

Ibadan/Ilorin Radio Magazine: *Ireti Eda*

Episode 6: Benefit of FP to Quality of Children's Education

1. **MUSIC:** THEME MUSIC UP AND UNDER
2. **YINKUS:** (**VERY EXCITED**) My good people welcome to your favorite radio program, *Ireti Eda*. As always, I'm your host, Olayinka Owoyemi, alias Yinkus the Iyalode of the Yoruba airwaves and with me is my co-host in this programme, Bosun, Da Boss!!!
3. **BOSUN:** Yes ladies and gentlemen, I'm Bosun, coming to you with Yinkus, to make sure you enjoy the programme. (**PAUSES**) Ah but Yinkus, you are looking extra happy today, anything?
4. **YINKUS:** Da boss the reason why I am happy today is because my younger sister just gave birth to a set of twins and the *ikomo* (naming ceremony) will be this weekend. You know me now I can't wait to be there for my weekend groove.
4. **BOSUN:** (**CLEARING HIS VOICE AND SINGING TO WHAT IYALODE HAS JUST DISCLOSED**) *Epo mbe ewa mbe oh! aya mi o ja, aya mi o ja lati bi beeji ...* (song for twins) (**EXCITEDLY**) Ah Yinkus, I am very happy for your family. I will be there at the weekend to help you eat and dance.
5. **YINKUS:** (**TEASING**) Ah Bosun, if you're coming, be prepared to sing o... For you the food and music is not free, you'll sing first!
6. **BOSUN:** (**LAUGHING**) Ahn ahn Yinkus. You know it's no problem! I'm ever ready to entertain my fans!
7. **YINKUS:** Ehhhhh! Is that why we're still waiting for your album after all this time?
8. **BOSUN:** (**TEASING**) Be cool my people. Have patience! You know good quality takes time. You'll be the first to know when I'm releasing my album.
9. **YINKUS:** Da Boss!!!! You're not serious. Anyway listeners, it's time for our drama. Last time, Wosilat and Ajani were able to get some money together and decided to move back to Ajani's family home; Mrs. Animashaun worried over her two children's single status; and Lukman told Abokede that it was

time for her to give up on her dreams of going to university to study law in order to learn a trade. Let's see what will happen today. Over to drama.

10. **DRAMA:** **CUE IN DRAMA EPISODE 6 (4 SCENES, ABOUT 12 MINUTES)**

11. **BOSUN:** Yinkus, Iyabo is indeed very evil, how could she have prevented Abokede from going to call Umaru, what will become of Lami now? Ah, me I can't wait to hear how things pan out. Is the poor woman going to have her baby at home all alone, by herself?

12. **YINKUS:** Me too I want to know how this will be resolved. No woman can be that wicked as to refuse to help her neighbor, her fellow woman for that matter in labor. It's not possible. Maybe she'll have a change of heart and run to fetch Umaru.

13. **BOSUN:** Let us bet, she won't. You'll see. She is evil through and through.

14. **YINKUS:** Okay now. Even Iyabo cannot be that wicked! Anyway, we'll see who's right next time between you and me.

15. **BOSUN:** Ehn we'll see. Anyway, I like the advice that Tayo gave Abokede when she was telling her not to give up on her dreams. The best revenge against your enemies is to be successful. Amen oh!

16. **YINKUS:** *Abi o!* (Isn't it?) But still-o that Tayo and the way she is going about looking for men, she better be using some protection if not she will be sorry

17. **BOSUN:** I agree. She can become pregnant before she's prepared or even contract a sexually-transmitted infection like HIV. The Lady should be careful now, ah-ahn...what is it!

18. **YINKUS:** My people I think I'm ready to dance for my family's new additions. Please join me in dancing to this song.

19. **MUSIC:** **POPULAR YORUBA MUSIC MAX. 2MINS**

20. **YINKUS:** That was "*Marriage*" by *Saheed Osupa*. My sister loves that song so I'm dedicating it to her and her new twins.

