

ILOBA Radio Program: Ireti Eda (Man's Hope)

EPISODE 13: FP METHODS: INFERTILITY MANAGEMENT

1. **SFX:** THEME MUSIC UP AND UNDER HOST INTRO
2. **YINKUS:** Good day my dear people and welcome to today's edition of your radio program, *Ireti Eda*. My name is Olayinka Owoyemi a.k.a. Yinkus, the Iyalode 1 of the Yoruba airwaves and in the studio with me as usual is the main man Bosun aka Da boss.
3. **BOSUN:** Yes ladies and gentlemen, you heard right, I am Bosun, Da Boss, and I'm ready to steer this wonderful ship known as *Ireti Eda*. Along with Yinkus, we have a lot goodies lined up for you today. So let's get this programme started. Are you ready?
4. **YINKUS:** You know what, Bosun? There's something on my mind today that I can't stop thinking about.
5. **BOSUN:** Ehn Iyalode, you know you can tell us. Unburden yourself!
6. **YINKUS:** Hmm Bosun, listeners, why is it that if a couple can't have children, there's a blame game. In our culture they always blame the woman (**EMOTIONAL**) Ah, Da Boss, what my eyes saw, eh?
7. **BOSUN:** (**SURPRISED**) Iyalode how? I know you have kids so you're not talking about Yourself, are you? Why not tell us what happened?
8. **YINKUS:** You're right Bosun I have children now. But it took me and my husband 3 years after marriage to conceive. You can not imagine the criticism and pressure I faced. My in-laws are probably listening. We are okay now and they have said sorry but I saw pepper. Now one of my neighbors is going through the exact same wahala. Da Boss I'm telling you the thing is getting out of hand. She told me her mother-in-law is the one tormenting her, her fellow woman...Imagine!
9. **BOSUN:** Wow, that is truly a sad tale. But can I let you in on a secret? It's not only the woman-o under pressure. Honestly. Most men in that situation feel pressure from their families and friends too. Sometimes it's like "come-o, are you a man at all?"
10. **YINKUS:** Well I don't know about that-o. In my case, everyone acted and talked as if it was my fault and if not for me, my oga would have had a child at least.

11. **BOSUN:** This is great. Iyalode is finally telling us something about her private life...very good.
12. **YINKUS: (PLAYFULLY)** Woo (*look here*) Da Boss, you are not well!
13. **BOSUN:** Ok Yinkus, going back to the matter you were talking about, what did you and your husband do. I mean how did you manage to now have children?
14. **YINKUS:** Oh-ho-o Bosun, Leave me alone O-jare. This is not about me. I was talking about my poor neighbor, not yet even 3 years married and everybody is coming to check her stomach and already assuming she won't be able to conceive
15. **BOSUN: (RESIGNED)** I knew this was too good to be true that Yinkus will willingly share her intimate secrets but listeners, stay tuned because I'll keep trying to investigate.
16. **YINKUS: Na you know, investigative reporter! Back to my story, I advised the lady to go with her husband for tests and she said she would** talk to him.
17. **BOSUN:** Let's assume then that that is what you did. **(CLEARS THROAT)** Well, anyway, you've tried your best for her, I think.
18. **YINKUS:** Yes o. She listens to the programme so I'm hoping I can ask Madam Adunni for advice on her behalf. Anyway it's time for our drama. Last time on the drama, Abokede insisted on contributing to the family's income; Mr. Animashaun nearly caught his daughter Folashade with her secret boyfriend, Oyemade, and Alaba promised Wosilat a job for her husband. Hmmm, let's see what will happen this week.
19. **DRAMA:** **CUE IN DRAMA (EP. 13, 12 MINS)**
20. **YINKUS:** We're back listeners! I hope you enjoyed the drama? Hmm but Bosun how can Bello be so careless with such an amount of money? \$20,000 dollars! If I'm his father I'll skin him alive. And you know Mr. Animashaun is not a patient man.
21. **BOSUN:** Hmmm all I can tell him is that the money has gone forever. Who will find that kind of money and not be tempted? That's not to say that I won't return it I was the one that found it because I am honest but many other might not. and will say, *Mi ti step up ni yen!* (I've arrived) But Iyalode, that conversation between Tayo and Iyabo...hmmm... Whose unplanned pregnancy has Iyabo dealt with before? I'm suspecting her o.

