

# **SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF SEXUAL HEALTH AMONG MALES WHO HAVE SEX WITH MALES AND THEIR SEXUAL PARTNERS IN COMILLA AND RAJBARI, BANGLADESH, 2002**

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## A summary of findings

Bangladesh is a male dominated society where the social and public spaces are primarily male. As a homosocial and homoaffectionalist society, sexual boundaries between males can be easily crossed and may often become sexual acts. Whereas some of these acts can perhaps be called homosexual (within the context of local identities based upon female gender identification - also self-labelled as *kothis*) in that a sexual sense of self is operating within a framework of gender sex roles and desires, the majority of the male sexual partners of these *kothis* should be seen within a context of semen discharge. *Kiths* call their sex partners *panthis*. The vast majority of these *panthis* are not self-identified as such, but rather come from the general male population and just define themselves as men.

City	Male	Female	Total
Comilla	1,809,620	1,825,960	3,635,580
Rajbari	488,880	463,400	952,280

The Situational Assessment consisted of interviewing 200 MSM through questionnaires in Comilla and Rajbari through snowballing via friendship networks of research team members.

Because of this process for identifying respondents, the study should be considered biased in terms of the age of respondents, marital status, and self-identity. These limitations can explain the significant differences between the Comilla and Rajbari data. For example, 29.50% of the Comilla respondents were between the ages of 20-24 while only 21.70% of the Rajbari respondents were. Similarly, 26.50% of Comilla respondents were married and sexually active outside of marriage, while in Rajbari, only 16.90% were.

### 1. Age of the Respondents

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Below 15	1.50	6.70
15-19	21.00	15.90
20-24	29.50	21.70
25-29	23.50	32.30
30-34	15.00	11.20
35-39	5.00	5.40
40-44	1.50	4.80
45-49	2.00	1.00
50+	1.00	1.00

### 2. Marital Status

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Married	8.50	8.20
Unmarried	4.50	21.30
Not married but in a relationship with a male	16.00	44.40
Married but in a relationship with a male	44.50	9.20
Married and sexually active outside marriage	26.50	16.90

Similar differences are noted for self-identity, where in Comilla 13.50% of respondents identified as homosexual or gay, while in Rajbari only 1.40% did. And 30% of Comilla respondents identified themselves as male/men, while in Rajbari only 2.40% did.

#### 8. How do you think yourself?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage Value	Percentage Value
Flying Bird	0.50	00
Womanish	4.50	00
Male	30.00	2.40
Homosexual/Gay	13.50	1.40
Heterosexual	6.50	1.00
Double-Decker	15.00	12.10
Panthi	13.00	16.90
Kothi	17.00	66.20

Perhaps an explanation can be ascertained if one looks at the data regarding occupation, monthly income and education levels.

#### 5. Occupation of Respondents

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Rickshaw puller	9.00	12.60
Bus/Truck Driver	4.50	3.90
Job	20.00	13.50
Business	33.50	15.50
Police/Sailor	0.50	1.40
Student	11.50	4.80
Bus/Truck Helper/Contractor	2.00	5.30
Carpenter	3.50	3.40
Teacher/Public representative	1.00	0.50
Unemployed	3.50	7.70
Day labourer	6.50	15.50
Sex worker	1.50	0.50
Imam/Khadem/Farmer	0.50	0.50
Industrial worker	2.00	1.40
Artist (Dancer/Singer)	0.50	1.40
Small Business (Hawker)	00	12.10

## 6. Monthly income of the Respondents

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Below 1000	11.50	17.40
1000-2000	31.00	52.20
2000-5000	46.00	16.40
5000-10000	7.00	2.90
Above 10000	1.00	1.00
No income	3.50	10.10

## 7. Education of Respondents

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Illiterate	16.50	10.10
Class I-III	8.00	26.10
Class IV-VI	21.50	35.70
Class VII-X	21.00	20.80
SSC-HSC	20.00	6.30
Graduate	8.00	1.00
Post Graduate	5.00	00

If we compare the Comilla and Rajbari data we see:

		Comilla	Rajbari
Occupation	Business	33.50	15.50
Monthly Income	2000-5000 Taka	46.00	16.40
Education	10+2 standard	20.00	6.30

The respondents selected by the two research teams clearly indicate that in Comilla respondents tended towards a business occupation, had a higher monthly income, and were more educated than in Rajbari.