21. **BOSUN:** *Eya* Yinkus, you know we're very happy for you! And joining us right now is our favourite big aunty who knows a lot about babies. She's a midwife,

marriage counselor and respected woman. Madam Adunni, you're very welcome to the programme!

22. **SFX:** **FANFARE AND SHEKERE SOUND**

23. **M. ADUNNI:** Ah Bosun, thanks for that welcome! And my dear Yinkus, congratulations to you and your family.

24. **YINKUS:** Ah thank you very much, ma. Eh, Madam Adunni, we've been discussing family planning and its benefits in general. Most couples I know desire to have a better quality of life for themselves and for their children...

25. **BOSUN:** **(INTERJECTS)** It's not only couples-o, Yinkus. Single people too have similar aspirations. I want to be able to provide a good quality of life for my family in future, you know send my kids to private schools, have proper accommodation and provide nutritious and sufficient food....

26. **M. ADUNNI:** Too true. That is everyone's hope but the reality for some is different no matter how much they wish to improve the quality of their lives, it seems impossible because they haven't planned their family and now their resources are outstripped by the sheer size of their family. And what do wise people say, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

25. **YINKUS:** Okay, Madam Adunni, let's here from our listeners. We have a caller on the line waiting to talk to you. Kikelomo, you're on the air, go ahead:

26. **INSERT:** **(KIKELOMO'S VOICE VIA PHONE)** *Madam Adunni, I just had my first child and I want to discuss family planning with my husband, but he's the type that can be hard to convince. One thing is that he's really adamant that all children we have have a good education. Could you explain how family planning benefits children's education?*

27. **GUEST:** No problem, Kikelomo. If you've been listening to *Ireti Eda*, I'm sure you've seen how Wosilat and Ajani are struggling to pay their children's school fees after they were sent home for non-payment of fees? It's getting unlikely that those children will actually complete their education. That's a sad reality for many parents these days. Well

Kike, the truth is when parents plan their family sizes based on their resources and circumstances, they are usually able to send their children to better schools and train them to any level they desire; all the children will have equal opportunity to good education; the parents will have a better handle on what their children are up to as they'll be able to supervise and monitor their educational performances. Planned families will have resources to enable their children to stay and learn in school instead of spending time hawking in the streets or markets or helping to bring in income. Good luck, my dear, in discussing with your husband.

28. **YINKUS:** I hear you, Ma. It is true. My father for instance was a junior service man but his goal was to train his children to the highest level they want to attain. He didn't have too much money so it helped that there were a couple of years between each of us – so he could manage it.
29. **BOSUN:** Along those lines, Abdulazeez has texted in asking if there's a specific family size we all should aspire to in order to assure our children of a better future.
30. **M. ADUNNI:** Well Abdulazeez, there is no magic number for family size. It is up to partners to discuss with each other and plan their families in such a way that they can meet up to their aspirations. Yes, of course, family size will affect quality of life, particularly children's education. Common sense will tell you that having a large family too fast can have an adverse impact on your ability to cater to their needs. The pride of every parent is to see their children do well in life and a good education is usually the key to a better future. As long as you keep that in mind, as you plan your family I'm sure you and your family will meet all your goals.
31. **YINKUS:** Ah Madam Adunni, as usual, you've said it all! Thank you so much Ma. Bye-bye. **(PAUSES)** Well friends, I hope you took something away from Madam Adunni's time with us today. Whilst you reflect on what she said, let's take this music.
32. **MUSIC:** **CUE IN POPULAR NIGERIAN MUSIC**
33. **BOSUN:** That was *“If Love is a Crime”* by *Tuface*. And with that, 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:
- *What does Abokede want to be when she finishes school?*

34. **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.
35. **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. We’ll be here to host you next Wednesday as usual at 4pm/Saturday at 5.30pm.....Until then, I’m Bosun “DA Boss!”
36. **YINKUS:** And of course I remain your Yinkus! O da booo! (Till next time).
37. **MUSIC:** **THEME MUSIC UP & UNDER PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP**
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