

Respondent: ID#10523

Interviewer: McDaphton

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District: Balaka

They meet as Respondent (R) is grading maize. They chat about maize: R is smoking maize cobs to preserve them, says because he doesn't have the money to buy the chemicals that would preserve them. MC says he should have money, at least a portion of land to cultivate for money. R: laughs, says he didn't have money this year, and moreover that the maize belongs to his parents who have left to escort his younger brother to the hospital in L [town], because he is ill. More talk about land, R says he doesn't have his own land because he's young and unmarried, in Form 1. [however, he was on our sample list so shouldn't be young and unmarried] McD goes ahead to ask him if there are beautiful girls here, R says yes there are, how long are you here? He says not long, but maybe he can come back and R will help him choose a girl. Does R have one? Yes, he does, EM and he has a daughter with her. R says they love and trust each other. McD asks when the child was born, it was in January 1999, name is J. McD asks if the baby was planned, R says of course not, he's in school, it was an accident. McD said the same thing happened to him in 1996. McD asks if he uses a condom: R says sometimes but his girlfriend doesn't like one. McD says "does that mean she doesn't go to school?" [I don't know why this question makes sense in that context], but it turns out she doesn't, she was in Standard 8. McD says why does a standard 8 girl refuse a condom, R says "She said there is no need to use a condom since we were couples who are to exchange blood with each other". And sometimes she accuses me when I happen to mention condoms, and suspects that he is sleeping with other girls who might give him AIDS. So R doesn't use condom, actually only used it one day. McD asks you mean you don't even use them when you are sleeping with other ladies? R says no, he does use them with the other ladies. McD says how often have you used a condom, R says 3 times, one each. McD asks where he met them, one is in Z now, the other two stay in the village. McD asks him why he used condoms, R says because he was afraid of AIDS. McD says he himself doesn't worry about that, since he only chooses young ladies you don't have it. Then goes on to ask him if other women aside from those 3, he said yes, a form 1 girl from [name] community day secondary school when there was a Disco dance at the [] Community Hall. McD asks if he used a condom with her, R says no, McD asks why, R. says because she was too beautiful for that.

Then they say goodbye.