

**APPENDIX A**

Table 1 - Status of Abortion in selected countries by Statutory Grounds for Abortion: mid-1978

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**TABLE 1**  
**STATUS OF ABORTION IN SELECTED COUNTRIES BY STATUTORY GROUNDS FOR ABORTION**  
**MID – 1978**

	Liberal	Conditional	Very restrictive	Illegal
Total population covered (millions)	2568.3	614.1	49.6	369.2
Total number of countries represented	27	36	30	15
Percentage of world population	61%	15%	11%	9%
Major Countries	Austria Bulgaria Czechoslovakia Denmark France West Germany Hungary India Italy Japan Peoples Republic of China Poland Romania Sweden Tunisia United kingdom USA USSR Yugoslavia Zambia	Argentina Australia Brazil Cameroon Canada Chile Cuba Ethiopia Ghana Greece Kenya Mexico Morocco Republic of Korea Zimbabwe South Africa Switzerland Syria Thailand Turkey Uganda	Algeria Bangladesh Guatemala Iraq Ivory Coast Madagascar Malawi Malaysia The Netherlands Nigeria Pakistan Senegal Spain Sri Lanka Sudan Upper Volta Venezuela	Belgium Burma Colombia Dominican Republic Egypt Indonesia Philippines Portugal Taiwan Zaire

**Source:** Population: Briefing papers on issues of national and international importance in the population filed prepared by the Population Crisis Committee, World Abortion Trends 9, 1979: 2 (in Ferreira, 1985:23).

**TABLE 2**  
**GROUND ON WHICH ABORTION IS PERMITTED**  
**1999**

	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
<b>Total countries</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>
Permitted	189	122	120	83	76	63	52
Not permitted	4	71	73	110	17	130	141
<b>More developed regions</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
Permitted	46	42	41	39	39	36	31
Not permitted	2	6	7	9	9	12	17
<b>Less developed regions</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>
Permitted	143	80	79	44	39	27	21
Not permitted	2	65	66	101	108	118	124

**Source:** World Abortion Policies 1999. United Nations, Population Division, Department of Economic Affairs.

TABLE 3

## LIBERAL ABORTION LAWS PER COUNTRY PER CONTINENT

1999

Country	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
<b>AFRICA</b>							
Tunisia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Africa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>ASIA</b>							
China	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dem Peoples Reb. of Korea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cambodia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vietnam	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kazakhstan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kyrgyzstan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Country	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
Tajikistan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Turkmenistan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uzbekistan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Armenia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Azerbaijan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bahrain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Georgia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Syria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>EASTERN EUROPE</b>							
Bulgaria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Czech Republic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hungary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Romania	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Country	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
Russian Federation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Slovakia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ukraine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>NORTHERN EUROPE</b>							
Denmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Estonia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Latvia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lithuania	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>SOUTHERN EUROPE</b>							
Albania	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bosnia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Croatia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Country	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
Greece	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Italy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Slovenia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Macedonia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yugoslavia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>WESTERN EUROPE</b>							
Austria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Belgium	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
France	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Germany	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Luxembourg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Netherlands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>AMERICA'S</b>							
Cuba	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guyana	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U.S.A.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Country	To save the woman's life	To preserve physical health	To preserve mental health	Rape or incest	Foetal impairment	Economic or social reasons	On request
Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>OCEANIA</b>							
Australia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Source:** World Abortion Policies 1999. United Nations, Population Division, Department of Economic Affairs.



**APPENDIX B**

**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

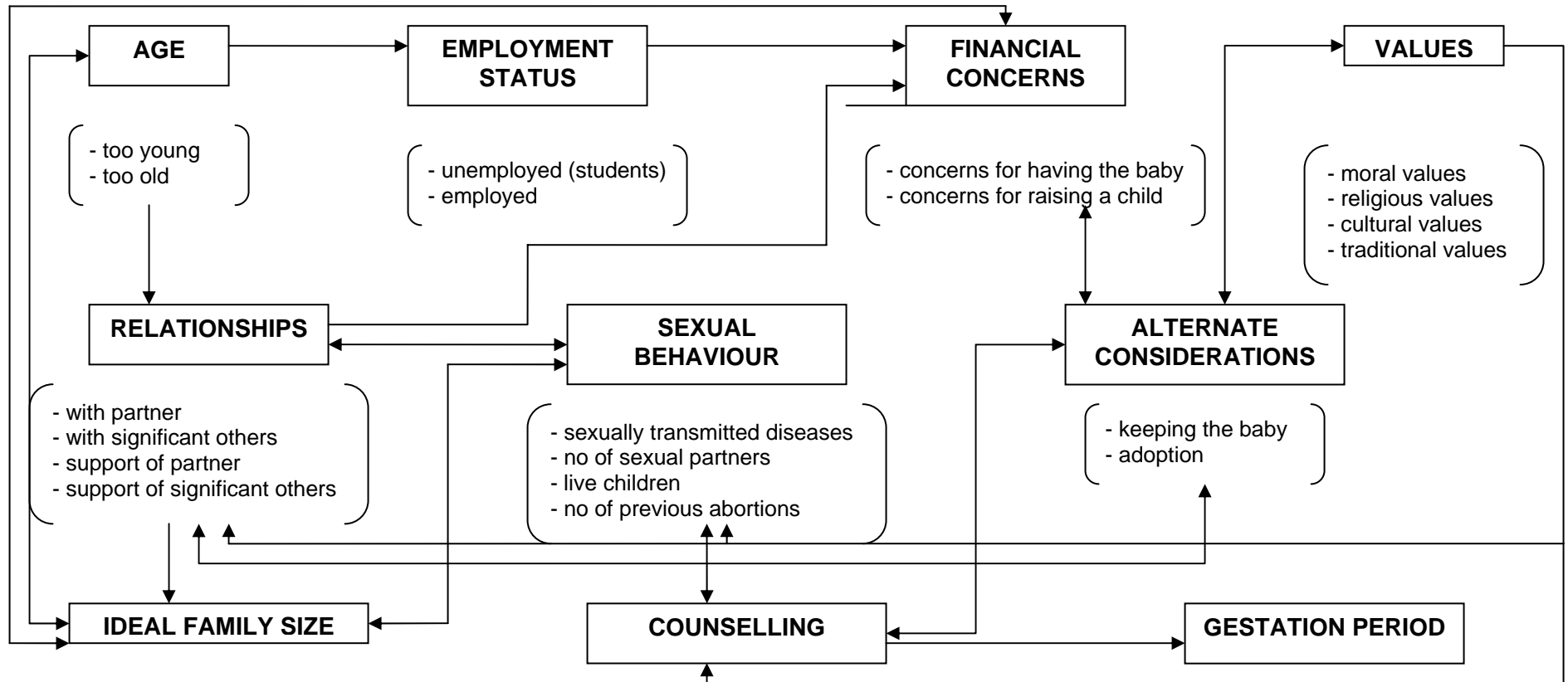
The following diagram indicates the relationship between reasons and sets of reasons for women choosing to terminate their pregnancy.