The data on sexual activities and sex work also indicate similar biases. Such differences do not invalidate the data, but rather provide a precautionary in evaluating male-to-male sexual behaviours in both cities, based only on this data. Are there populations of ‘MSM’ missing in either city? How heavily did the research team snowballing biases affect the whole data? All that can be ascertained then is that male-to-male sexualities are complex and diverse in both cities, and that male-male sexual behaviours are substantive and also diverse, where anal sex, whether penetrating or being penetrated is common, and where regular condom use is almost non-existent. There are also indications that a significant proportion of respondents in both cities (15%[Comilla]/12.10% [Rajbari]) self-identified as “double-decker”, that is they both penetrate and are penetrated anally. But the actually behavioural category could well be higher.

There are very few private spaces where males/men can meet other males/men for sex, where these tend to be personal or a friend’s home. The vast majority of spaces were public, such as parks, in the streets, the railway or bus station, and so on. However, in terms of actual sex activity, the majority was in personal homes.

With regard to sexual activities, while 34.00% (Comilla) and 24.60% (Rajbari) respondents reported having between 1 to 5 partners in the previous month, while 10.00% (Comilla) and 8.20% (Rajbari) reported between 16 to 20 partners in the previous month.

In regard to sex partners, 23% (Comilla) and 53% (Rajbari) reported sex with strangers in the past month, while 42% (Comilla) and 43% (Rajbari) reported sex with male relative, and 22.00% (Comilla) and 27% (Rajbari) reported sex with male sex workers.

There were significant levels of sex with pre-sixteen year old males where 13.00% (Comilla) and 9.20% (Rajbari) reported sex with males between the ages of 10 to 15 years as their last partner.

While awareness of HIV/AIDS was high (Comilla/79.50%, Rajbari/73.90% had heard of HIV/AIDS), specific knowledge about what it is was confused and often inaccurate. Only 12.60% in Comilla and 9.20% in Rajbari identified possible HIV infection through not using condoms during penetrative sex. 46.50%/34.60% in terms of Comilla/Rajbari spoke of AIDS as a dangerous disease. At the same time only 32% Comilla/46.40% Rajbari had heard of the term safer sex. Primary sources of information were radio (46.50% Comilla/48.40% Rajbari), friends (34.00% Comilla/50.30% Rajbari) or TV (73.60% Comilla/26.10% Rajbari).

In terms of paid sex work, 21% of Comilla respondents and 39% of Rajbari respondents stated that they had been paid for sex. Rajbari respondents indicated a high rate of sex work in the previous month where the primary sex activity being sold was anal sex. This difference may well have arisen because of the differences in the socio-economic status of respondents in the two cities, where we can presume that much of male-male sex work is defined by poverty.

In terms of possible symptoms of STIs, there appears to be a significant levels of anal bleeding itching and burning sensations around the anus, pain while urinating, and other symptoms leading to increased vulnerability in terms of STI/HIV infection, with high levels of inappropriate treatment for these symptoms. 5% Comilla and 9.70% Rajbari respondents reported a pus discharge which could be indicative of possible gonorrhoea.

With regard to female partners 78 respondents (39%) in Comilla and 52 respondents in Rajbari (26%) reported sex with females, where in Comilla, 26.50% respondents and 16.90% in Rajbari reported being married, while 11 respondents from Comilla and 5 from Rajbari reported having anal sex with their wives.

Only 6.50% respondents in Comilla and 4.30% in Rajbari believed that they were personally at significant risk of becoming HIV infected.

