

Open Access to Primary and Secondary Data on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices on Early Marriage in Northern Nigeria for Researchers



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The dRPC provided Monitoring and Evaluation technical assistance on the Building Collaboration, Partnerships and Political Commitment to Delay Early Marriage and the Onset of Childbearing in Northern Nigeria project (2013-2015)

Data collection in the Consortium project

Over the 27 months of the project - *Building Collaboration, Partnerships and Political Commitment to Delay Early Marriage and the Onset of Childbearing in Northern Nigeria* - the development Research and Projects Center (dRPC), supported the three implementing NGOs, the Girls Child Concern; Girls Child Education; and the Isah Wali Empowerment Initiative, to collect baseline, midline and endline data and also engaged independent researchers to evaluate specific components of the project.

The 3 NGO partners of the project were trained in participatory methods in data collection while the independent assessors applied classical scientific research methods. By the end of the project over 300 interviews were conducted by the NGOs, the dRPC and the independent assessors. Research around the end of project evaluation in particular generated 118 transcribed interviews accessible to the research community.

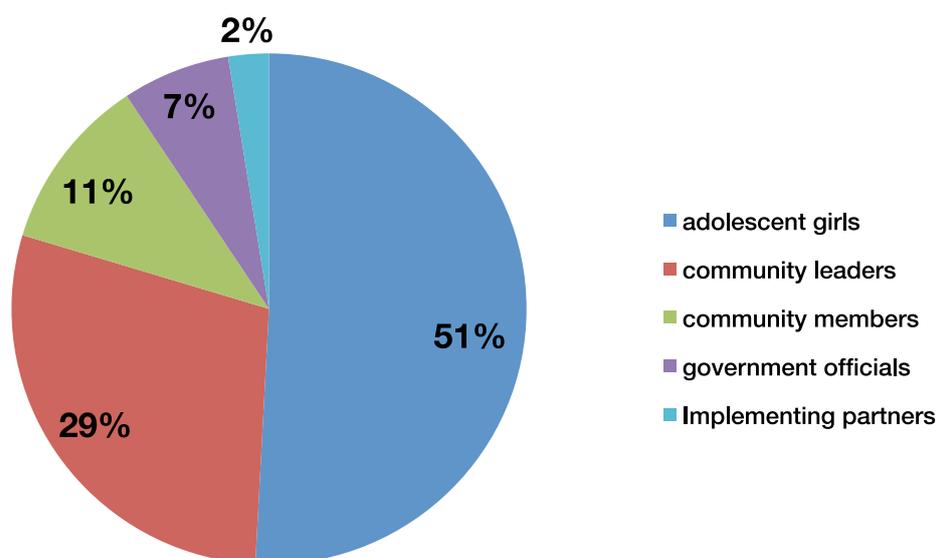
End of project evaluation interviews available to the research community

A total of 118 respondents were interviewed in the project communities in which the NGOs worked. IWEI worked in Ajingi LGA of Kano state; GCE implemented its component of the project in Giwa and Zaria LGA of Kaduna state; and GCC in Igabi LGA of Kaduna State. The distribution of respondents included 60 direct beneficiaries of the project (the adolescent girls); 34 community leaders involving traditional and religious leaders; 13 community members involving parents, teachers and youth groups; 8 government officials at both state and local level and the three implementing NGOs.

Table 1: Transcribed Interviews available to the research community

LGA	Interviews of girls beneficiaries	Interviews with LGA officials	Interviews with state government officials	Interviews with community religious & traditional leaders	Interviews with community members	Interviews with NGOs participating in the project	Total
Ajingi	11	1	2	12	4	1	31
Zaria Giwa	29	1	0	17	7	1	55
Igabi	20	0	4	5	2	1	32
Total	60	2	6	34	13	3	118

Chart 1: Transcribed Interviews available to the research community



All interviews are transcribed and are available to the research community on delaying early marriage in Northern Nigeria upon request to the dRPC.

Key findings of the end of project evaluation

A total of 9 outputs were produced from the end of project evaluation. Key findings are summarized below:

Box: 1 Key findings of the project

1. Government run girls secondary schools do not provide practical opportunities for girls to support the new technical and vocational subjects in the WAEC curriculum
2. When girls participate in safe space clubs and camps they become more confident and perform better in exams
3. NGOs working on girls' education programs require a platform to give feedback to all stakeholders on their findings. Feedback should also be treated as important and incorporated into the planning process
4. The training of teachers on child protection issues should be deepened conducted and carried out with government support
5. Parents continue to be skeptical about the benefits of sending girls to schools as they do not see the economic benefits. It is therefore important to develop strong school to work programs for girls at risk of child marriage
6. Community and religious leaders are important stakeholders with tremendous capacity to support girls' education when consulted, mobilized and included in interventions
7. NGOs working in the advocating on right to education laws spaces are most effective when they mobilize traditional and religious stakeholders to engage government