**PROXIMATE DETERMINANT OF FALLING PREGNANT**

**CONTRACEPTION**

- contraceptive failure
- non-use
- lack of knowledge regarding correct usage
- ignorance regarding consequence

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REASONS**



**SUPPORTING PREMISE**

**PERSONAL CONCERNS OR CIRCUMSTANCES**

**GUILT VERSUS THE CORECT DECISION**

**APPENDIX C**

**INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

1. Demographical and Biographical Information
2. Questions

**INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

**DEMOGRAPHICAL and BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. Age \_\_\_\_\_

2. Race 

African	Coloured	Asian	White
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse \_\_\_\_\_

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	No
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

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7.3. Why do you think it failed?

\_\_\_\_\_

7.4 How far pregnant were you?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	No
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

\_\_\_\_\_

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

\_\_\_\_\_

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

\_\_\_\_\_

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

\_\_\_\_\_

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you want to still have children?

Yes	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

\_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS

- Tell me about your relationship with the father of the foetus?
- Did you tell him that you were pregnant?
- Is he aware that you have terminated your pregnancy?
- Did you discuss terminating the pregnancy with him?
- Did you receive any support from him?
- Did you tell your family or friends about the pregnancy?
- Did you tell your family or friends about terminating the pregnancy?
- Tell me about your family?
- Did you use contraception?
- How did you find out you were pregnant?
- How did you feel when you found out you were pregnant?
- Why did you decide to have an abortion?
- Did you ever consider raising the child?
- Did you consider adoption?
- Did you attempt to have the abortion done at a different facility?
- How did you experience the service provided at the clinic?
- Do you feel that the counselling session helped you deal with the abortion?
- Do you feel that the post-abortion counselling was of value?

**APPENDIX D**

**TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS**

The interviews presented here are verbatim transcriptions of the interviews conducted with the respondents without any interpretation or ordering in terms of their reasons or circumstances.

**RESPONDENT A**

1. Age 40

2. Race 

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	<b>Completed tertiary education</b>
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	<b>Employed</b>
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 19

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 2

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	<b>More than 3 months</b>	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

N/A

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**8 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

**2**

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

**0**

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

**0**

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

**2**

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

**2**

9. Do you want to still have children?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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9.1. If yes, how many?

N/A

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FETUS?**

Ag, ons is eintlik in 'n vaste verhouding. Ek ken hom nou omtrent 'n jaar, maar ek is nie bereid om ooit weer te trou nie. O nee, dit sal ek nie weer doen nie, nee, nooit weer nie. Ek was vir 15 jaar getroud. Dit was baie emosioneel toe ons geskei is en ek sal myself nooit weer daar deur sit nie. O nee, ek sien nie weer kans vir 'n man se nonsense nie (laughs). Nie weer nie, nie ek nie.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Ek het vir hom gesê ek gaan gaan vir 'n aborsie, maar ek dink nie dit het by hom geregistreer dat ek dit wel gaan doen. Hy weet nie eers ek het dit klaar gedoen nie (laughs). Kan jy dit glo, hy het nog niks weer daarvoor uitgevra nie. Dit is nou al twee weke terug, en hy het nog niks eers gevra nie.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

Nee, nie eintlik nie. Eintlik niks nie. Hy was 'n blerrie volstruis. Wil net niks weet daarvan nie. Ek het net vir hom daarvan vertel, maar nou ja (pulls a face), hy was die enigste een vir wie ek vertel het. Hy is 'n ou-jong kerel en wil kinders he, die eerste keer toe ek vir hom daarvan vertel, toe se hy sal my dagvaar as ek daarmee voortgaan. Nou, maak hy net of hy niks weet nie.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

Nee, nooit nie. (Pause). Ek dink dit is beter dat niemand anders dit weet nie. Net hy en ek. Ek verkies dit so, dat niemand anders weet date ek verwagting was nie. As my familie dit weet sou hulle gesê het ek moet die kind hou en groot maak. Hulle sou my definitief bygestaan het, maar ek het nie kans gesien om 'n baba nou weer groot te maak nie. (Laugh). Hel, ek is 40 jaar oud en my jongste kind is 17 jaar oud. Hoe sou ek nou weer kans sien vir 'n baba?. O nee, ek sien net nie daarvoor kans nie. No Way.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

