

FACTORS AFFECTING CONSISTENT CONDOM USE AMONG FEMALE SEX WORKERS IN THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM, 2009

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ABSTRACT

This study examined factors affecting consistent condom use among female sex workers (FSWs) with non-regular partners, regular partners, and husbands/lovers. The study employed a secondary dataset of a cross-sectional survey on assessment of behavior and determination of HIV/AIDS prevalence among FSWs in Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam, conducted by the Vietnam HIV/AIDS Prevention Project in 2009. A respondent-driven sampling technique was used for sampling respondents. The total sample size was 440 FSWs.

The results indicated that negotiation skill and number of sexual partners had a significant association with consistent condom use among FSWs with regular sexual partners. Duration of sex work, number of non-regular sexual partners, HIV knowledge, negotiation skills and accessibility to condoms predicted consistent condom use among FSWs with non-regular sexual partners. Moreover only negotiation skill was positively associated with consistent condom use among FSWs with husband/lovers.

The study findings suggest that intervention programs, including providing condoms freely and 100% condom use program (CUP) should be emphasized for FSWs and their clients.

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