

Thesis Title            Knowledge , Attitude , Experience about Sex and AIDS :  
                          The Study of Male Students in Grade 12 in Bangkok  
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### ABSTRACT

This study has its main objective to determine the demographic and socio-economic factors influencing knowledge, attitudes and experiences about sexual behaviour as well as AIDS of male students in Grade 12. Specific variables utilized in this study are field of education, number of male siblings, occupation of father, occupation of mother, education of father, education of mother, marital status of parents, residence and economic status. The respondents are male students of grade 12 from one of the governmental education institutions and one of the vocational school in Bangkok totalling 357 persons. The questionnaires have been distributed and filled in during March 2-15 ,1990. Frequencies, mean, percentages, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and multiple classification analysis (MCA) are utilized for data analysis.

Results of the study indicate that most of the students have knowledge and sexual experiences at middle level. Their level of knowledge on AIDS is quite high. Attitude toward AIDS is moderate. The factors influencing the knowledge about sex are the major field of education , occupation of father, education of mother, and marital status of parents. . The factors influencing the sexual experience are education, number of male sibling, residence, economic status and marital status of parents. The

factors affecting the knowledge about AIDS are education of father, marital status of parents and economic status. The factors affecting the attitude on AIDS are occupation of father, occupation of mother, education of father, education of mother. Additionally, it is found that knowledge about sex is positively correlated with level of knowledge as well as attitudes on AIDS with the level of significant at 0.01 and 0.001 respectively.

The findings are useful for responsible departments to initiate and to promote the campaign against infectious sexual disease as well as AIDS for male teenagers who are the group at high risk. It is therefore worthwhile starting with male students in high school, especially those who are in vocational schools, residing at the dormitories, whose parents have low education, and whose parents are labourers or farmers.

Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of education should jointly plan and work on extracurricular activities providing the knowledge about sex and AIDS for the students in vocational schools. Additionally, health education mobile unit should be provided for students living at the dormitories. The brochure about AIDS should be widely disseminated. These activities would increase their awareness of disease infection and inspire them as well to transfer the knowledge to the other for public benefit.