My oudste kind, my meisiekind is 20 jaar oud en my seun is 17. Kan jy dink wat sou gebeur het as ek nou, op my ouderdom, nog 'n kind moet grootmaak.? En ek preek vir hulle oor "contraception" en daar raak ek op 40 swanger. Ek is seker hulle sou my ondersteun het, maar nog steeds, dit is nie 'n maklike ding nie. Ek kom uit 'n familie van 7 kinders en ons leef baie naby aan mekaar. My pa is 4 jaar terug oorlede. Ek wou juis nie so groot familie gehad het nie, ek het gesien hoe my pa hulle partykeer sukkel. Ja nee, ek sien nie kans dat my ma of enigiemand anders deur dit moet gaan nie. Ek sien vir myself ook nie kans vir weer 'n kind nie. Nie op my ouderdom nie.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

(Laughs). Die ergste is at ek op die inspuiting was. Vandat my seun gebore is. Hy is al 17 jaar oud. Gewoonlik se hulle mos die inspuiting steriliseer jou. Ek is seker maar 'n vrugbare vrou. Ek het gedink dit sou nie met my gebeur nie....kyk net. Famous last words (laughs). En om te dink ek is 'n verpleegster (laughs). Dit is net nog erger, maar almal maak seker maak foute. Ek moes van beter geweet het, maar nou ja, ek was stupid.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Ek het begin bekommerd raak toe ek my 2de "period" nie gekry het nie. Ek is baie gesteld op my periods. Toe kry ek infeksie en gaan toe dokter toe. Toe doen sy toetse op my. Toe se sy vir my date ek swanger is.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Goeie vader, dit was 'n baie groot skok. Ek kon nie my ore glo nie. Ek dink ek het dit eers geignoreer en gedink dit is 'n groot fout. Die infeksie het dalk die toetse beïnvloed. Toe doen ek weer 'n toets, sommer by die apteek gekoop. En wragties, dit was toe ook positief.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

Ek het twee kinders, 20 en 17 en ek is 40 jaar oud. Ek is ook 'n enkel ouer en sien nie kans om nog 'n kind groot te maak nie. Nie in die omstandighede nie. Dit is net te veel. Ek verpleeg, en, nee, ek sien net nie kans vir dit nie. O nee, ek sien glad nie kans vir dit nie. Kan jy indink om weer elke paar uur te moet optaan vir bottels en voeding. Wat doen ek as ek nagskof moet werk? Ek kan nie verwag dat my kinders of ma na die kind moet kyk nie. Dit is nie reg nie. En ek sien nog minder kans om weer met 'n man se nonsense opgeskeep te sit. Nee, dit sal nie gebeur nie.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

Net vir 'n oomblik. (Pause), maar toe begin ek aan al die goed dink en ek sien net glad nie kans daarvoor nie.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

Nee, dit sal vir my nog erger wees as die aborsie. Ek sal nooit die kind vir nege maande kan dra en dit dan weg gee nie. Ek twyfel of ek dit sou kon doen. Ek is te lief vir kinders. Ek dink ook nie daar is genoeg mense wat kinders aan neem nie en nee, se nou die kind sit vir die res van sy lewe in 'n kinderhuis ,ek sal dit nooit kon doen nie. Ek sou altyd wonder en dit sal heeltemal te erg wees.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

Ja, ek was by Dr X in Kempton park en sy het my verwys na Dr Y toe verwys wat vir my aborsie sou doen. Hy sou vir my 'n guns doen om dit gratis te doen. Niemand doen my ooit 'n guns nie. Toe kom een van die susters daar en sy vertel my van hierdie kliniek en gee vir my die telefoonnommer van die kliniek. Toe bel ek sommer dieselfde dag, en maak 'n afspraak. Ek wou vroeër inkom maar daar was nie kans nie. Dit was vol bespreek. Ek moes toe drie dae wag en toe kom ek in.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Hulle is wonderlik. Baie vriendelik en behulpsaam, hulle gee aandag aan jou. Behandel jou soos 'n mens. Nie net iemand wat hier inkom oor 'n aborsie en jou weer laat loop nie. Hulle het my baie bygestaan. Ek het nie gevoel soos 'n krimineel nie. Ja nee, hulle was regtig oulik.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Ja, definitief. Ek was vreeslik bang maar toe ek by hierdie plek inkom, en sien hoe oulik die mense is, toe voel ek sommer beter. Die sessie het êêook net bevestig dat ek die regte besluit maak. Moenie my verkeerd verstaan nie, hulle luister na jou en "judge" jou nie. Jy word nie soos 'n krimineel behandel nie. Ja, ek dink het help baie.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Beslis, 'n mens is meer bang voor die tyd maar as jy na die tyd weer kom, en hulle kyk of alles reg is en gesels met jou, dan voel jy sommer baie beter. Al het jy besluit om dit te doen, is dit nog steeds moeilik want jy kan nie help om te wonder daarvoor nie, was dit 'n seuntjie of 'n dogterjie, het dit seer gekry. Kyk, ek sal nooit weer kinders hê nie, en ek kan nie help om te wonder nie (pause), maar ek is nie jammer oor die besluit wat ek gemaak het nie. 'n Mens wonder maar.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Ja, ja, ek dink so. Eerder nou as wat dit later was. Ek glo ek het die regte keuse gemaak, dit was nie maklik nie maar ja, ek dink dit was reg. Ek is 'n sterk vrou, gee nie somaar op nie.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Ek gaan myself somer steriliseer. Ek het klaar 'n afspraak gemaak, somer hier en dit gaan ek aan die einde van maand doen. Ek gaan nooit weer hier deur gaan nie. Nee, ek is te oud vir hierdie tipe goed.

**RESPONDENT B**

1. Age 22

2. Race 

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	<b>Currently studying at a tertiary institution</b>	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	<b>Student</b>	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 20

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	<b>Living together</b>	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

<b>Condom</b>	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

**Don't know**

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**7 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**2**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We met at varsity and have been living together for almost two years. He is my first serious boyfriend and person I ever had sex with. He is very kind and supportive although both of us are sad that this happened now. If it could have waited until we were finished studying or married then it would have been OK. We are way too young and still students, how will we pay for a baby?

