The 2013 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS 4)

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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- BACKGROUND:
  - WHO ARE THE YOUTH (YOUNG ADULTS)?
  - WHY STUDY THE YOUTH
  - A DEMOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT OF THE YOUTH

- THE YOUNG ADULT FERTILITY AND SEXUALITY STUDY
  - YAFS 1, YAFS 2, YAFS 3, YAFS 4
Background

Who are the youth?

“The UN, for statistical consistency across regions, defines ‘youth’, as those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years, without prejudice to other definitions by Member States…. All UN statistics on youth are based on this definition, “

- UNESCO website

WHY STUDY THE YOUTH?

Youth” is best understood as a period of transition from the dependence of childhood to adulthood’s independence.

“It is often considered a critical period, “a time of magnificent promise and insidious risk”
Background

Demographically, it is characterized by a period of many critical transitions: school leaving, first job, first serious relationship, first marriage, first pregnancy…

Frameworks/Approaches in youth studies

Epidemiological risk focused perspective

Protective factor etiological perspective

Ecological risk/protective theoretical model
What is the size of the young adult population?

• In 2013, there were 19.2 M youth in the Philippines.

• Of these, 10.2 M were aged 15-19 and 9.0 M were aged 20-24.
The size of the youth population has been increasing, as has the total household population of the Philippines.

While the size of the youth population 15-24 is increasing, its percent share of the total population has remained more or less stable at 20 percent.
2013 YAFS

Predecessor surveys

1982 YAFS (YAFS 1)

1994 YAFS (YAFS 2)

2002 YAFS (YAFS 3)
Predecessor surveys

1982 Young Adult Fertility Study (YAFS 1)

- Funded by the Population Center Foundation through the Commission on Population
- Implemented by the UP Population Institute

Respondents: 5,240
15-24 years old
Females
Single and married
Nationally representative

Predecessor surveys

1994 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS 2)

- Funded by the United Nations Population Fund
- Implemented by the Demographic Research and Development Foundation (DRDF), Inc.

N of cases: 10,879
15-24 years old
Males and Females
Single and Married
Nationally representative
Predecessor surveys

2002 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS 3)

- Funded by The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Implemented by the Demographic Research and Development Foundation (DRDF), Inc.

N of cases: 19,728
15-27 years old
16 regions
Males and Females
Single and Married
Nationally representative

Funding sources for YAFS 4
Study Instruments

- A total of 10 survey instruments

*Household Form*

Eight questionnaires for the youth respondents

- Main Questionnaires
  - Single Female and Married Female
  - Single Male and Married Male
- Muslim Questionnaires
  - Single Female and Married Female
  - Single Male and Married Male

*Community Form*

Main Questionnaire Contents

Block A  Individual Characteristics
Block B  Family Characteristics and Relationships
Block C  Self-esteem and Values
Block D  School, Work and Community
Block E  Media Exposure
Block F  Friends and Peers
Block G  Health and Lifestyle (NEWLY ADDED)
Main Questionnaire Contents

Block H  Marriage
Block I  Puberty, Dating and Sex
Block J  Fertility and Contraception
Block K  Knowledge and Attitudes towards
         Marriage, Sex and Related Issues
Block L  Reproductive Health

Study Design

• Sampling domain: Region
• Sample size per region: about 1,000 respondents
• Approximate total sample size: 17,000

• Sampling Design: Same as the study design of YAFS 3
Coverage of YAFS 4

- 17 regions
- 78 provinces
- 681 cities and municipalities
- 1,121 barangays
- 18,547 households

Field Implementation

- 17 Regional Teams
- 14 Regional Coordinators
- 47 Field Supervisors
- 355 Field interviewers
- Supervised by a Central Team

Central Team
- Josefina Natividad
- Grace Cruz
- Maria Paz Marquez
- Maria Midea Kabamalan
- Nimfa Ogena
- Christian Joy Cruz
- Ryan Descallar

Sampling consultant
- Erniel Barrios
Field implementation/data processing/analysis

- Field work period
- December 26, 2012 to March 29, 2013

- Data processing staff of more than 80 personnel including editors, coders, encoders, programmers
- Started March 2013

Characteristics of YAFS 4 sample

Total respondents: 19,178

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Characteristics of YAFS 4 sample

Highest education completed

- 26.8% Elementary
- 37.9% HS under grad
- 20.2% HS/Voc
- 15% College

Characteristics of YAFS 4 sample

Marital status

- 9.3% Never married
- 13.7% Formally married
- 1% Living-in
- 76.1% Others

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UPPI - DRDF
Characteristics of YAFS 4 sample

Religion
- Catholic: 74.2%
- Other Christian: 18.4%
- Muslim: 7.3%
- Others: 9.5%

Main activity
- None: 20.3%
- Student: 37.1%
- Unemployed: 6.8%
- Housework: 9.5%
- Unpaid family worker: 23%
- Working: 3.3%
Some definitions, caveats.....

- In YAFS 4, those who are in a living in relationship are considered married and are administered the Married questionnaire
- YAFS 4 contains an enormous amount of information. In this forum we focus only on a selected set of indicators of risk behaviors: sexual and non-sexual
- The analysis is descriptive: by age, sex and region
- Where data permits, we present trends (1994 to 2013)

There will be three presentations:

- On media and lifestyle
- Non-sexual risk behaviors
- Sexual risk behaviors
- Conclusions