

Table 4. Percentage distribution of Lomé adults aged 30 and older, by their perspective on potential parent-child communication on reproductive health topics, and percentage reporting possible topics they would want covered, according to gender

Perspective	Women (N= 585)	Men (N=442)
Children are informed about sexuality, contraception and STIs/AIDS†		
Yes	68.6	71.7
No	31.4	28.3
Reaction if a child were to ask questions about sexuality		
Open	76.6	80.6
Closed	23.1	15.5
Indifferent	0.3	3.9***
Total	100.0	100.0
% who would want child to be taught about topic‡		
Anatomy	3.2	8.4***
Menstruation	15.2	19.5
Pregnancy/abortion	17.4	16.3
Puberty/adolescence	11.1	23.1***
Contraception	36.2	40.3
STIs/HIV	75.4	79.9
Sexual activity	28.0	19.7**

p≤.01. *p≤001. †N=946 (547 women and 399 men), because 81 observations are missing. ‡Multiple responses were allowed. Note: Significance of differences in the distributions between women and men was determined by chi-square tests.