

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND SEXUAL PRACTICES AMONG UNMARRIED INDONESIAN YOUNG ADULTS: A STUDY FROM INDONESIA YOUNG ADULT HEALTH SURVEY (IYARHS) 2007

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ABSTRACT:

The main aim of this study is to explore the unmarried Indonesian young adult's sexual reproductive health experiences. Even the number of Indonesia young adult's practicing sex before married was relatively low comparing with the other countries (less than 6.5%). The issue should be given an attention because the number tends to increase from 5% to 6.4% between 2002 and 2007.

This study is derived the secondary data from quantitative research of Indonesia Young Adult's Reproductive Health Survey (IYARHS) 2007. Among 6887 selected respondent between 20-24 years old, it was illustrated that the most of respondents (88.3%) have not practiced premarital sex, while from 11.7% of respondents who had engaged in sex before married, 1.6% of them practicing unsafe sex or sex without condoms. Multinomial logistic regression indicates that knowledge of SRH and attitudes had an influence on young adults' sexual practices controlling for social-demographic factors, namely, education, resident, sex, age and source of SRH information.

Therefore, further young adult's sexual reproductive education programs should scale up to increase unmarried Indonesian young people's knowledge and to shape positive attitudes towards their sexual practices.

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