**Q: HOW OLD IS HE?**

The same as me, 22.

**Q: WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?**

I am studying psychology and he is doing engineering, wants to build roads and bridges (laughs) ...he enjoys it.

**Q IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes, he actually brought me for the abortion and even came in with me during the abortion. He brought me here today for my check- up and is in the waiting room. We made the decision together and although we both want children, now is just not the right time, no, bad planning. We first thought that we could keep the baby but we really, really discussed it and we both decided that we couldn't. It just wouldn't work.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

Oh yes, we both cried when told him that I was pregnant. It was a great shock to us and we couldn't believe. We made the decision together and he did not force me.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

My family...no way. A good Afrikaans girl from a good Afrikaans family. Kan jy dink wat sou gebeur? No, just the two of us know. I couldn't face my parents or his either. They don't even know we are living together so can you think what would have happened, they would kill me. (Long pause). No, they would kill me.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

Good Afrikaans family from the farm (laughs). I make them seem horrible, but they are not. We are 3 children, 2 brothers and me. We are very close but the little baby having a baby would not be accepted, you know what I mean. They really would kill me, it just doesn't



happen in our community. When I left for varsity, they still joked to say don't have a "jool baba", and don't be fooled by boys and city life. This isn't a "jool baba" but I just don't think they would understand. (Crying) I would disappoint them.

**Q: WHERE DOES YOUR FAMILY LIVE?**

In the Free State. Small town although they are farmers. Vader, can you imagine the scandal of all the "ooms en tannies" if this should come out.

**Q: THE SCANDAL BEING THAT YOU WERE PREGNANT OR THAT YOU HAD AN ABORTION?**

Both, well mostly the pregnancy because no one will know that I had an abortion, right, you promised (questions researcher and becomes tense).

*Yes, I promised that our conversation would be confidential and that you will remain anonymous..*

**Q: YOU STATED THAT YOU USED A CONDOM. WHY DO YOU THINK IT FAILED?**

No idea, absolutely no idea. But I can promise you, I am going to use a loop, pill, condom...whatever else there is available. I cannot go through this again...no way. I still want lost of kids, a big family, this was just bad luck.

**Q: HOW MANY CHILDREN WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?**

At least four, two boys and two girls.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

My periods are always regular and when I was late, I started worrying. I bought a home pregnancy test. I can't remember the name...um...oh well, and there was the coloured line. Man, I was so frightened; I didn't know what to do.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I was frightened, petrified. I did not expect this. We always used a condom. Well, not always, but I was sure it was at a safe stage.

**Q: WHEN DID YOU TELL YOUR BOYFRIEND THAT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

The same day. He came home and I told him. He was very shocked. He went to the chemist to get another test just to make sure.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

I am too young. We are too young. Both of us are studying. We don't work, where would we get money from? Our lives are still ahead of us. We would probably have to quit varsity and get jobs. What kind of jobs would we get? No, it just was bad luck. There were too many things. I also would not be able to face my parents. Maybe I am wrong, maybe they would have supported us but, no, it wasn't right. It was the only option.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

Yes, as I said, I would like kids, lots of them, but it wasn't the right time. We couldn't have kids now...no...no.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

Not a chance.

**Q: WHY NOT?**

I think that it is more cruel. To live your life wondering what happened to your child. Is he happy, even alive. No not a chance. How do you explain to a child that you were not ready to have him? No, I couldn't do that.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No, I heard other people talk about this clinic and came here to see what it was like before I made an appointment.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE ON THIS CLINIC?**

They were friendly and professional. They did not look at me as a murder. They were very nice.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSIONS HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Definitely. They explain everything so nicely and you don't feel so bad or guilty. You have someone else to talk to about it. Yes, it makes a big difference.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL GUILTY ABOUT YOUR DECISION?**

Um, in some ways. It is a life, but I try not to think about that. I was the only thing I could do, at this stage. Yes, I didn't have a choice.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

I was more scared before the time and on the day that I had the abortion, but they were very nice, kind. I came for the check up today and they really help you. You know, someone to talk to about how you are feeling. Someone that understands.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes, what else could I do? It is not easy because I want to have kids but ...what else could I do? I hope that one day I will be able to have kids because I've heard people say that an abortion can make you, what's the word, infertile. I just hope that I can have kids again. I will never forgive myself if I can't have kids...one day.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

I will use everything and anything after this experience or will stop having sex (laughs).

**RESPONDENT C**

1. Age 20

2. Race

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	<b>Currently studying at a tertiary institution</b>	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status

Scholar	<b>Student</b>	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 19

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 2

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

<b>One-night stand</b>	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

N/A

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**7 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

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**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We have been friends for a very long time, a couple of years and um, we had a one night stand, and well, I fell pregnant.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

Well, yes and no. He is aware of it but both of us feel that this is the right thing to do. We are not in a relationship and this happened once, so it won't happen again. We are not a couple and don't love each other or anything like that.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

No.

**Q: WHY DID YOU TELL ANYONE ELSE?**

I just didn't.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

Well, I do not come from some trailer park as you might think. My parents are both professionals and I am studying accountancy. So, don't think that that I fell pregnant because I am stupid or come from a bad family or area. It was just something that happened.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

It just happened. We were at a party and had a bit much too drink and then we had sex.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Missed my period and did a home pregnancy test.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I wasn't happy, not at all. But what can you do? It was there and well, I decided to abort it.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

I didn't want a child. I am way too young to be raising a child.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

No

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

I went to a private hospital but they referred me here.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

At first I thought that was Carte Blanche or some show. It was not at all what I expected. I expected a real clinic, you know, a hospital place. But hey were very nice and friendly, not at all what I expected.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

I suppose so, don't really know. I already decided to have the abortion and well, it didn't really make a difference to me.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Ag, as I said, I already made up my mind, so it was more for the check up than anything else.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes. Definitely.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Yes.

