

Ibadan/Ilorin Radio Program: Ireti Eda (Man's Hope)

7. The role of Men and women in FP

1. **SFX:** THEME MUSIC AND FADES UNDER THE HOST'S VOICE
2. **YINKUS:** My people, I greet you all o. Welcome to *Ireti Eda*, your favourite radio variety programme on this your favourite radio station. As always, I am your host, Yinka Owoyemi, a.k.a. Yinkus, the Iyalode of the airwaves. And with me here in the studio is my paddy, the great Upcoming musician, Bosun, a.k.a Da Boss.
3. **BOSUN:** Yes ladies and gentleman, it is me your man, Da Boss, ready to entertain you today. **(PAUSES)** Ah, Yinkus, this one that you're shining your teeth like this... Ahn ahn, is it still that *ikomo* (naming ceremony) that you're celebrating till now?
4. **YINKUS:** Bosun, leave me, please! Is it bad if I choose to be happy. Anyway, today is my darling husband's birthday. I won't do the party till the end of the month, but today will be like another honeymoon. **(Exclaims excitedly)** Ehn! It will be good. I've already put everything in place, cooked his favourite meal, put small petrol in the generator... Everything is in order!
5. **BOSUN:** Ahn ahn Iyalode. Are you trying to make the rest of us jealous?
6. **YINKUS:** Well Bosun, if you're jealous or not, that one is up to you. Me I'm reaping the benefits of good couple communication and understanding. Please, today is a special day and I would want to use the opportunity to reaffirm my love for him.
7. **BOSUN:** **(HAILING HER)** Hmm IYALODE!!!! It's very good o. Anyway, at least I will be at the party. Abi you said at the end of the month
8. **YINKUS:** Ehn but just a small thing o. Maybe small cake and small rice. Once I have small money. Anyway, now we have to continue with the programme. Let's remind ourselves what happened last time in our drama. Last time, Tayo encouraged Abokede not to give up on her dream of furthering her education; Lami went into labour; and Iyabo refused to let Abokede assist Lami in her time of emergency. Hmmm! Let's see what will happen today. Over to drama.
9. **DRAMA:** CUE IN EPISODE 7 OF THE DRAMA
10. **YINKUS:** Welcome back. Ha! Thank God Umaru decided to get back home on time,

only God knows what would have happened to his wife and the child. I just don't want to imagine it. Iyabo...hmm she can't stop being wicked.

11. **BOSUN:** Hmmm abi I told you last week about Iyabo's true wickedness and you refused to believe me. Anyway what of Wosilat, I know this Alaba's type and I don't trust his intentions for her o. This poor woman, between her problems with her sister-in-law, and her stress with her husband over her fear of getting another unplanned pregnancy. She doesn't need this extra stress.
12. **YINKUS:** **(LAUGHING)** BOSUN! You don't trust anyone! Why can't you believe that Alaba is a kind man who just wants to help his fellow man, eh?! As for Wosilat's other problems with her husband, you know that would be easily solved if she started using one of the modern family planning methods.
13. **BOSUN:** **(TEASING)** Ehhhh, Madam problem-solver! **(SERIOUS)** But what you're saying is true. If Wosilat and Ajani had sorted out the family planning issue, then they might have been able to assure good accommodation for the family, instead of having to return to the family house where Wosilat is now taking insult from her sister-in-law.
14. **YINKUS:** True talk, Bosun. Anyway, listeners, we're going to take a music break now. When we return, our favourite big aunty, Madam Adunni, will be here to take your questions. Stay tuned!
15. **MUSIC:** **CUE IN POPULAR YORUBA MUSIC 1.1/2 MINS MAX**
16. **YINKA:** That was *Sikiru Ayinde* with the song "*Ojo obi.*" The program you are listening to is *Ireti Eda*, and as always, we're very happy to have our big aunty in the studio with us. She's a midwife, marriage counselor and respected person in the community. Listeners, please join me in welcoming Madam Adunni to the programme.
17. **SFX:** **FANFARE AND SHEKERE SOUND**
18. **M. ADUNNI:** Ah Yinkus, Da Boss! Thank you for the warm welcome. Listeners, how are you today? I hope you're all fine wherever you're listening to us.
19. **YINKUS:** Madam Adunni, as I said, we are very happy to have you. Let's get to the business of the day. From the kind of responses we get when conversing with friends, most people see family planning as a woman's issue or responsibility. It seems that there is some confusion about the roles of men and women in family planning.

