.2)	0.000	23(48.9)	٠.
School year currently		01(00.0)		10(01.2)		20(10.0)	
Solidor Jour Currently	7th	61(39.6)	0.04	422(32.8)	0.036	6(12.8)	0.
	8th	46(29.9)	0.0	28(41.8)	0.000	15(31.9)	٠.
	0011	10(20.0)		_0(11.0)		10(01.0)	

Figure 14: Table 1G:

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Both parents Mother Father, grandfather, uncle	27(73) 8(21.6) 2(5.4)	0.796	4(100) 0(0) 0(0)	0.796	27(61.4) 0.315 $15(34.1)$ $2(4.5)$	
Mother's level of						
schooling						
Up to high school 12(4	1.4)	0.218	1(33.3)	0.218	20(50)	0.148
High school	12(41.4)		0(0)		7(17.5)	
High school+	5(17.2)		2(66.7)		13(32.5)	
Father's level of						
schooling						
Up to high school 11(47.8)		0.272	1(33.3)	0.272	$17(53.1) \ 0.506$	
High school	4(17.4)		2(66.7)		10(31.3)	
High school+	8(34.8)		0(0)		5(15.6)	
Mother's age						
range (yrs)						
<30	1(2.9)	0.212	1(25)	0.212	4(9.5)	0.905
30 -40	20(57.1)		1(25)		23(54.8)	
40+	14(40)		2(50)		15(35.7)	
Father's age range						
(yrs)						
<30	0(0)	0.034	1(25)	0.034	1(2.8)	0.940
30 -40	9(26.5)		0(0)		15(41.7)	
40+	25(73.5)		3(75)		20(55.6)	
	TT 1.1		Source of SRH information*			
	Health center $n=37 (15.1\%)$		Boyfriend/girlfriend n=4 (1.6%)		The Internet n= 44	
	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-	n (%)	p-
C 1		value		value		value
Gender	14(27.0)	0.072	2(75)	0.072	02/50.2\ 0.00	00
Women	14(37.8)	0.073	3(75)	0.073	$23(52.3) \ 0.90$ $21(47.7)$	02
Men School ween	23(62.2)		1(25)		21(41.1)	
School year currently enrolled						
in (grade)						
7th	11(29.7)	0.565	1(25)	0.565	6(13.6)	0.000
8th	10(27)	0.000	1(25) $1(25)$	0.000	11(25)	0.000
9th	16(27) $16(43.2)$		2(50)		27(61.4)	
Belongs to	10(40.2)		2(00)		21(01.4)	
indigenous group						
(self-report)						
No	28(77.8)	0.053	3(75)	0.053	38(88.4) 0.8	57
Yes	8(22.2)		1(25)		5(11.6)	- •
Family structure	- (-)		-(-3)		- ()	
(lives with)						
\ /						

 $[Note: *Students who responded / answered affirmatively to these sources of SRH information; ?^2 test, 95\%]$

Figure 15: Table 1H:

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