Respondents in both cities were more inclined to inform their male partners if their had STI/HIV (35.50% Comilla/54.60% Rajbari) than their female partners (2.50% Comilla/1.00% Rajbari), the situation was slightly better for informing wives (27.00% Comilla/8.20% Rajbari).

With regard to cross-infection from intravenous drug use, there appears to be a small but significant risk. In Comilla 3.50% reported injecting drugs in the previous year, and where 8.50% reported sex partners injecting drugs in the same period, while in Rajbari, the figures were 0% and 3.90% respectively.

Sexual health issues for males (and females) through the primacy of male sexual behaviours, particularly male-to-male sexual behaviours, should be seen as a major and urgent concern. The fact that the STI treatment services in both Comilla and Rajbari did not address anal transmission of STIs is a cause for deep concern.

Appropriate service delivery of STI testing, treatment, care and counselling will need to be developed as a urgent necessity in order to formulate strategies that can effectively deal with different sexual behaviours in a confidential and sympathetic manner. Promotion of sexual health amongst males who have sex with males will be particularly challenging, but essential.

The lack of understanding and knowledge of many of the NGOs, STD clinics, donor agencies and other institutions regarding the constructions of male to male sexual behaviours and the frameworks of behaviours and/or identities create many barriers to the development of appropriate and effective intervention services.

Even those who were from those involved in NGOS and who were also MSM and understand the framework were extremely uncomfortable in discussing such issues for fear of disclosure. They did not want to become involved in either the Assessment or any possible service delivery.

It must be recognised that in a Bangladesh sociocultural context Western constructions of homosexuality and heterosexuality do not "fit", and can actually lead to an increase in the invisibility of the behaviours. It can also increase the level of potential harassment and fear.

It maybe necessary to separate behaviours from identities in developing a range of programmes. In developing appropriate responses, there may well be a need to focus on both risk behaviours (for the 'penetrating partner') as well as "at risk (for the penetrated partner) as two distinct frameworks. It would be difficult to incorporate both within one intervention strategy. Sexual behaviours between males are certainly not a practice of only a small minority in either Comilla or Rajbari, but are much more complicated that the so-called heterosexual/homosexual divide would indicate.

## Comilla and Rajbari, Bangladesh Data

### A. YOURSELF

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#### 3. Where do you currently live?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Alone	21.50	7.80
With family	46.50	71.50
With a male partner	6.00	1.90
With a female partner	0.50	00
With wife	25.00	18.80
With friend	0.50	00

#### 4. Currently Employed

N=200	Comilla	Rabari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
No	13.00	12.60
Yes	87.00	87.40

## 5. Occupation of Respondents

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**B. YOUR SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR**

9. How many different males have you sex with in the last week?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3	59.50	69.60
4-6	21.50	26.60
7-10	6.00	3.30
11-15	2.50	0.50
Did not do any sex in the last week	10.5	00

10. How many different males have you had sex with in the last month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-5	34.00	24.60
6-10	32.00	33.80
11-15	12.50	29.50
16-20	10.00	8.20
21-30	6.50	3.90
Above 30	4.50	00
Do not do any sex in the last month	0.50	00

11. How many of these times did you use condom in the last week?

	Comilla N=179	Rajbari N=200
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1 time	2.20	1.00
2 times	1.70	0.50
Did not use condom in the last week	96.10	98.50

12. How many of these times did you use condom in the last month?

	Comilla N=199	Rajbari N=200
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-4 times	5.50	1.50
5-10 times	0.50	0.50
Did not use condom in the last month	94.00	98.00

13. How many times did you do insertive anal sex in the past week?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1 -3 times	53.00	30.00
4 -6 times	15.00	4.30
7 -10 times	4.00	00
Above 10 times	1.00	00
Did not do anal sex in the past week	27.00	65.70

