EPISODE 21               Couple Communication on FP before and after marriage

1. MUSIC: THEME MUSIC AND FADES UNDER THE HOST’S VOICE

2. YINKA: (EXCITED) we are right here again on your favourite program Ireti Eda. My name is Olayinka Owoyemi, but you can call me Yinkus the Iyalode of Yoruba Airwaves. I am indeed very excited today because in a few weeks time our dear Bosun will be getting married to his sweetheart Sade. Bosun come say hello to our dear listeners, who have stood by you since the beginning of your journey with Sade.

3. BOSUN: (EXCITED) Thank you so much, dear listeners your boy Bosun, a.k.a Da Boss is happy to announce to you all that in some weeks time I will be getting married to my sweet heart Sade, please I need your prayers at this crucial time in my life.

4. YINKA: (HAPPLY) congratulations Bosun, don’t worry God will perfect that day. Won ma gba lo jo yen (people will see us that day)

5. BOSUN: I trust you Yinka that is why you are the one and only Iyalode of Yoruba Airwaves. Anyway Yinkus, that aside, what do we have for our listeners today on the program.

6. YINKA: Yes my people, thanks for joining us on your favourite radio program "Ireti Eda" (Man's Hope). As usual we’ll begin program with our drama segment. If you missed last episode, you have nothing to worry about. Last time we heard Bello professes his undying love for Abokede, I’ve been looking forward to that moment.

7. BOSUN: Yes o. And we saw how Folashade and Oyemade are struggling with their relationship. I pray that they finally get the support of their parents o.

8. YINKA: I pray so too o. But we have to go to our drama land to find out, don’t we?

9. CUE IN: FLUTE AND EWE TO INTRODUCE DRAMA
10. CUE IN: EPISODE 21 OF DRAMA FOR (12 MINUTES)
11. YINKA: My people! That was our drama episode you’ve just listened to. But you know what Bosun; I really don’t understand why Mr.
Animashaun is so bent on keeping Folashade and Oyemade apart because of a matter that happened long ago.

12. **BOSUN:** That is totally wrong. He should allow these young people be together. They both love each other dearly.

13. **YINKA:** But I am also happy for Abokede God has started something good in her life. Imagine both of them already making plans for the future. How many children they want to have and their children’s education. I hope you and Sade are like that sha?

14. **BOSUN:** Ah Yinkus, you don’t trust me ni? I value communication a lot.

15. **YINKA:** Are you sure you are doing enough?

16. **BOSUN:** Yinkus, we discuss everything.

17. **YINKA:** (laughs) Don’t worry. We will soon have aunty Adunni in the studio to talk to us about couple communication. I am sure in her wisdom, there will be things for us to learn about communicating with our spouses. But before then, let’s play some music.

18. **BOSUN:** I know just the right song to play

19. **MUSIC BREAK:** CUE IN MUSIC

20. **BOSUN:** Welcome back that was the music of Saheed Osupa which he titled “marriage”.

21. **YINKA:** Hmm, Bosun. I can see that your wedding is really on your mind.

22. **BOSUN:** (CHUCKLES) Yinka, you are not far from the truth o. But I’m sure our listeners enjoyed that song

23. **YINKA:** I’m sure they did. Now it’s time to welcome aunty Adunni into the studio

24. **FANFARE:** SOUNDS AND CLAPS TO CHEER AUNTY ADUNNI

25. **YINKA:** Welcome to today’s episode of ireti eda.

26. **ADUNNI:** Thank you so much Yinkus. And Bosun, congratulations on your forthcoming wedding. Wishing you all the best

27. **BOSUN:** Thank you very much aunty Adunni

28. **YINKA:** Aunty Adunni, today, we are taking a cue from Bello and Abokede. Did you notice how both of them discussed plans for the future?

29. **ADUNNI:** I sure did. And I think it’s very important for couples to have strong communication going on between them. Before and even after marriage. It leads to a very healthy relationship you know.

30. **YINKA:** That’s true. I have been telling Bosun here that he needs to discuss everything with his fiancée even before they get married

31. **BOSUN:** And I have been telling Yinkus here that we have discussed everything. Including family planning issues

32. **YINKA:** (Teasingly) Okay, tell us what you’ve discussed now
33. BOSUN: Well, if you must know, I and my Sade have decided on how many children we want to have, which school we will like them to go, where we will like to live after we get married, in fact, Yinka, we’ve discussed everything

34. YINKA: Really? Ah, clap for yourself

35. BOSUN: (LAUGHING) You are not serious Yinkus

36. ADUNNI: Well you have tried Bosun. But your communication needs to go beyond that. There are many things you should also discuss. Don’t assume that you are on the same page with everything.

37. BOSUN: What else are we supposed to talk about aunty?

38. ADUNNI: Bosun, have you discussed who will take care of your children when they come? Will your wife stay at home with them? Or if she is working, who will take care of them while you are both at work?

39. BOSUN: Wow! We have discussed that. We just assumed that all that will be taken care of when we get to that point.

40. ADUNNI: (chuckles) I know. I remember you said you both are already on family planning

41. BOSUN: Yes we are

42. ADUNNI: Well then, have you discussed when to stop family planning? When to have the children, when to start family planning again, spaces between your children, how to sustain your family planning program?

43. YINKA: (laughs) I don’t think they’ve gotten there yet

44. BOSUN: But we will. Yinka, this is not a laughing matter o

45. YINKA: I know. Sorry!

46. ADUNNI: Bosun, don’t mind Yinka. You are not alone in this. A lot of people do not consider some of these issues a big deal. They believe that they will take care of all that when they get to that point. But it’s better discussed them. It creates closeness and trust between the couple. And it also gives them a sense of what to expect when they finally get married. No surprises you know

47. YINKA: We have a text message from Babatunde. He wrote ‘aunt
Adunni, my wife is the shy type. She doesn’t like discussing intimate and serious issues. What can I do?’

48. ADUNNI: Well, Babatunde, you are her husband. All these issues may not be discussed on the same day. Just take your time and discussed them one by one. Gradually she will warm up to the idea and open up. But whatever you do, make sure you have a good and strong communication between you and your wife. Not even on
family planning matters alone. In everything. It will keep your marriage alive and interesting.

49. BOSUN: Aunty Adunni, you said something about sustaining family planning. What do you mean by that?

50. YINKA: Well, as we all know, family planning methods are free at government clinics and hospitals but you will still need to plan your transport to get to the clinics and make sure you have time to go and have someone else watch your children or take care of your responsibilities while you are taking the time to go.

51. BOSUN: Ah, I see.

52. YINKA: Well, aunty Adunni, I have to thank you again for coming but that’s how far we can go on the program today. Listeners, let’s take another music break. We’ll be back shortly.

53. MUSIC BREAK: CUE MUSIC

54. BOSUN: Welcome back. The program is still ireti eda and that music was Green land by TY Bello

55. YINKA: And it is time for our quiz question for today. Bosun?

56. BOSUN: Yes, the question for today is, who in the story shared that she is a satisfied IUD user? You can send in your answer via SMS to this number ………… remember, there are prizes to be won.

57. YINKA: If you would like to know where you can access FP services, you can call ……. or go to a clinic, chemist, pharmacy or drug seller with a sign that reads ‘’Get it together’’ and has a blue, yellow and orange puzzle pieces logo.

58. BOSUN: You can also follow us on our facebook link at ‘Get it together Ibadan/ Ilorin page

59. YINKA: Thanks for staying tuned to today’s edition of the program, join us again next week, bye and God bless

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