Results from donor-funded campaigns to increase contraceptive prevalence in Pakistan

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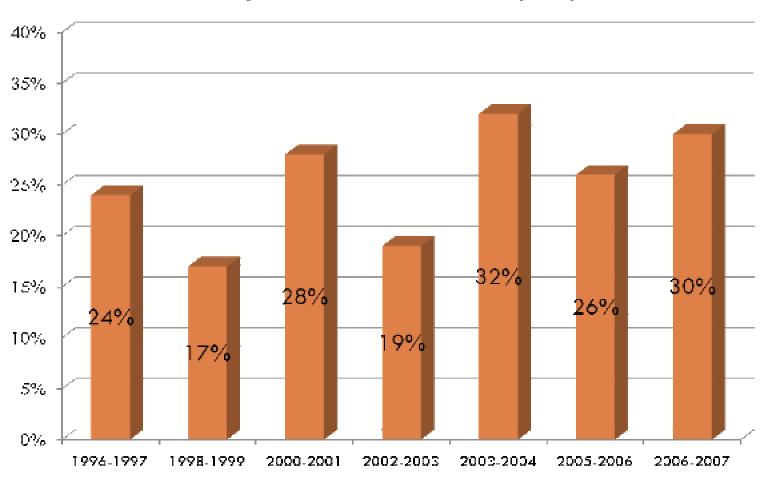
Pakistan

- Current population:approx. 170,000,000
 - 66% rural
- Education: no formal schooling for 65% of females 15-49
- □ Total Fertility Rate: 4.5 rural, 3.3 urban
- Population policy:
 replacement level fertility
 (TFR=2.1) by 2020



Contraceptive Prevalence Rate

% of currently married women using any method



Key Social Marketing

- Mandate: Help improve the reproductive health of women in Pakistan by:
 - Encouraging greater birth spacing;
 - Increasing use of modern contraceptive methods; and
 - Expanding the contribution of the commercial private sector in contraceptive supply and marketing
- Unmet need: 26-30%, only about 3% for spacing
- Major barriers to contraceptive use:
 - Disapproval of husband
 - Little/no inter-spousal communication
 - Fear of side effects
 - "Religion does not allow"



Two-pronged approach to behavior change

Mohalla Sangat:

grass-roots,

interpersonal communication

Motivational Campaign:

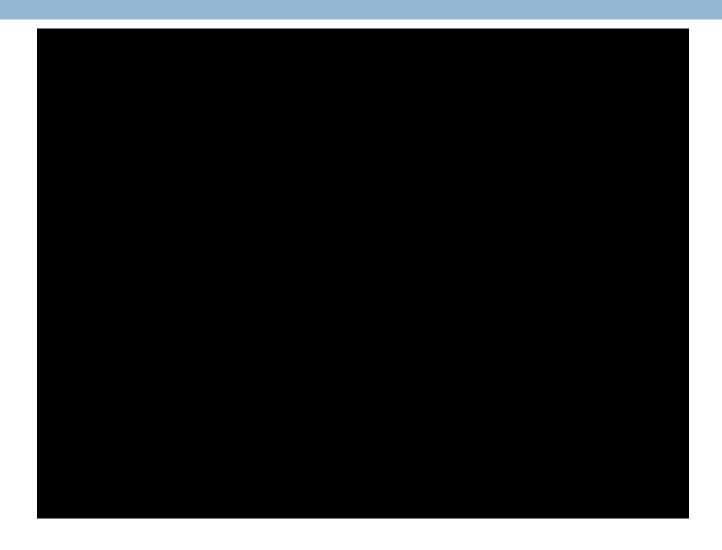
re-enforcement through mass media



Inter-spousal communication

Focus on Spacing for Healthy Families

Mohalla Sangat: Video



Objectives of Mohalla Sangat

- Promote health benefits of spacing
- Increase knowledge of FP methods and their effective use
- Remove misconceptions, particularly on side effects
- Encourage interspousal discussion and joint decisionmaking
- Motivate non-users
- For current users, focus on reducing potential drop-outs

