Gender roles and customs in Nigeria affect women’s health and welfare. Women have less access to education and employment than men. Women who have little decision-making power are less likely to receive appropriate antenatal care or delivery assistance. Women are also less knowledgeable about HIV prevention.

Women and HIV/AIDS

49 percent of women have never discussed HIV/AIDS with their partner.

30 percent of men say that a woman has no right to tell a man to wear a condom.

84 percent of women believe that a wife can refuse to have sex with her husband if he has a sexually transmitted infection.

Measures of Empowerment

Women's Participation in Decisionmaking

66 percent of women and 63 percent of men think that female circumcision should be discontinued.
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