**Q: WHICH METHOD?**

Will see.

**RESPONDENT D**

1. Age 20

2. Race 

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	<b>Currently studying at a tertiary institution</b>	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	<b>Student</b>	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 20

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	<b>More than 3 months</b>	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

<b>Condom</b>	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

**Don't know**

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**6 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

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9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

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**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We have been dating for about eight months. We met at varsity and ja, we have been together for eight months.

**Q IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes. He wasn't too happy about it. I wasn't too happy either. But, we didn't really have a choice.

**Q: WHY WERE YOU NOT HAPPY ABOUT HAVING AN ABORTION?**

Well, I am very religious and so is he. You probably think that that is strange.....being religious and having an abortion but we are way too young to have children. It really wasn't easy as I do see it as a life.....from conception.....but I had to make a choice.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

Yes. Definitely. We weren't happy about it but we really did not see that we could do anything else. Not in our situation.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

My sister knows and she stands behind me. She brought me for the abortion as he was writing an exam; otherwise he would have brought me. She has been very sweet and promised not to tell anyone else.

**Q: WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO TELL ANYONE ELSE?**

We really are very religious and my parents would die. They would see it as murder and wrong and I just don't have the energy to try to explain. They would really be disappointed in me and would make me keep the baby. I just couldn't do that right now. I am 20 years old. I will have to live with what I have done, but I believe that God will, hopefully forgive me.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

I live with my mom and dad and my sister.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

Yes, we used a condom but I don't know what happened.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I wasn't feeling very well and went to a doctor. He did a blood test and told me.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Oh my God. That was all that I thought. Oh my God.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

I am 20. That is too young. I know that there have been younger mothers but I just couldn't face having a child now. I am studying and my boyfriend is studying. We don't work. We aren't responsible enough. My parents would probably have to raise the baby while I tried to finish studying.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

No...not really. I just didn't think abortion is right...you know....killing a foetus...a baby. But because I am so young and .....I had to make a decision and well, for me the only answer was to have an abortion.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No.

**Q: WHY NOT?**

Just don't think that is fair on the child.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

I first went to the Marie Stopes clinic in Johannesburg but I didn't like it.

**Q: WHY NOT?**

Yuk....it was horrible. They didn't even smile or anything. All these girls and women were waiting there, and it felt like a mortuary. Nope, didn't like it...I was very uncomfortable.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Wow, what a difference. Friendly, kind, helpful. I kept on thinking that I am killing a baby but they did not make me feel like that at all. I was very comfortable. They even had a recovery room and offered tea or coffee. Couldn't believe that this was an abortion clinic.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Yes. Especially because I felt I was doing something very wrong. Morally you know. They helped me cope with that and try to make peace with my decision.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Yes. It was nice to know that someone cared how you are doing after having an abortion. I now it is their job but it does make you feel better. It really does.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes. It is hard at times knowing that you had a baby inside you. Growing...but I think that I made the right choice. I sometimes wonder what the baby would have looked like. But...I'll never know.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Definitely, I already started with the pill. I warned my boyfriend that he will still use condoms as well. Not taking anymore chances.

**RESPONDENT E**

1. Age 25

2. Race 

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	<b>Grade 12 (<i>Matric</i>)</b>	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	<b>Employed</b>
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 20

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	Living together	Married	<b>Separated</b>	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	<b>Pill</b>	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

**Don't know**

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**8 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**Don't know**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We have been married for five years and we are separated. I didn't know I was pregnant before I left him.

**Q: DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD SALVAGE YOUR MARRIAGE?**

No, I don't think so. He is a real bastard and I am not interested to sort things out with him, not now, not anymore. I told him I was pregnant and he told me I was a slut and that the baby wasn't his. Like I would sleep around? I married him when I was 20. We were together since I was 18. I thought that maybe the baby would sort things out and that he would be happy, but he doesn't believe it is his.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

I told him that I would do but I don't think he believed me. What am I meant to do? I never worked while we were married and how am I going to support a baby? He won't pay maintenance or help me, he thinks it is somebody else's child. So what am I suppose to do?

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

I told my mom and she is very sad that I had an abortion. She is not happy and said that she would help me, but I am going through such and emotional time that I cannot see how I can cope with a divorce and a child. It is just too much. I have to find work to be able to support myself, let alone a child. My mom's also working and trying to do the best that she can. She is a single mom and I cannot place even more on her. My brother is still in school and my sister is studying at Technicon. She cannot support me and a baby now as well. No, it just wouldn't be fair to her.

**Q: DID YOU NOT USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

I was on the pill, but don't know what happened. I have been taking the pill since I got married.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I did a home pregnancy test. When it came out that yes, I was pregnant, I went to my GP. He did a blood test and confirmed the results.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I couldn't believe it. All I thought of was that I don't need this right now. Things are bad enough as it is...I don't need this now. After I calmed down, I thought maybe we could work things out and he would be happy. I went to him and told him, and what a scene. He practically threw me out. But, as I told you, he doesn't believe it is his child.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

I cannot see what else I could do. He doesn't want anything to do with the baby, he doesn't believe it is his. Who will support me? I have no money. Even if we get a divorce, he doesn't earn that much...it won't be enough for me and a baby. I don't have a job....I don't have anything. I'm living with my mom and brother and I cannot expect her to help me. She has enough in her life, also problems. I also don't believe that children should have a single parent. That's not fair either. I had to have an abortion.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

Yes, if we could have worked out our marriage and he would go for counselling.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No. My GP referred me to this clinic after I completed cracked. I just couldn't cope with the thought of going through a pregnancy as well. He was very nice and said that this clinic was very nice. They would help me. They don't force you to have the abortion and they let you decide for yourself. This was good for me as I first wanted to see if I couldn't patch up my marriage, maybe it would be OK.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Brilliant. They really were very nice. I came to find out about the abortion but wasn't sure if I was going to have it. They told me everything about it. I told them that I first want to see if he would change his mind and they were very nice about it. When the big scene happened I came back here and they supported me. They listened to me. I was here for more than an hour and they didn't mind. They sent me away again to really think things over but nothing had changed. So I made the appointment and had the abortion.