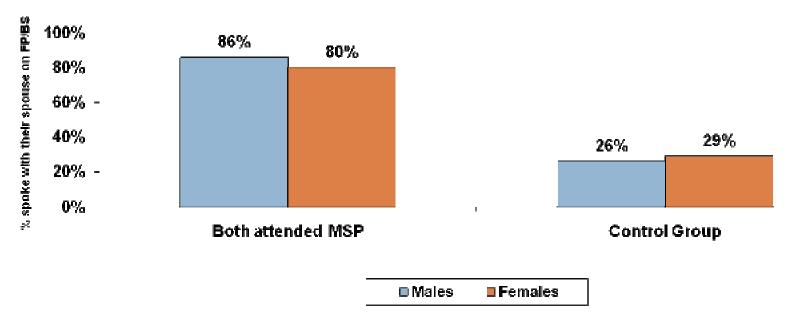


Mohalla Sanghat: Evaluation

- Conducted evaluation in 2006-7 through independent research firm
- Experimental design: non-equivalent control group
 - 780 participants in MSP (214 males) and 609 nonparticipants (302 males) with similar demographic profiles
 - Primary limitation: participants selected because of unmet need/interest in program

Mohalla Sanghat results

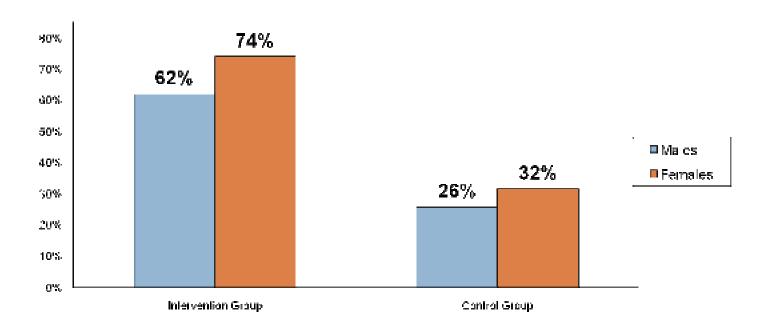
Inter-Spousal Communication on Family Planning/ Birth Spacing in past 6 months



Differences between intervention and control groups are significant at the p < 0.001 level even when age, education and socio-economic class are held constant

Mohalla Sanghat results

Use of Family Planning Methods After Attending Session (Control Group: Current Use)

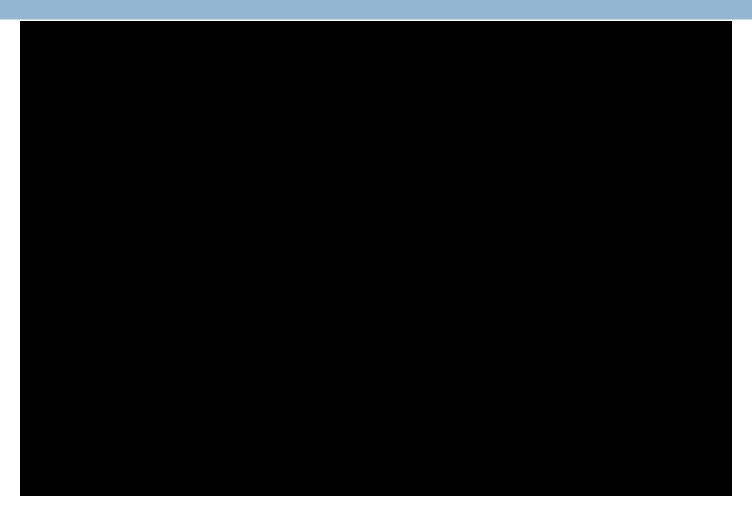


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Mohalla Sangat - Summary

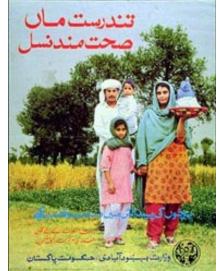
- Participation in the Mohalla Sangat program is associated with:
 - Increased awareness of modern contraceptive methods
 - Decreased fears of side effects
 - More positive attitudes towards FP/BS
 - Dramatically higher levels of spousal communication on FP/BS
 - Greater use of contraception
 - Increased intention to use contraception among non- users

