

**DISSERTATION TITLE:**  
**KNOWLEDGE ATTITUDE AND PRACTICE ON CONDOM USE AMONG  
SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINONDONI MUNICIPAL DAR-ES  
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**ABSTRACT.**

Safe sex practice has been found to be a burning issue among youths in schools due to the fact that there is high rate of girls dropout of school because of pregnancy, the Guardian, local newspaper reported as high as 20% of students enrolled in schools and colleges are infected with HIV. A cross - sectional descriptive study was conducted in four randomly selected secondary schools of Kinondoni Municipality to assess the student's level of knowledge, attitude and practice on condom use.

Multistage sampling technique was employed to obtain a sample size of 400 secondary school students 200 girls and 200 boys, out of whom 87 boys and 80 girls were sexually active. Each of them filled in a self-administered questionnaire, their age ranged between 14 and 21 years old. More than half of the respondents 86 (51.25%) had poor knowledge on importance of condom use and 81(48.25%) had knowledge. However the status of condom use was irregular and incorrect or rather low.

Mass media showed to be good source of information followed by youth friendly outlets. Both showing the good role they play in educating students on Safe sex practice. All respondents reported to have used the male type of condom only. Eventhough, 34 (29.31%) used it always and 67 (57.76%) used it sometimes. Furthermore, steps followed when applying condoms were correctly mentioned by 33 (28.45%) and 83 (71.55%) mentioned the steps incorrectly. The results show students have negative attitude towards condom use.

Generally regular and correct condom use is poor in both sexes and the attitude is negative. The Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) should strengthen school health programmes using different techniques such as peer health educators who are competent in Information Education and Communication.

Health Action Model (HAM) will be used to encourage students change their behavior from unsafe sex practice to safe sex practice.