

Knowledge and Attitude of Rural Tshivenda Speaking Teenagers towards Choice of Termination of Pregnancy on Vhembe District, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper explored knowledge and attitudes of rural teenager's towards choice of termination of pregnancy. The paper adopted a quantitative approach using a descriptive survey design. Data was collected from a total of 176 randomly selected females, age 14-18 years from 10 secondary schools that makes up a rural Vhumbedzi circuit in the Limpopo province using a self-administered questionnaire. Validity and reliability of the instrument was ensured. Permission to enter the schools was obtained from the circuit manager. Parents/learners informed consent was obtained. Statistical package for Social Sciences was used to analyse data in terms of frequency and percentages. The majority of respondents thought that termination of pregnancy is not a safe procedure and it cannot be done as many times as possible as a form of family planning. The paper concluded that rural female teenagers in South Africa have negative attitudes towards termination of pregnancy despite having adequate knowledge.