**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Yes. I think it did make a difference. I am so angry at the whole thing. I had to have an abortion because of him. They referred me to a psychologist for counselling. It was bad enough that I am 25 and going to be divorced but he also made me have no option but to have an abortion.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

I dint have any other choice. I am sorry and angry that I had to have an abortion, but I didn't have a choice. I want children but not alone in this world.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

I am staying so far away from men from now on. No more men for me.

**RESPONDENT F**

1. Age 21

2. Race

African	Coloured	<b>Asian</b>	White
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3. Level of education

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	<b>Grade 12 (Matric)</b>	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	<b>Employed</b>
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 19

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	<b>Living together</b>	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	<b>Pill</b>	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

**Forgot to take it**

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**10 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**Don't mind how many**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We've been together for almost a year now and we are living together. My parents don't know this and would freak. I am Hindi and he is black and older than I am. Not much, he is 28 but in an Indian family, going out with a black man is not the best news. They live in Durban and that is why they don't know. I have never told them. I know that is probably not right, but I am scared of what they would say.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes, he is. He is very unhappy about it. He wants lots of children.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

No...yes. In a way, it's a bit difficult. He didn't want me to have the abortion, he wants a big family and was very happy when I told him I was pregnant. But, I did not know what to do. He says he supports my decision, but I don't think so. He is very kind and loves me very much. I think that is why he tries to be supportive, but I can see that he is not happy.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

They would freak. I would never tell them. We are a big family and they are very traditional. If they knew that I was dating a black man, and we were living together, and I was pregnant they would die. I would be kicked out of the family. No, they don't know and they will never find out. No way, no.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

I am using the pill but forgot to take it.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I went to my gynaecologist and he did a blood test.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Shock...horror. I couldn't believe it. This could not be happening to me. I am a bit of a scatter brain and my boyfriend always joked that I would get pregnant because I forgot to take the pill.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER USING A CONDOM AS WELL?**

We should have, but you think it will be Ok, you are on the pill.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

My family would freak if they found out I was living with a black man and was pregnant. I also think I am too young and would like to concentrate on my career. I am working in an advertising company and next year want to go study it. It is really a passion of mine and I would like to do that. No, there are just too many things that counted against me having this baby.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

I only thought about it because he wants children. I couldn't, not now.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No.

**Q: WHY NOT?**

That is worse. At least you know what happened to your baby with an abortion. With adoption, you will always wonder and will never know.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No. my gynaecologist gave me the details of the clinic and I phoned and made an appointment.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Very good, yes, I would definitely recommend it to someone in the same position as I am. You aren't scared here.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Yes, they do all the medical tests and tell you what is happening as they are doing it. You also feel that they understand.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Yes. It is scary and after the abortion my boyfriend was very upset. It helped me to handle him.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes, I don't see what else I could have done. I do want children but not now.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

I am going on the injection and we will use a condom.

**RESPONDENT G**

1. Age 26

2. Race

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	<b>Completed tertiary education</b>
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4. Employment status

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	<b>Employed</b>
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 20

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	Living together	<b>Married</b>	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

N/A

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**11 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**2**



**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

I have been married since I was 20. I have been married for 6 years. I have been trying to fall pregnant for the past two years and it finally happened. I was so happy when I found out I was pregnant. I have been trying for two years and was starting to get worried. When I told him I was pregnant I could see that something was wrong but I thought it was just the stress of having a family. When I was two months pregnant I found out that he was having an affair. Can you believe it, here I am preparing for the most important thing in our lives and he has been having an affair for almost three years.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes, he brought me for the abortion. He did not want me to have the abortion but I am trying to cope with the fact that he has been having an affair. How can I have a child if I don't even know if I am going to get divorced or what is going to happen. I don't know if we are going to make it. I don't know what to do.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

No, he wants me to keep the child and is against abortion. So am I, but I just didn't know how to cope. I waited. I couldn't wait any longer. I was 11 weeks pregnant and if I decided to have an abortion later on, it wouldn't be possible. I had to do it now. I didn't have a choice.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

Everyone knew that I was pregnant. I was so happy that I told the entire world but now they all know that he is having an affair, which is enough stress. I couldn't still tell them that I am going for an abortion. They would never understand. Never. I cannot have a child by myself and I don't know if we are going to get a divorce or not. We are in counselling but I just don't know. I told everyone that I had a miscarriage. I had to lie; I couldn't tell them I killed my own child. They wouldn't understand. Abortion is wrong, but I didn't know what else to do.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

I am an only child and have a wonderful mom and dad. We really get on well, but this would kill them...it really would. They believe abortion is wrong and would never understand. I know they would support me and help me but I have to sort out my marriage first.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

No, I wanted to fall pregnant.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

My doctor did a blood test and told me. I really wanted to be pregnant.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I was so happy. It was wonderful news. I was really really happy.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

Because of my marriage. I don't know if we are going to get a divorce. I don't think it is right for a child to only have a mother and I couldn't cope with the stress. It is just too much for me. I had to focus on one thing and couldn't think about the baby now.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No way. I had to focus on one thing and I would rather keep the baby than give it up for adoption. But I had to focus on my marriage first.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No, my doctor told me about the clinic and I came here.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

It is very good. They are very helpful and nice.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Yes, because I wanted the baby but now couldn't, they were very understanding. Very nice, very helpful.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

It is difficult when you wanted the baby but had to have an abortion. Yes, I think it did help. At least I could talk to someone about how I was feeling. It did help.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

I don't know. Everyday I wonder if it was the right choice. I don't feel that I had a choice but killing your baby, that is something else. I don't know, I don't know. I will always wonder. What if I can never have children again? I don't know what I would do then.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

I don't know what is going to happen in my life or my marriage. As they say, one step at a time. I will have to see if I can sort things out. I don't know if I will ever forgive him.

