

Respondent: ID#10026

Interviewer: Nicholas Alidi

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District: Balaka

[Interview not taped, and as written up by Nicholas seems very abrupt.]

Nicholas met J [respondent] on the path, and escorted him. He asks whether girls are plentiful here, J says they are, Nicholas asks whether they go with other men. J answers “nowadays things are worse in terms of diseases, so they are somehow afraid”. Nicholas asks him whether he also is afraid, he says, he is. Then Nicholas says when he goes three weeks without sleeping with a woman he feels uncomfortable in his body: does J feel this way? J answers, “Aah, I am married”. Nicholas asks if he depends only on his wife, J: says “Eeh! As the world is, I do”. Nicholas asks him whether he stays in the village every day, J says no, he has business in [district], and it turns out he’s away for 4 months at a tie. Nicholas asks how he manages without a woman for that period, J says “Eeh! But you know these condoms are very important to go with”. Nicholas asks him if he sometimes sleeps with another woman using a condom, he says he does but not often. When was the last time? Last December, when he was in [same district] for two months without his wife. Nicholas asks if his wife noticed something, John says “nothing at all”. Then they say goodbye.