14. How many times did you do insertive anal sex in the past month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	15.50	2.40
4-6 times	21.50	15.50
7-10 times	27.00	10.60
11-15 times	9.50	3.80
16 - 20 times	5.00	1.00
Above 20 times	3.00	1.00
Did not do anal sex in the past month	18.5	65.7

15. How many times did you do receptive anal sex in the past week?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1 -3 times	32.00	46.90
4 -6 times	20.50	24.70
7 -10 times	5.50	11.00
Above 10 times	5.50	0.50
Did not do anal sex in the past week	36.50	16.90

16. How many times did you receptive anal sex in the past month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	7.50	4.10
4-6 times	15.00	15.40
7-10 times	16.00	23.30
11-15 times	6.50	23.30
16- 20 times	11.00	6.80
Above 20 times	10.00	9.70
Did not do anal sex in the past month	34.00	17.40

17. How many of these did you use condoms in the past week for insertive anal sex?

	Comilla N=146	Rajbari N=71
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1 -3 times	4.80	2.80
5 times	0.70	00
Did not use condom	94.50	97.20

18. How many of these times did you use condoms in the past month for insertive anal sex?

	Comilla N=163	Rajbari N=71
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	6.70	00
4-5 times	0.6	1.40
6-10 times	00	1.40
Did not use condom	92.70	97.20

19. How many of these times did you use condoms in the past week for receptive anal sex?

	Comilla N=127	Rajbari N=172
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	2.40	1.20
Did not use condom	97.6	98.8

20. How many of these times did you use condoms in the past month for receptive anal sex?

	Comilla N=132	Rajbari N=171
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	3.80	0.60
4-5 times	0.80	0.60
Did not use condom	95.40	98.80

21. How many times did you do insertive oral sex to ejaculation in the past week?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-4 times	22.50	11.10
Did not do oral sex in the past week	77.5	88.9

22. How many times did you do insertive oral sex to ejaculation in the past month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	10.00	9.20
4-6 times	9.50	2.40
8-10 times	6.50	1.00
More than 10 times	1.00	0.50
Did not do oral sex in the past month	73.00	86.90

23. How many times did you do receptive oral sex to ejaculation in the past week?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	29.00	34.30
4-6 times	5.00	3.40
Did not do oral sex in the past week	66.00	62.30

24. How many times did you do receptive oral sex to ejaculation in the past month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1-3 times	10.00	15.80
4-6 times	15.00	19.30
7-10 times	6.00	3.00
More than 10 times	4.50	1.50
Did not do oral sex in the past month	64.50	60.40

25. How many of these times did you use condoms in the past week/month for oral sex?

No condoms were used for oral sex

26. In the last month what were the relationships of your sex partners to yourself?  
(Multiple Response)

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Friends	74.00	91.00
Strangers	23.00	53.00
Neighbours	61.00	64.00
Male prostitutes	22.00	27.00
Relatives	42.00	43.00
Servants	11.00	4.00
Paying clients	6.00	14.00
Others	5.00	4.00

27. Where did you meet the males you had sex with in the last month?  
(Multiple Response)

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Bars/clubs	2.00	6.30
Street	55.50	73.90
Personal home	37.00	24.60
Parks/Beach	33.50	9.20
Friend's home	38.50	60.40
Public Toilets	0.50	1.90
Railway Stations	16.50	26.10
Guest house	4.50	2.90
Magazine ad	1.00	00
Neighbour	32.00	22.70
Health Club	1.50	00
Bazars	15.50	53.60
Cinema hall	7.00	28.50
Hotels	7.50	11.10
Bus Station	7.50	20.80
Workshop	1.00	1.40
Mess	1.50	0.50
Boat	0.50	00
Bakery/Shop	0.50	00
Hostel	0.50	00
Relatives home	1.00	00
Hospital	1.00	00