**Q: FORGIVE HIM FOR HAVING AN AFFAIR?**

That as well. I really feel that he is the cause of me having to have made this decision. I wanted a child and he made me have an abortion.

**RESPONDENT H**

1. Age 26

2. Race 

<b>African</b>	Coloured	Asian	White
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3. Level of education 

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	<b>Currently studying at a tertiary institution</b>	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status 

Scholar	<b>Student</b>	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 18

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 3

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease? 

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	<b>Living together</b>	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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7.1. If yes, which method.

<b>Condom</b>	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

**Condom broke**

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**10 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**Lots**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We have been living together for five years.

**Q WHERE DID YOU MEET?**

At university. We are both studying law and are in the same classes.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Yes.

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM HIM?**

Yes.

**Q: WAS HE UPSET THAT YOU DECIDED TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

Yes, no. I don't really know. We talked about it but we don't talk about it anymore. We are putting it behind us.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

No.

**Q: WHY NOT?**

They would have wanted me to keep the baby.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

What do you want to know?

**Q: DO YOU HAVE A BIG FAMILY, HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS?**

We are five children. I am the oldest and my youngest sister is 7.

**Q: WOULD YOUR PARENTS HAVE WANTED YOU TO KEEP THE BABY?**

Yes.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

Yes. We used a condom but it broke.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I was scared after the condom broke but didn't worry too much. Then I went to the doctor and he told me I was pregnant.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Scared.

**Q: WHY DID YOU FEEL SCARED?**

I just did.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

I am studying and have a bursary. If I stop now, I couldn't come back to finish my studies.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

No.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

I heard about it from a friend. They were very friendly.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Yes.

**Q: IN WHAT WAY?**

I don't know.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

I don't know.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Yes.

**Q: WHAT KIND OF CONTRACEPTION?**

Injection.



**RESPONDENT I**

1. Age 31

2. Race

African	<b>Coloured</b>	Asian	White
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3. Level of education

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	<b>Grade 12 (<i>Matric</i>)</b>	Currently studying at a tertiary institution	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status

Scholar	Student	Unemployed	<b>Employed</b>
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 21

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 2

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

<b>One-night stand</b>	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

N/A

7.4. How far pregnant were you?

**9 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

**1**

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

**0**

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

**0**

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

**1**

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

**1**

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**1**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

Ag, dit was 'n one-night stand gewees. Ek kan dit nie glo nie. Ons is vriende. Hy is eintlik my verloofde se vriend. En wragtig, toe raak ek swanger by hom. Ek en my verloofde het deur 'n moeilike tyd gegaan, vreeslik baklei en so aan. Toe gaan hy Kaap toe vir besigheid. Ek was eensaam en sy vriend het mooi na my gekyk. Hy het kom kyk of ek en my seun OK was. Ons het een aand uitgegaan, ek moes bietjie weg kom, en toe raak ons lekker dronk. Toe slaap ons by mekaar en toe word ek swanger.

**Q: IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

Ja, hy dink ook dit is die beste. Ek wil nie moeilikheid met my verloofde hê nie. Hy (verloofde) is die pa van my kind, my ander seun. Hy is vyf jaar oud. Die ou wil ook nie moeilikheid hê nie. Hy (verloofde) is 'n goeie pa en ons het maar net deur 'n moeilike tyd gegaan. Ek is lief vir hom en wil he ons moet trou. My seun is ook baie lief vir sy pa en ek wil nie hê hy moet weet nie, nee, hy sal my dadelik los en wat dan van my kind?

**Q: DID YOU RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT FROM THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

Ja, soortvan. Hy dink ook dit is die beste ding om te doen. Hy is maar hartseer, want hy wil graag kinders he, maar ek moet aan my ander kind dink. Ek wil nog 'n kind hê maar wil hê dit moet dieselfde pa wees as my seuntjie.

**Q: DID YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PREGNANCY OR ABORTION?**

Nee, nooit nie. Hulle sal my verkwalik dat ek swanger is by 'n ander man. My verloofde is baie goed vir my en my kind. Baie goed.

**Q: COULD YOUR FIANCÉ NOT BE THE FATHER OF YOUR CHILD?**

Nee, toe ons so baklei het en deur moeilikheid gegaan het, het ons nie bymekaar geslaap.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?**

My familie bly in die Kaap en hulle sou regtig nie gelukkig gewees het as hulle weet ek het 'n aborsie gehad nie. Hulle is groot Christene en glo dat jy nie 'n aborsie mag he nie. Ek sal hulle nooit vertel nie.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

Nee. Soos ek gesê het, ons was dronk en dit het net gebeur.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

My ginekoloog het vir my gesê.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

Baie hartseer. Ek weet die pa van die kind wil graag kinders hê, veral seuns. Sê nou dit was 'n seun. Ai, ek was regtig hartseer want ek wil ook nog kinders hê, maar met my verloofde.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

Ek moet aan my seuntjie dink. Kan jy dink hoe die ander hom sal terg as sy boetie of sussie nie dieselfde pa het nie. My verloofde is baie goed vir ons en ek is baie lief vir hom. Ons het net deur 'n moeilike stadium gegaan. Dit moes nooit gebeur het nie. As my verloofde die pa was, sou ek nooit 'n aborsie gehad het nie.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

Ja, maar wat van my seun en my verloofde?

