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Title: Predictors of primary and secondary sexual abstinence among never-married youth in urban poor Accra, Ghana

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Line 35: Add female and male before youth.

Line 57: Add more before difficult.

Line 59: Capitol F on few.

Line 558: Change five to six.

Line 562: Change four to five.

Line 587: Change productive to reproductive - add fertility awareness before sexual intercourse.

Line 621: Change probably to may

Line 622: Add s to mechanism

Line 626: Add health services after housing

Line 639: Add parents also need accurate information about fertility, reproduction, contraception and STIs/HIV, to be able to have meaningful discussions with their children.

Line 645: Reference is from LAC region and may not apply to this situation in Ghana.

Line 650: Gender dynamics between fathers and their male and female children may differ greatly. Perhaps the gender dynamics of fathers who have power over their own sexual encounters has influence on perpetuating norms for boys to initiate sex at an early age and girls to submit to sex, even when unwanted.

Line 862 Reference 36 is missing the title.

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