

CONTRACEPTION

The Smart Investment for Global Development

A photograph of two women in orange vests and headscarves looking at a poster with Arabic text and drawings. The woman on the right is smiling and pointing at the poster. The poster has the word 'CONTRACEPTION' visible. The background shows a wall with a drawing of a sun and a house.

COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIES PROSPER

In Bangladesh, households with increased access to reproductive health services had up to 43% more family assets.

(Population Reference Bureau, 2009)

GIRLS BETTER EDUCATED

Access to contraception = 7.4 million unintended pregnancies avoided for adolescent girls.

(Guttmacher Institute, 2010)

PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Data suggest that giving women the contraception they already want would yield an emissions reduction effect similar to stopping all deforestation.

(National Center for Atmospheric Research, 2010)

NATIONS MORE POLITICALLY STABLE

About 80% of the world's civil conflicts since the 1970s have occurred in countries with young, rapidly growing populations. *(Guttmacher Institute, 2010)*



ACCELERATES PROGRESS TOWARD ALL MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Meeting the unmet need of the more than **220 million women** who already want contraceptives would yield:



1.1 Million fewer infant deaths

(Guttmacher 2012)



79,000 fewer women dying in childbirth

(Guttmacher 2012)



Three times fewer babies born with HIV

(Cates, 2010)

Family planning is a **sustainable, cost-effective** development investment.

EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN FAMILY PLANNING CAN SAVE UP TO \$9 IN OTHER DEVELOPMENT COSTS.

On average, **\$1 saves:**

\$2.64 in education

\$0.25 in immunization

\$1.02 in water and sanitation

\$1.68 in maternal health*

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**Average of Bolivia, Guatemala, Madagascar, Zambia, Bangladesh, India, and Ethiopia*

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