These efforts supported by motivational campaign



Objectives of Motivational Campaign

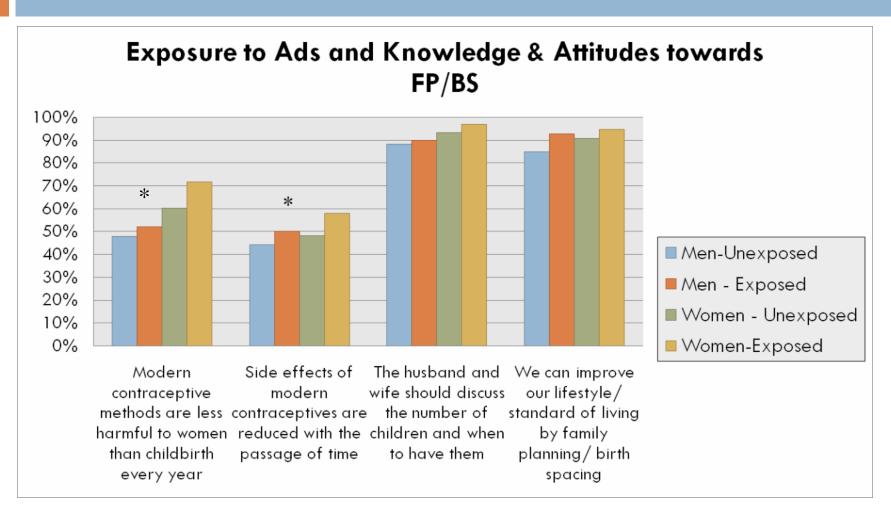
- Promote family planning and birth spacing
- Encourage interpersonal communication between husband and wife on contraceptive use;
- Increase spacing between the births of two children by use of modern contraceptive methods
- Minimize the fears of side effects of modern contraceptive methods



Motivational Campaign: Evaluation

- Research conducted by independent firm in 2006
- 1205 married men and women who had at least one child, and who watch TV at least 3 or more days per week
- Exposure to campaign determined by whether or not respondent had seen any advertisements with the tagline "Baht karo ga to baht banay gee," ("Only if you talk to your spouse can you decide on birth spacing,")
- Major limitation: People who are more interested in FP/BS (either positively or negatively) are more likely to report having seen ad