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

Nee.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

Nee, my ginekoloog het die nommer vir my gegee.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Baie goed. Baie tuis en gemaklik laat voel. Baie oulike mense.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

Ja, baie, want ek was baie hartseer. Ek probeer maar net dink dat dit nog nie 'n mens was nie. Hulle sou seker nie 'n aborsie gedoen het as dit al soos 'n mens gelyk het nie. Sou hulle? Nee, ek dink nie hulle sou as dit al handtjies en voetjies gehad het nie, nee.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Ja. Hulle kyk of jy alright is en of alles reg is. Ek voel beter omdat iemand omgee want ek en die pa kan nie daarvoor praat nie. My verloofde is terug en ons werk nou hard aan ons verhouding. Dit gaan baie goed, so dit is goed om met iemand daarvoor te praat.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Ja. Dit was nie lekker nie en ek wil nog kinders hê. Maar ek moes dink aan my seun en my verloofde. Ja, dit was die regte besluit maar ek is tog hartseer.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Ja, definitief, maar ek sal nooit weer met iemand anders slaap nie. Ek en my verloofde is weer bymekaar en dit gaan goed. Ek het die inspuiting gekry want ek wil nie nou weer swanger raak nie. Ek dink ek sal te veel wonder. So ek sal maar wag en dan sal ek nog 'n kind hê.

**RESPONDENT J**

1. Age 24

2. Race

African	Coloured	Asian	<b>White</b>
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3. Level of education

Grade 7 (Std 5)	Grade 10 (Std 8)	Grade 12 (Matric)	<b>Currently studying at a tertiary institution</b>	Completed tertiary education
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4. Employment status

Scholar	<b>Student</b>	Unemployed	Employed
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5. Age at first sexual intercourse 24

5.1. How many sexual partners have you had? 1

5.2. Have you ever been treated for venereal disease?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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5.3. If yes, for which disease? N/A

6. Relationship status with the father of the foetus?

One-night stand	Less than 3 months	<b>More than 3 months</b>	Living together	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
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7. Were you using contraception?

Yes	<b>No</b>
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7.1. If yes, which method.

Condom	Female condom	IUD	Injection	Pill	Other
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7.2. If Other, which method?

N/A

7.3. Why do you think it failed?

N/A

7.4 How far pregnant were you?

**11 weeks**

8. Have you been pregnant before?

Yes	No
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8.1. If yes, how many times?

N/A

8.2. If yes, how many miscarriages?

N/A

8.3. If yes, how many abortions?

N/A

8.4. If yes, how many live births?

N/A

8.5. If live births, how many children are still alive?

N/A

9. Do you want to still have children?

<b>Yes</b>	No
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9.1. If yes, how many?

**2**

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER OF THE FOETUS?**

We have been going out for about six months.

**Q IS HE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE TERMINATED YOUR PREGNANCY?**

No. I didn't tell him that I was pregnant.

**Q: WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM?**

I didn't want him to know. I was scared he would want to keep the baby. I don't. I am too scared to keep the baby. I didn't tell anyone that I was pregnant. Only my doctor knew.

**Q: WHY ARE YOU SCARED?**

I don't think I would be a good mother. Not now in any case. I don't have anyone that I can rely on to help me or to support me. I don't know if he would really help me. He is very nice and he is the longest boyfriend I have had, but I don't know. I am also too young and I am studying. I don't want to throw that away.

**Q: WHY DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE A BAD MOTHER?**

Um, I just do. I am too young and I don't have a mother that could help me. My mother died when I was very young, she committed suicide. What if I'm like her? What will happen to my child if this happens to me? I cannot let my child go through what I went through. I just can't; I found her and even after seeing psychologists I still think about it. No, I am very scared to become a mother.

**Q: TELL ME ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY?**

My dad had to raise my sister and myself. By himself. It was very difficult for him. He did his best and we are all very close. We only have each other. My sister is 20 and was very young when my mom died. I had to take care of her, help my dad. It was very tough but we made it.

**Q: DID YOU USE ANY METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION?**

No. I didn't think it would happen. I am usually careful and monitor my cycle, but I was off.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FIND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I did a pregnancy test at home. I actually tested three to make sure.

**Q: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE PREGNANT?**

I was very upset. I am too young, and ...really, I just couldn't even consider being a mother.



**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO HAVE AN ABORTION?**

Too young. I have only been with this guy for six months and don't know if we will get married. I'm still getting to know him. I am in my third year at RAU and, no, I just couldn't face it.

**Q: DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RAISING THE CHILD?**

No. I am too scared to think about being a mother.

**Q: DID YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION?**

No.

**Q: DID YOU ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE ABORTION DONE AT A DIFFERENT FACILITY?**

No.

**Q: HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE CLINIC?**

Very good. Friendly and supportive. I felt safe in their hands and they knew what they were doing.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE COUNSELLING SESSION HELPED YOU DEAL WITH THE ABORTION?**

I think it is a very good idea. They make sure that you are sure about your decision. I think that this is important because it is not an easy decision. I think some women aren't sure and then regret that they had an abortion.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE POST-ABORTION COUNSELLING WAS OF VALUE?**

Yes. I think it makes you feel less guilty about your decision.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL GUILTY?**

In a sense yes. it is not nice. It is not physically that painful, but I am very scared that the baby felt pain. I don't like to think about that. I just hope that it didn't feel anything. I feel very scared that it was painful for the baby.

**Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?**

Yes. I really do.

**Q: ARE YOU GOING TO USE CONTRACEPTION FROM NOW ON?**

Yes. The pill. But I will be careful and think a lot. This cannot happen again. Maybe I need to get myself sterilised, yes, then this cant happen again.