Reviewer's report

Title: Adult and Young Women Communication on Sexuality: a pilot intervention in Maputo-Mozambique

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This is a very interesting article which is important in the SRH field, however, some clarifications is needed in some areas. Regarding the topic- this includes adults and young women yet the abstract is adult women and adolescents- please can you make this more clear?

Below are specific comments on the methods, results and the discussion

Methods:

-What is the justification of using TPB? It is an individualized approach, yet you mention social normative behavior change. Looking at adolescents, their SRH issues should be approached holistically in the context of socio-cultural community norms. TPB greatly undermines contextual factors. TPB operates at the individual level and often is criticized for being highly individualistic, rationalistic and static in nature, and fail to account for social-cultural, political, or macro-economic factors that influence health behaviors.

-Page 7, line 15, it is stated that there were 16 participants who were part of the sessions, however, only 13 participants participated in the IDIs- how many were adults and how many were adolescents/young women?

-It would also be helpful if you could provide some clarity on what your definition of young women is? 15-24 or 20-24? (Also adolescents include those aged 10-19)- You should try to make clear your distinction between adolescents, young people, youth and adults.

-Why were boys/men excluded in the study? This is a limitation as some SRH issues that adolescents face are influenced by boys/men's behavior e.g. the ability to use contraceptives such as condoms as well as gendered norms.

-Was the session for young people also facilitated by an adult?- This might be another limitation or a cause for bias, because young people tend to talk more freely between peers and shy away from sharing their SRH experiences with adults.

-Were any of the adolescents or young women also parents or just the adults?

-Page 9, line 42- grammatical error, please address this.
Results

-Page 10, table 1 is a little confusing, please clarify by what is meant by 15 & 19, is this to clarify the age range? i.e. 15-19? If so please amend accordingly.

Discussion

-It would be good to have a discussion of also other studies done in Mozambique addressing this topic and how it deviates or is similar to your findings. There is a scarcity of information on the Mozambique context or countries with similar context in your discussion.

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