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Title: Girls and Women receive Information on Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights in Four Communities in Enugu State , Nigeria

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Abstract: Introduction and objectives–A survey of adolescent girls in four rural communities in Enugu state Nigeria showed poor knowledge of sexual, reproductive health and rights (SRHR) resulting in inability of the girls to protect their bodily integrity. Women Information Network therefore designed a project --Promoting Girls and Women’s Sexual, Reproductive and Health Rights in Four Communities in Enugu State, Nigeria to give information and create awareness on SRHR among girls and women in Ogwulu-Emene, Ibagwa-Nike, Amagu Akegbe –Ugwu and Obeagwu-Ozalla communities. Funded by Global Fund for Women (GWF), the objective is to make SRHR information available to girls and women.

Method(s) –The methods used in giving information included training of 10 peer health educators on SRHR using a manual entitled “Community Radio Dialogue Guide for Girls and Women’s SRHR”, community dialogues on SRHR, media programmes. 48 Community dialogues for girls at 12 per community, 4 dialogues for women at one per community and one dialogue for HIV positive women were held.

Results and Conclusion: 128 girls, 160 women, 30 HIV positive women, 109 community members and over 500,000 radio listeners received SRHR information. Knowledge of SRHR is important for girls and women as a step towards actualizing the rights.