28. Where did you have sex with these males?  
(Multiple Response)

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Own home	57.00	64.30
Friends home	56.50	86.00
Park/cruising area	25.50	24.20
Hotel/guest house	29.50	18.40
Hostel	8.50	5.30
Cinema/theatre	8.50	30.00
Bar/Club	1.50	7.20
Public toilets	7.50	22.20
In a car	5.50	14.00
Train	4.50	17.90
Train/bus depot	5.00	20.80
Workshop	0.50	5.80
Field	1.00	4.30
Mess	2.00	0.50
Boat	1.00	2.90
Relatives house	2.00	00
Bakery/Shop	0.50	0.50
Hospital	1.50	00
Bank of the river	0.50	00

29. What was the age of your last male sex partner?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category In years	Percentage value	Percentage value
10-15	13.00	9.20
16 -18	26.00	16.00
19 -21	20.50	33.70
22-30	36.00	40.60
Above 30	4.50	0.50

30. What was the age of your second last male sex partner?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category In years	Percentage value	Percentage value
10-15	13.50	1.50
16 -18	13.00	4.80
19-21	16.50	9.10
22-30	39.50	73.40
Above 30	8.00	10.70
Did sex with only one sex partner	9.50	0.50

31. Of your last 5 male sex partners, how many were married?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
1	26	41.10
2	10	29.50
3	6.5	10.10
4	3.5	3.40
5	1.5	00
None	52.5	15.90

32. Where do you usually get condoms from?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Doctors	0.50	0.50
Shop/Panwala	5.50	5.70
Family Planning Doctor	0.50	0.50
Pharmacy/Medicine shop	12.00	7.20
Don't use condom	81.50	86.10

33. What brand/type do you usually use?

	Comilla N=32	Rajbari N=22
Category	No.	No.
Raja	14	13
Panther	18	9

34. Choose up to four reasons you do not use condoms, marking them in order of importance?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=168	Rajbari N=185
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Don't carry condoms with me	78.60	78.90
Not satisfying	30.40	43.80
Hard to dispose	13.70	7.60
Never used before	76.80	74.60
To shameful to buy/use	61.90	63.20
Don't know where to get condoms	17.30	11.40
I am not sick	31.50	4.30
Partner not sick	12.50	1.10
Not easy to use	29.20	28.10
Main partner is faithful	1.80	10.30
No Responded	1.20	2.70

35. Do you have any condoms with you now?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	5.50	2.40
No	94.50	97.60

36. Did you use any lubricant for anal sex in the last month?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Every time	41.00	62.30
Some of the time	54.00	32.40
None of the time	5.00	5.30

37. What lubricant did you usually use?  
(Multiple Response)

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Oil	64.50	72.00
Saliva	82.00	93.700
KY Jelly	1.50	1.00
Ghee/butter	6.00	00
Vaseline	45.50	37.20
Soap	14.00	5.30
Lotion/Honey	3.00	1.90
Shampoo	6.00	3.90
Cream/Toothpaste	1.00	0.50
Yolk	5.00	1.00
Semen	0.50	00
Grease	0.50	00
Don't use any thing	1	0.5

### C. PAID SEX

38. Have you ever been paid for sex by a man?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	21.00	39.00
No	79.00	61.00

39. How many times you been paid for sex by a man in the last week?

	Comilla N=42	Rajbari N=81
Category	No.	No.
1-3 times	26	55
4-6 times	9	23
7-10 times	2	3
More than 10 times	3	0
No times in last week	2	0

40. How many times have you been paid by men for sex in the last month?

	Comilla N=42	Rajbari N=81
Category	No.	No.
1-3 times	9	14
4-6 times	8	25
7-10 times	8	29
11-15 times	5	11
16-20 times	7	1
20-30 times	2	1
More than 30	3	0

41. What sort of sex did were you paid for in the last week/monthly?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=42	Rajbari N=81
Category	No.	No.
Anal sex	36	79
Oral sex	17	26
Masturbation	3	0

