

Male Involvement in Maternal Health

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Yes, I went with my pregnant wife to the clinic. But I waited outside. We are not allowed inside, although I would like to know what happens inside...

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Infectious diseases (HIV, STIs, ...)

Health behaviour & Health Education

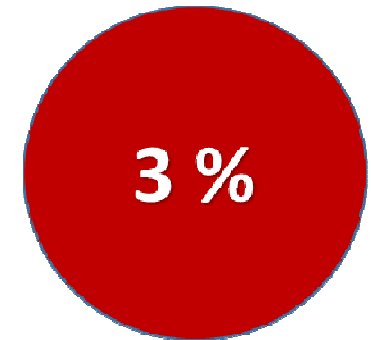
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Objectives

Situation Analysis of Male Involvement during pregnancy & childbirth :

Barriers & Facilitators (Qual)

Knowledge among men and women regarding maternal health

Level of male involvement

Decision making

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Community	Structured IVs	Couples	350 couples

2017

● **May: Individual Interviews**

● Policymakers, Academics, Experts

● **June/July: Focus Group Discussion**

PROVIDERS
COMMUNITY

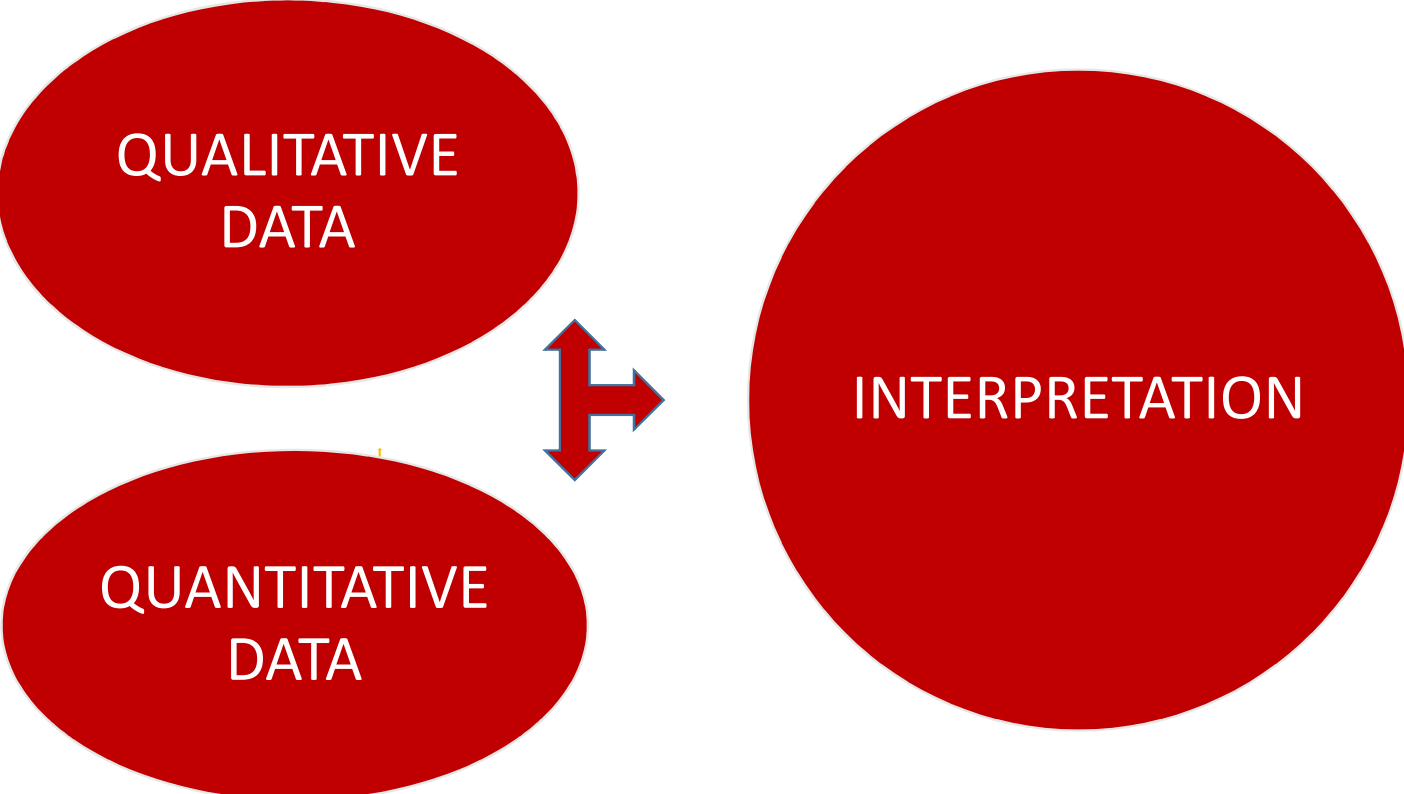
● **August: Cross sectional survey**

350 COUPLES IN COMMUNITY

Development Intervention

2018-2019

CONCURRENT TRIANGULATION DESIGN



TOPIC GUIDE

FACILITATORS

BENEFITS

BARRIERS

RISKS

OPPORTUNITIES

IMPORTANCE

Main Barriers

Hostile clinical environment

Gender norms & HIV stigmatization

Time & working hours

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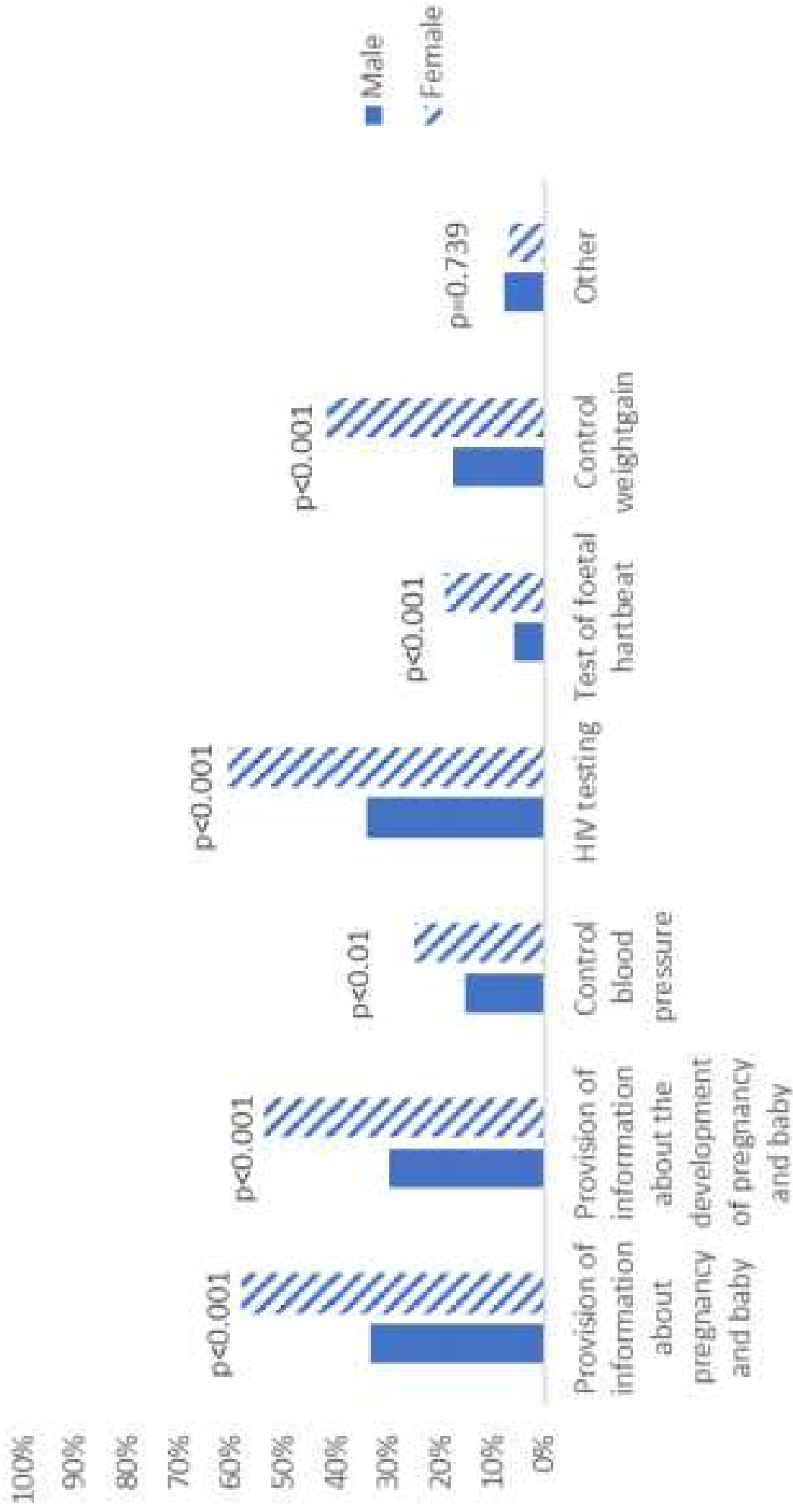
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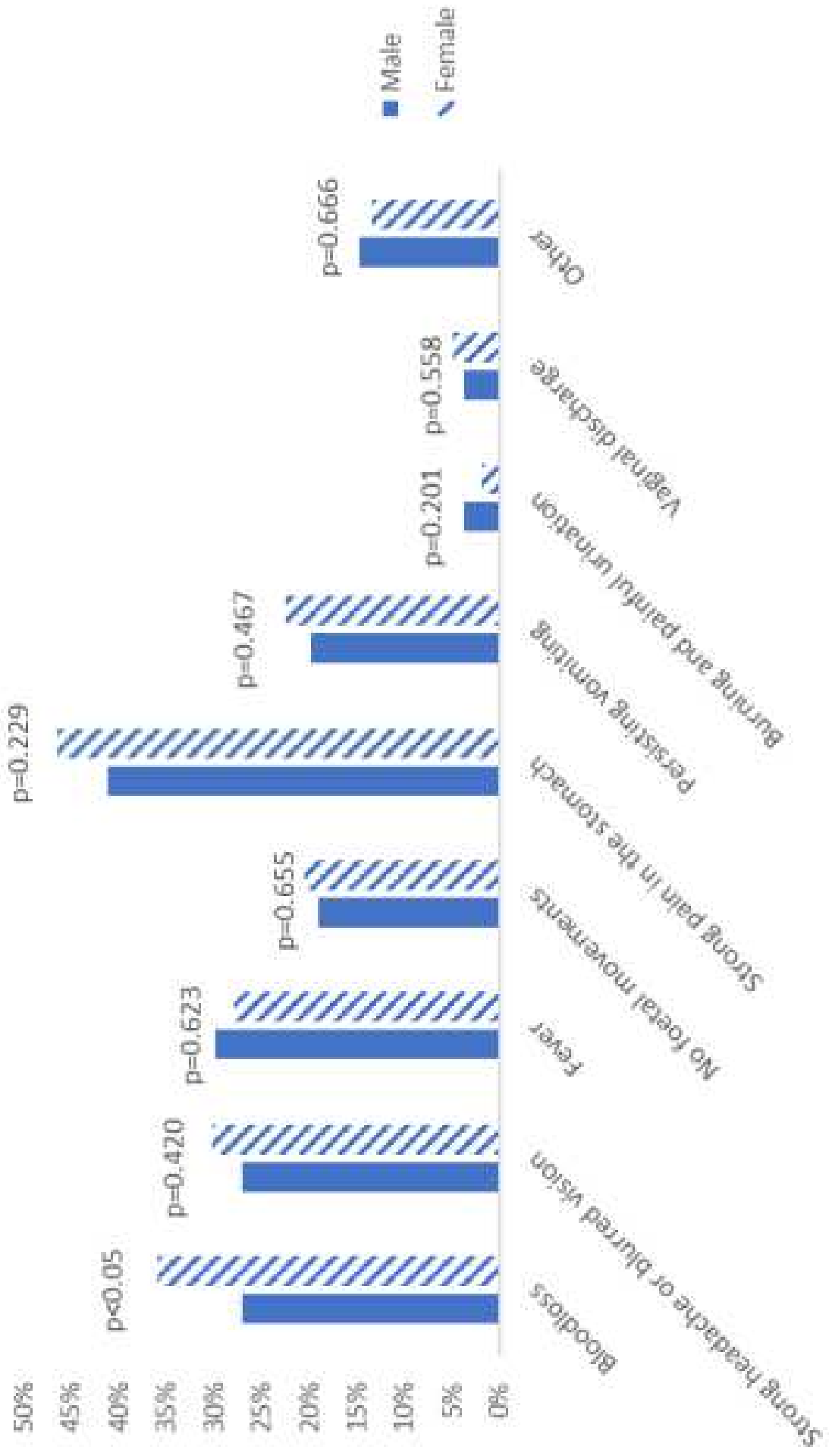
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Quantitative Results