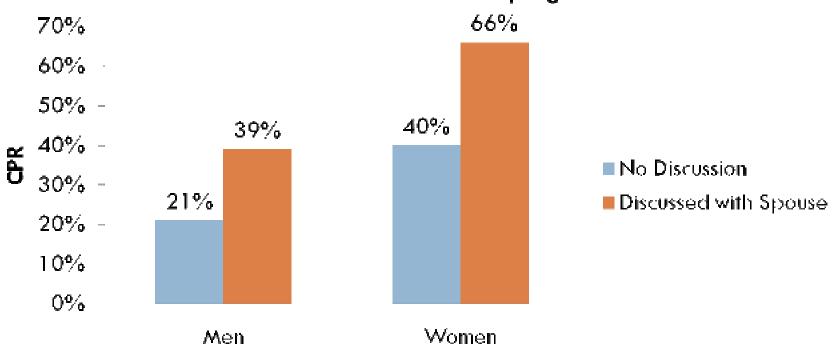
Motivational campaign results



^{*} X^2 p<0.05 comparing unexposed and exposed males

Motivational campaign results

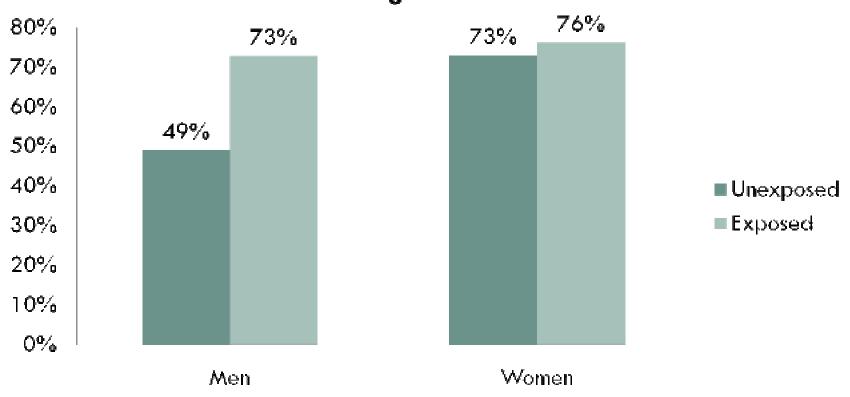
Contraceptive Use Among Men and Women who had seen a Motivational Campaign Ad



 $X^2 p < 0.05$ (male), p < 0.005 (female)

Motivational campaign results

Intention to use contraception in next year among non-users



p<0.0001 for men, NS for women

Motivational Campaign - summary

- Exposure to the KSM motivational campaign appears to be associated with:
 - Increased levels of spousal conversation leading to contraceptive use
 - Improved knowledge and attitudes towards modern methods
 - Increased intention to use contraception in the future
 - Increased use of both modern and traditional methods of birth spacing

Mohalla Sanghat and Motivational Campaign seem to have resulted in contraceptive adoption

- Call to action seems to be key
- Awareness alone won't change action
- Spousal communication focus
- Men are decisionmakers



Similar efforts could work in other countries with limited host-country support

- Lessons learned:
 - Know your audience
 - Use your allies
 - Understand how to express limitations to donor(s) and host country
- Similar grass-roots, evidence-based efforts that address barriers could be used for other programs, with or without mass-media support



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Demographics: Mohalla Sangat

Mean age:

- Males: IG 37, CG 39
- Females: IG 31, CG 32
- Both genders significantly younger in IG

Education level

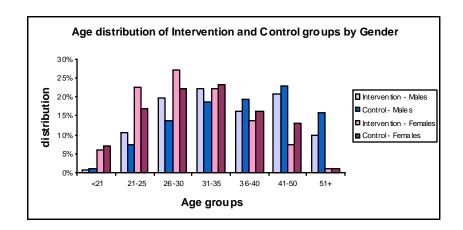
- Males: education levels among CG/IG not significantly different
- Females: CG females have marginally higher education levels than IG

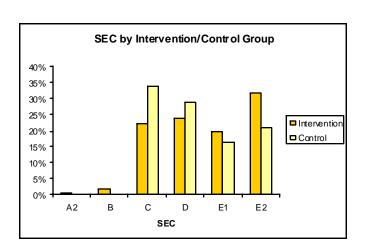
SEC

 Distribution of SEC is different in intervention and control groups

□ CPR

- IG CPR: 48.8% prior to attending program
- □ CG CPR: 29%





Demographics – Motivational Campaign

	Men		Women	
	Exposed	Unexposed	Exposed	Unexposed
Sample (n)	116	607	142	340
Mean Age	33.7	33.74	29**	31**
Spouse's Mean Age	28.59	29.36	36	35.15
Education				
Illiterate	10.34%	19.77%	28.17	39.41
Up to 5 class	11.21%	10.71%	23.24	17.06
5-9 Class	40.52%	31.47%	16.20	16.76
Matric/O Level	29.31%	26.03%	19.72	18.24
A lev el +	8.62%	12.03%	12.68	8.53
Spouse's education level				
Illiterate	28.45%	42.34%	13.38	12.35
Up to 5 class	25.00%	19.93%	8.45	9.12
5-9 Class	12.93%	14.99%	24.65	26.18
Matric/O Level	33.62%*	22.73%*	35.21	39.41
A lev el +	0	0	18.31	12.94
Mean Years of Marriage	9	10	11.64**	9.74**
Mean Number of Living Children	2.9	3	3.32	3
SEC level				
С	29.3%	25.5%	21.1%	30.3%
D	25%	31.1%	42.3%	32.4%
Е	45.7%	43.3%	36.6%	37.4%

^{*} p<.05, ** p<.01