

THE STATE OF WORLD POPULATION 2012: BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE

Goal: Making voluntary family planning available to all who need it

WHY DOES THIS NEED TO BE DONE?



867 MILLION
women in developing
countries have a need for
modern contraceptives

FERTILITY RATES



World: **2.5** births per woman



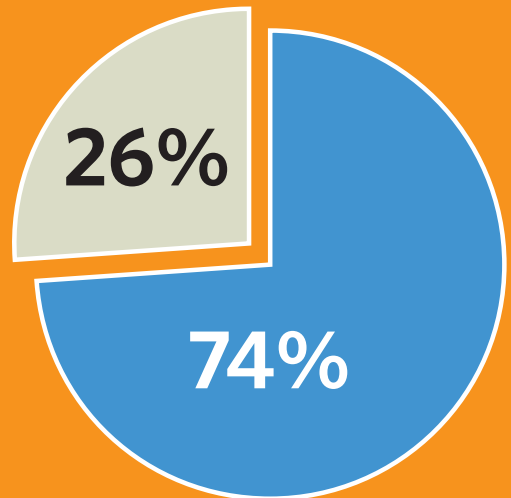
More developed: **1.7**



Less developed: **2.8**



Sub-Saharan Africa: **5.1**



26%
have an unmet need for
contraception

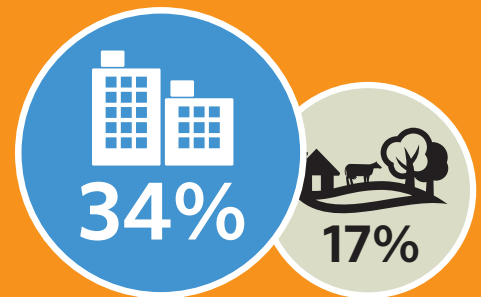
74%
have access to modern
contraceptive

IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA...



Women give birth to
THREE TIMES
as many children
as women in more
developed regions
of the world

ONLY 10%
of uneducated
adolescents use
contraception,
this increases to
42%
if they reach
secondary schooling



Contraceptive use is
DOUBLE
in urban areas
than what it is in
rural areas

WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS HAVE?



ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Investing an additional **\$4.1 BILLION** in modern
contraceptive services in developing countries
could save **\$5.7 BILLION** on maternal and
neonatal health costs alone.



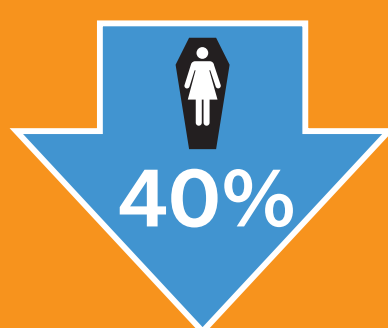
SCHOOLING

Motherhood during adolescence in the U.S.
reduces a girl's chances of obtaining a high
school diploma by **10%** and reduces annual
income as a young adult by **\$1,000 to \$2,400**



WOMEN'S LABOUR FORCE

From 1970 to 1990 early access to the pill in
the U.S. accounted for **14%** of labour force
participation rates and **15%** of the annual
hours worked among women between ages
of 16 and 30.



MATERNAL HEALTH BENEFITS

In the past two decades increased contraceptive
use has reduced the number of maternal
deaths by **40%**.

46%



CHILD HEALTH BENEFITS

Birth spacing of 3 to 5 years alone can
prevent up to **46%** of infant mortality in
developing countries.