22. **YINKUS:** Yes o. And something tells me that girl Tayo is using a family planning method. She was just too sure of herself there with the declaration that there will not be a pregnancy...
23. **BOSUN:** That is true. Anyway, we'll have to wait and see what happens in future episodes. For now it's time for us to dance. Oya take this.
24. **MUSIC** **MUSIC FROM YORUBA MUSICIAN (MAX 2.1/2 MIN)**
25. **YINKUS:** That was Waheed Osupa with the hit song, *Fuji Theatre*. Thanks for staying tuned to the program. If you're just joining us you're listening to ***Ireti Eda***. With us in the studio right now is our favourite big aunty. She's a midwifed, marriage counselor and respected person in the community. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming our dear Madam Adunni to the studio.
26. **SFX:** **FANFARE AND SHEKERE SOUND**
27. **M. ADUNNI:** It's a pleasure to be here with all of you, thank you
28. **BOSUN:** Madam Adunni, Yinkus raised a topic earlier in the show and I'm not sure if you heard it.
29. **M. ADUNNI:** You mean on the subject of infertility. Yes I heard you discussing it.
30. **YINKUS:** Well Ma, I was going to ask on behalf of my friend, but let us treat these text messages on the topic and they touch on the questions I wanted to ask. So let me go straight to them. Morenike wrote: "*Madam Adunni, you told us a lot about how family planning can help us plan the timing of our children, but what about us that want to have children but are having difficulty getting pregnant?*"
31. **M. ADUNNI:** Some people wrongly assume family planning only means having fewer children. They don't realize that, family planning also means helping couples have children when they want them. So whether you're like Wosilat and wanting to take a break from having children, or you're just trying to find that first pregnancy, family planning services have something to offer you.
32. **BOSUN:** Bolaji texted this in: "*Madam Adunni, my wife and I married over two years ago and so far we have no children even though we've been trying since our marriage. Why is this? And what can we do?*"

33. **M. ADUNNI:** Bolaji, you are not alone in this. Some couples have difficulty getting pregnant at the desired times. This is called infertility. The questions of why and what to do are closely linked. If the husband and wife can have an open discussion about the issue and then go to visit a health provider, they may be able to help them discover what is wrong or find a solution to overcome their problems and have children. You can visit your nearest family planning provider for counseling and referral if needed. Remember that Yinka always gives out the information about the clinics and the number to call to find your nearest provider, so keep your pens and papers handy for the end of the show.
34. **YINKUS:** Madam Adunni, we have a caller on the line. Zainab you're speaking to Madam Adunni, you can go ahead.
35. **INSERT:** **(ZAINAB'S VOICE VIA PHONE)** *Aunty Sabi, when there is infertility who should get the blame, man or woman?*
36. **M. ADUNNI:** If a couple is having difficulty conceiving, this may be due to the man or to the woman or it may be due to other factors. The best thing is for the couple to seek a health provider such as found as a family planning provider in order to get help and referrals if they need them.
37. **YINKUS:** Hmmm thank you Madam Adunni for today's session. We're very grateful. I'm sure my friend is listening and will be encouraged by your words of hope.
38. **BOSUN:** Yes we're sorry if we weren't able to get to your questions. Remember you can connect more with the programme and ask more questions on our Get it Together Facebook Ilorin/Ibadan page. Yinka will give you all the details at the end so stay tuned for that. Right now we're going to take a short music break. Stay tuned, we'll be right back.
39. **MUSIC:** **MUSIC FROM A NIGERIAN MUSICIAN**
40. **BOSUN:** **(EXCITED)** Eh, eh, eh. Iyalode, please what do you call that dance step, eh? You must teach me o. **(LAUGHING)** Listeners, that was **"10/10"** by Naeto C. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did here in the studio.
41. **YINKUS:** Yes o. And Bosun don't worry, you can consider me your dancing instructor. I will soon send you my invoice, ok.
42. **BOSUN:** Ahhh Iyalode, me?!!! Anyway we'll discuss that one after. Unfortunately,

we've come to the end of the programme for today. As always, we're giving 5 of you a chance to win one of our fantastic prizes in our quiz. Today's quiz question is:

- ***How much was the money that Mr. Animashaun gave Bello which he subsequently lost?***

43. **YINKUS:** 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 Patent Medicine Vendor like chemist or drug seller shop with a sign that says "Get it Together" and has a blue, yellow and orange puzzle pieces logo.
44. **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!"
45. **YINKUS:** And of course I remain your Yinkus! O da booo! (Till next time).
46. **MUSIC:** **THEME MUSIC UP & UNDER PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP & BY-LINE (GET IT TOGETHER, PLAN YOUR FAMILY)**