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Project Partners

- Emory Global Health Learning Programs
- The Women’s Club Memorial at Emory
- Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences/ Nell Hodgson Woodruff SON
- University of Botswana

Populations/communities served
- Young Batswana Women aged 21-35, attending selected MCH clinics in Gaborone, Botswana

Project Timeframe
- Qualitative study: June to August 2006
- Quantitative study: June to August 2007
Project Goals

- To develop and evaluate psychometric properties of health protective sexual communication (HPSC) measures for young women aged 21-35 in Botswana, for prevent HIV

- The developed measures would identify safer sex communication issues for this population and guide interventions that could promote safer sex communication and reduce the risk of HIV transmission

Expected Outcome

- Developed and tested measures of HPSC measures
- Completed dissertation study report
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• Progress to date
  • The qualitative study was conducted to elicit themes
  • HPSC measures were developed (2007) based on the themes
  • Data was collected among 280 women to test the measures
  • Data analysis is ongoing

• Next steps
  • Complete data analysis by February 2008
  • Complete dissertation report by March 2008
  • Defend Dissertation by mid-March 2008
  • Present results at conferences
  • Develop question for further research and/or interventions for women