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The changing role of communication technology in reproductive health:

Essays from Sub-Saharan Africa

PhD Propositions

- Quantifying human behaviour is not a trivial process, because unconscious and irrational cognitive processes may influence observable human behaviour.
- Every second, every day, every year, we fail to address demand for reproductive health and family planning services. Lives are lost, and girls' opportunities to thrive and contribute to their country's development shrink.

Jenny Shipley

- Exposure to media increases adolescent mothers' access to maternal and newborn healthcare.

Chapter II

- The role of traditional media in influencing reproductive health behaviour is decreasing in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Chapter III

- Mobile phone connectivity and ownership improve knowledge of HIV, sexually transmitted infections and contraceptive methods.

Chapter IV

- The main force pushing toward reduction in inequality has always been the diffusion of knowledge and the diffusion of education.

Thomas Piketty

- Mobile phone-enabled reproductive health knowledge increases the likelihood of getting tested for HIV and lowers public stigma towards people living with HIV or AIDS.

Chapter V

- Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

Kofi Annan