42. In the last 5 times you were paid for sex, how many times were condoms used?

	Comilla N=42	Rajbari N=81
Category	No.	No.
1 time	3	0
3 times	1	1
4 times	0	2
5 times	0	1
None of the time	38	77

43. Who initiated condom use?

	Comilla N=4	Rajbari N=4
Category	No.	No.
Yourself	2	1
Your Partner	2	2

44. The last time you were paid for sex by a man, how much were you paid?

	Comilla N=42	Rajbari N=81
Category	No.	No.
2-19 Tk.	0	1
20-30 Tk	8	20
31-50 Tk	11	38
51-100 Tk	14	12
101-150 Tk	3	1
151-200 Tk.	1	0
Above 200 Tk	1	0
Don't get/Can't recall	4	9

45. Have you ever paid for sex with a male?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	32.00	13.50
No	68.00	86.50

46. How many times have you paid for sex with a male in the last week?

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=28
Category	No.	No.
1 time	22	16
2 times	17	9
3 times	6	3
4 times	5	0
Didn't pay in the last week	14	0

47. How many times have you paid for sex with a male in the last month?

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=28
Category	No.	No.
1-3 times	30	16
4-6 times	16	9
7-10 times	12	3
More than 10 times	6	0

48. What types of sex did you do when you pay for in the last month?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=28
Category	No.	No.
Anal sex	56	28
Oral sex	15	11
Masturbation	8	0

49. Last time you paid for sex with a male, how much did you pay?

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=28
Category	No.	No.
10-30 Tk	26	4
31-60 Tk	26	18
61-100 Tk	10	5
101-150 Tk	1	1
Above 150 Tk	1	0

50. What was the age of the last male you paid to have sex with?

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=28
Years	No.	No.
10-15	13	3
16-18	24	6
19-21	9	3
22 - 30	17	16
Above 30	1	0

#### D.FEMALE PARTNERS

51. How many times have you had sex with your wife in the last month?

	Comilla N=78	Rajbari N=52
Category	No.	No.
1-3 times	15	7
4-6 times	19	11
7-10 times	13	17
11-15 times	17	10
16-20 times	8	6
More than 20 times	6	1

52. Anal sex with wife

11 respondents from Comilla, and 5 from Tajbari reported anal sex at least once with their wife in the last month.

53. How many different females had sex within the last month?

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
No.	No.	No.
1-3	51	8
4-6	20	1
7-10	10	1
More than 10	3	0

54. In the last month, what type of sex did you do with females?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
Category	No.	No.
Vaginal sex	84	10
Anal sex	16	2
Oral sex	7	0
Masturbation	3	0

55. Condom use

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
Category	No.	No.
Sometimes	18	1
Never	66	9

56. What were the relationships of these females to you?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
Category	No.	No.
Friend	15	3
Stranger	6	2
Neighbour	27	2
Relative	12	1
Servant	8	1
Female sex worker	54	5
Cousin	4	2

57. Out of the last 5 female sex partners, how many were married?

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
No.	No.	No.
1 Partner	19	5
2 partners	12	1
3 partners	6	0
4 Partners	1	0
5 Partners	1	0
Don't Know	26	4
None	19	0

58. With the last five female sex partners you had sex with how many times did you use a condom?

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
No.	No.	No.
1 time	9	0
2 times	7	0
3 times	2	0
4 times	3	0
None	63	10

59. Have you paid for sex with a female in the last month?

	Comilla N=84	Rajbari N=10
Category	No.	No.
Yes	66	9
No	18	1

60. What sex did you when you paid?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=66	Rajbari N=9
Category	No.	No.
Vaginal sex	66	8
Anal sex	13	2
Oral sex	6	0
Masturbation	1	0

