

## **Knowledge, Sources of Information and Practice of Condom Use in the Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) among Rural Dwellers in Delta State, Nigeria**

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**ABSTRACT** This study investigated the relationship between knowledge, sources of information and practice of condom use in the prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and differences between genders on their knowledge, sources of information and practice of condom use in the prevention of STIs among rural dwellers in Delta State. Two research questions and two hypotheses were used to test the data. Data were generated using a self-design closed ended questionnaire. The sample were 384 rural dwellers. The statistics were frequency count, percentages, means, standard deviation and a two-way ANOVA. The results reveal that rural dwellers in Delta State were inadequate in knowledge, sources of information and practice of STIs and condom use in the prevention of STIs. There was no difference between males and females on their knowledge, sources of information and practice of condom use in the prevention of STIs. However, there was significant relationship between knowledge, sources of information and practice of condom use in the prevention of STIs. Among the recommendations was the need to intensify campaign on STIs in the rural areas in Delta State using the most accepted traditional methods of information dissemination among others.