Awareness of topics including in ANC

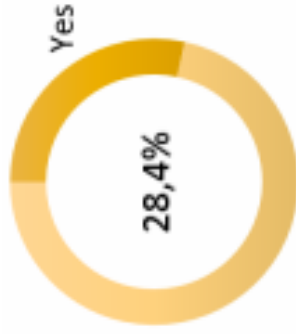


Danger signs

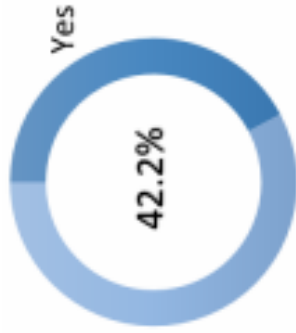




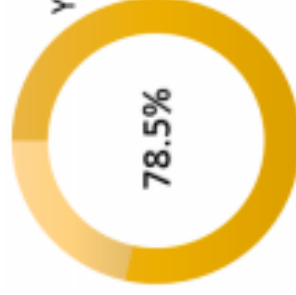
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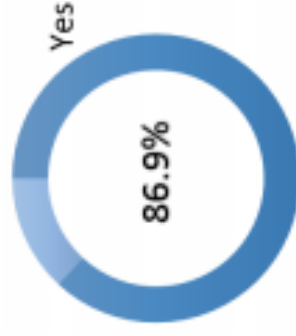
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Would you like to be accompanied by your husband during ANC?



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Women are the decision makers

Conclusion

New generation of men want to be involved

Barriers at institutional level & in community

Low knowlegde of danger signs for BOTH men and women

Participatory Video Project