61. Of the last 5 times you paid for sex, how many times did you use a condom?

	Comilla N=66	Rajbari N=9
No.	No.	No.
1	7	0
2	7	0
3	3	0
None of time	49	9

62. Who initiated condom use?

	Comilla N=17	Rajbari No response
Category	No.	No.
Myself	10	
Partner	7	

## E. SEXUAL HEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE

63. Do you have any of the following problems currently?  
(Multiple Response)

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage Value	Percentage Value
Pain during sex	29.50	57.50
Blisters or sores inside mouth	10.00	8.20
Itchy rash on genitals	33.00	15.90
Genital sores	14.50	3.40
Bleeding when defecating	23.50	17.40
Pain upon defecation	30.00	46.90
Pus or discharge in stools	4.00	10.10
Pus or discharge from penis	5.00	9.70
Itching or burning around anus	23.00	41.10
Pain when urinating	38.00	15.90

64. What are you doing to treat these symptoms?

N=177	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Nothing	48.60	23.70
Pharmacy	14.70	36.70
Private doctor	7.90	6.80
Hospital	11.30	17.50
Friend/Relative	1.70	3.40
Street "quack"	14.60	9.60
Hot water	0.60	0.60
Homeopath Doctor	0.60	1.70

65. The last time you had any of these symptoms what did you do?  
(Multiple Response)

N=177	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Nothing	45.20	16.40
Pharmacy	18.10	36.70
Private Doctor	7.30	11.90
Hospital	14.10	35.60
Friend/Relative	1.10	3.40
Street "quack"	18.60	6.20
Hot water	1.70	1.10
Homeopath Doctor	00	1.70

66. Have you heard of HIV/AIDS?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	79.50	73.90
No	20.50	26.10

67. If yes, tell us what you have heard?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=159	Rajbari N=153
Category	Percentage Value	Percentage Value
AIDS is a dangerous disease	46.50	34.60
Death is the result of AIDS	44.00	62.10
AIDS is harmful for the body	1.30	00
AIDS is an epidemic	2.50	00
AIDS has no treatment or cure	8.20	10.50
AIDS occur due to sexual relationships	3.80	1.30
AIDS is likely to occur if condoms are not used during intercourse	12.60	9.20
AIDS occurs if people have relationships with sex workers	5.70	3.30
Pimples occur on body if there is AIDS	0.60	00
AIDS occur due to illicit relationships	4.40	1.30
AIDS occur due to use of syringes used by others	3.80	2.00
AIDS occur if people have relationships with AIDS infected people	0.60	00
AIDS is contagious disease/ AIDS is a big disease	1.90	0.70
Refraining from mixing with AIDS infected people	0.60	00
AIDS is a virus oriented disease	1.90	0.70
Don't know/ Can't say	8.80	8.50
Using condom is the way by which people can save themselves from AIDS	00	0.70

68. From what source did you get information?  
(Multiple Response)

	Comilla N=159	Rajbari N=153
Category	Percentage Value	Percentage Value
Doctor	8.80	2.60
Radio	46.50	48.40
Social Worker	2.50	2.00
NGO	2.50	0.70
Newspaper/Articles	8.20	00
Leaflets	1.31	1.30
Posters	3.80	00
Clinic	0.60	0.70
Family Member	3.80	3.30
Local MSM Project	00	4.60
Friends	34.00	50.30
Sex Partner	5.70	7.20
TV	73.60	26.10
Hospital	8.80	5.20
Book/Magazine	0.60	3.30

69. What risk do you personally think you have of getting HIV/AIDS?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Large	6.50	4.30
Medium	4.00	1.40
Small	8.50	3.90
I don't know	81.00	90.40

70. Do you think you can get HIV from sharing needles?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	44.00	42.50
No	17.00	0.50
Not Sure	39.00	57.00

70A. Do you think you can get HIV from anally penetrating a man without a condom?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	25.50	44.00
No	24.00	3.40
Not Sure	50.50	52.60

70B. Do you think you can get HIV from being anally penetrated by a man wearing a condom?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	3.00	5.30
No	50.50	42.00
Not Sure	46.50	52.70

