

# **MOBILITY AND SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR AMONG YOUNG MEN IN NIGERIA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*Mobility has been a useful tool even in the pre-modern era because it takes place with a view to reaching and satisfying such individual's socio-economic, cultural and political needs in different places (Adetunji, 2010). The frequency, pattern and complexity of such trips are usually influenced and constrained by physical, demographic, cultural and socioeconomic factors (Asiyanbola, 1999; Boarnet and Crane, 2001; Conger, 2001; Handy and Clifton, 2001; Ironmonger and Norman, 2007; Ipingbemi, 2010). Geographical mobility is widely recognized as one of the main facilitating condition of HIV/AIDS transmission in sub-Saharan Africa (Fontanent and Piot 1994: Hunt 1989). A recent survey on STI/HIV transmission in Nigeria, report that more emphasis was laid on the effect of return migrant on the spread of STI/HIV in their place of origin (UNFPA, 2013). Multiple sexual partnerships are among the sexual behaviors that also put people at risk of HIV transmission. This study, examines the relationship between mobility and sexual behaviour among young men in Nigeria and thus relied on secondary data from Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS, 2013), constituting about 922 young men of age group 15-24, who have migrated for more than 4 weeks preceding the survey as its source of information. Findings revealed that migrants contribute significantly to their sexual behaviours based on their status. This study therefore concludes that contraceptives service point should be provided for mobile young men who are single, Christians and also from the southern-southern and southern-western part of Nigeria.*

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