20. **BOSUN:** Yes, Ma. In fact, one of our listeners Waheed sent in this SMS: *“Madam Adunni, my wife has raised the family planning issue before, but we have not decided whether to do it or not? How am I supposed to be involved in family planning? What is my role as the man?”*
21. **M. ADUNNI:** Waheed, that’s an excellent question. You have an active role to play in family planning. The first thing is good communication. The two of you should be discussing your goals for your family. You don’t want to have a situation like Wosilat and Ajani from our drama where you find yourself struggling to meet your responsibilities. Treat your partner with trust; listen to her talk about family size or timing of children or what family planning method to use and give your own input too. Make joint decisions, both husband and wife’s involvement and actions are needed to plan a family or space birth.
22. **YINKUS:** We have a caller waiting on the line to ask a question. Babajide, Madam Adunni is listening, go ahead:
23. **INSERT:** **(BABAJIDE’S VOICE VIA PHONE)** *“My wife has been pestering me to read family planning pamphlets. Since she is the one directly using the family planning method, why is it important for me to know about the different methods?”*
24. **M. ADUNNI:** Hmmm Bababjide! Family planning affects everyone in the family, not just the woman. As a couple, it is the responsibility of both of you to make the decisions needed to plan your family or space your children. Even if your wife is the one directly using the family planning method, as a husband, that cares about his family’s well-being, you too must know the facts about modern family planning methods, so that you and your wife can be on the same page in terms of your goals for your family.
25. **BOSUN:** We can take this quick question via SMS from Suliati who wants to know whether there’s anything wrong with her husband following her to the family planning center.
26. **M. ADUNNI:** I’m glad you asked, Suliati. It’s good for men to know the facts about modern family planning methods. So it’s definitely good if husband and wife can go together to talk to a provider. In addition to accompanying you to the family planning provider, husbands can also take responsibility by giving emotional and financial support to women if they choose to use family planning.
27. **YINKUS:** Unfortunately, that’s all we have time for today...Any last word, Madam Adunni?

28. **M. ADUNNI:** Listeners, family planning affects every one in the family, not just women, so both men and women should take responsibility to ensure that they are having children by choice not by chance. Remember o, get it together, plan your family.
29. **BOSUN:** Thank you Ma for that last word. We hope to see you again next week. Well, listeners, I hope you enjoyed hearing from Madam Adunnu as much as we did. Whilst we reflect on what she said, let's take this music break.
30. **MUSIC:** **CUE IN POPULAR MUSIC**
31. **YINKUS:** That was **Akon** with the song "**Don't Matter.**" Hehn... Bosun! If you know how I like this song, eh?
32. **BOSUN:** **(TEASING)** You know there's no need to tell me Yinkus. It's been your ringtone on your phone for a long time, you even put it on your husband's phone as his callback tune too.
33. **YINKUS:** Bosun, you know what? The song reminds me of Folashade and Oyemade's forbidden relationship. I wonder how they will sort that out.
34. **BOSUN:** Well maybe we'll find out next time. Unfortunately, we've come to the end of this episode of **Ireti Eda**. As always, before we go, we're going to give 5 of you lucky listeners a chance to win one of our wonderful prizes in our quiz. Today's quiz question is:
- ***Whose role is it to discuss Family Planning?***
35. **YINKA:** Listeners, please send your answers via SMS to this number
If you would like to know where you can access family planning services in your area, you can call ##### (same number). Or go to a clinic, pharmacy or PMV with a sign that says "Get it Together" and has a blue, yellow and orange puzzle pieces logo.
36. **BOSUN:** And of course, you know you can also connect with us on Facebook at **the** "Get it Together Ibadan/Illorin" page. Listeners, thanks for hanging out with us. Until next time, I'm Bosun "DA Boss!"
37. **YINKUS:** And of course I remain your Yinkus! O da booo! (Till next time).
38. **MUSIC:** **THEME MUSIC UP & UNDER PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP & BY-LINE**
(GET IT TOGETHER, PLAN YOUR FAMILY)