70C. Do you think you can get HIV from penetrating a woman without a condom?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	51.50	46.40
No	13.00	1.40
Not Sure	35.50	52.20

70D. Do you think you can get HIV from penetrating a woman with a condom?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	5.00	4.30
No	50.50	43.00
Not sure	44.50	52.70

70E. Do you think you can get HIV from only sexual contact with a woman?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage Value	Percentage Value
Yes	28.00	30.90
No	17.00	10.20
Not Sure	55.00	58.90

70F. Do you think you can get HIV from oral sex?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	5.00	13.50
No	28.00	16.40
Not Sure	67.00	70.10

70G. Do you think you can get HIV from swallowing semen?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	16.50	24.60
No	25.00	13.00
Not Sure	58.50	62.40

70H. Do you think you can get HIV from licking a vagina?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	13.50	25.10
No	19.50	4.30
Not Sure	67.00	70.60

70I. Do you think you can get HIV from masturbating someone?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	0.50	5.80
No	54.00	47.80
Not Sure	45.50	46.40

70J. Do you think you can get HIV from body rubbing?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	0.50	5.80
No	57.50	48.30
Not Sure	42.00	45.90

70K. Do you think you can get HIV from thigh sex?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	0.50	4.30
No	48.50	43.00
Not Sure	51.00	52.70

70L. Do you think you can get HIV from rimming?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	8.00	23.70
No	30.50	6.30
Not Sure	61.50	70.00

70M. Do you think you can get HIV from deep kissing?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	12.50	6.80
No	25.00	45.40
Not Sure	62.50	47.80

71. Tell us all the way can prevent getting or passing on sex diseases/HIV/AIDS?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Using condom during sexual intercourse	35.40	41.00
Using only new syringes	4.40	00
Refraining from illicit sexual activities	4.40	0.50
Testing blood before infusing it	2.00	00
Refraining from mixing with bad girls	6.40	1.00
Refraining fro mixing with sex workers	5.00	00
Refraining from mixing with females	1.00	00
Refraining from free mixing	1.00	0.50
Listening to the doctor's advice	0.40	00
Don't know/Can't say	40.00	57.00

72. Have you heard of safer sex?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	32.00	46.40
No	68.00	53.60

73. Tell us what safer sex means to you.

	Comilla N=64	Rajbari N=96
Category	No.	No.
Not taking part in illicit sexual activities	2	4
Not allowing semen to go inside	1	0
Having sexual intercourse when healthy	1	0
Using condom during intercourse	50	80
Don't know/Can't say	10	12

74A. Can you reduce the risks of getting or passing on sex diseases/HIV/AIDS through always using a condom for anal and vaginal sex?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	44.00	49.30
No	4.00	1.90
Don't know	52.00	48.80

74B. Can you reduce the risks of getting or passing on sex diseases/HIV/AIDS through only doing non-penetrative sex?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	5.00	13.50
No	21.00	24.20
Don't know	74.00	62.30

74C. Can you reduce the risks of getting or passing on sex diseases/HIV/AIDS through reducing the number of sexual partners?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	30.50	2.90
No	5.00	38.60
Don't know	64.50	58.50

75A. If you were experiencing symptoms of sex disease/AIDS would you tell your male sex partners?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	35.50	54.60
No	52.00	4.80
Don't know	12.50	40.60

75B. If you were experiencing symptoms of sex disease/AIDS would you tell your female sex partners?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	2.50	1.00
No	84.00	6.30
Don't know	13.50	92.70

75C. If you were experiencing symptoms of sex disease/AIDS would you tell your wife?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	27.00	8.20
No	60.50	5.80
Don't know	12.50	86.00

76. Have you ever injected drugs in the last year?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	3.50	00
No	96.50	100.00

77. Have one of your sex partner's ever injected drugs in the last year?

N=200	Comilla	Rajbari
Category	Percentage value	Percentage value
Yes	8.50	3.90
No.	91.50	96.10