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#### Who We Are

care.

#### lpas believes:

Every woman – including adolescents and youth - has a right to the highest attainable standard of health and to safe reproductive health choices, including safe abortion

#### lpas is:

A global NGO dedicated to promoting women's sexual and reproductive rights and ending preventable deaths and disabilities from unsafe abortion.

# **Maternal mortality**

358, 000

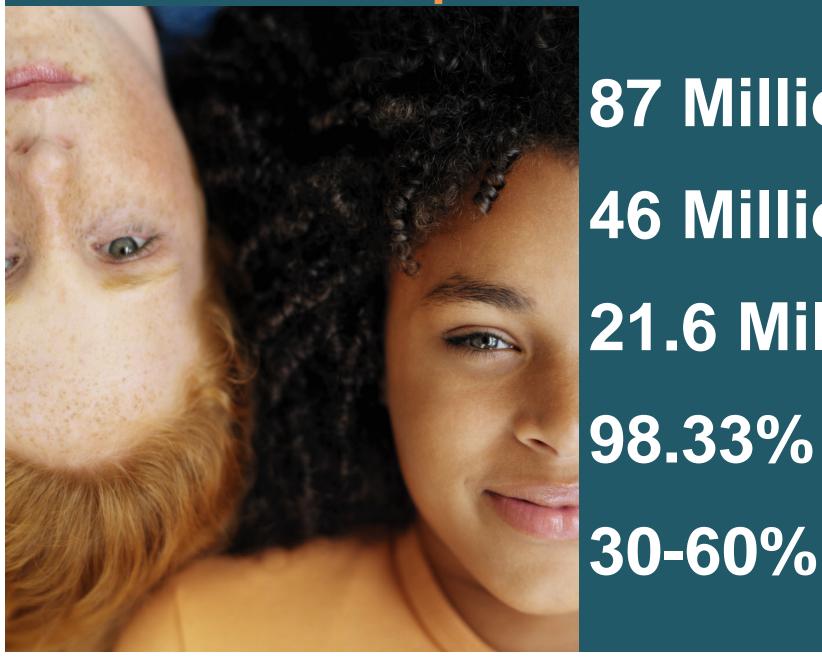
25%

2x as high

5x as high



### Sexual and reproductive health



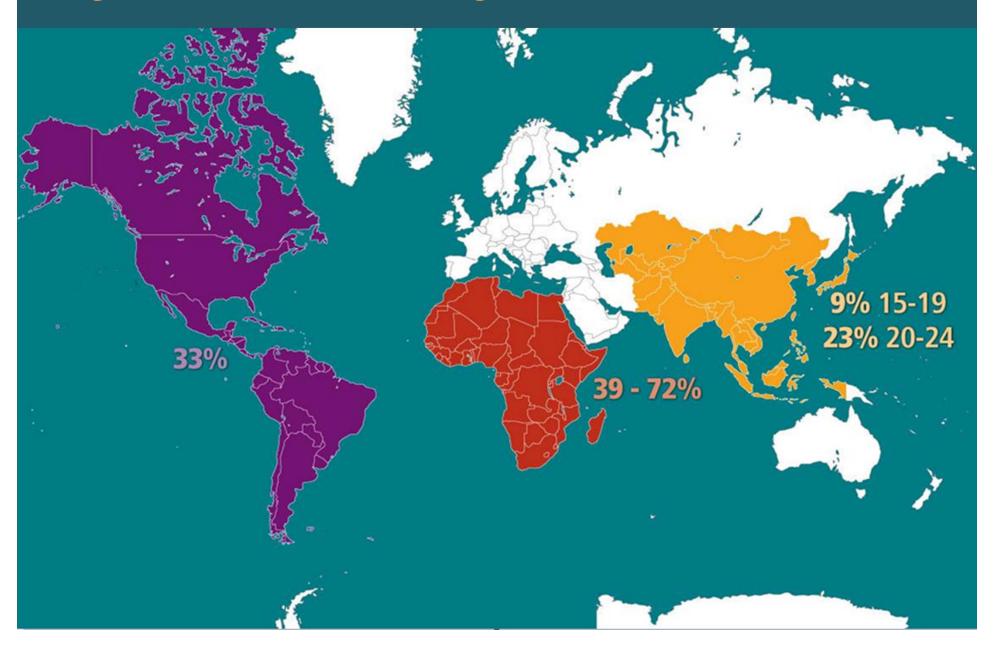
87 Million 46 Million 21.6 Million 98.33%

#### The world's abortion laws



http://worldabortionlaws.com/map/

#### 47,000 women die each year due to unsafe abortions Young women account for on average 46% of these deaths



# Youth and diversity

Different backgrounds

Different stages of life

-Different individual needs





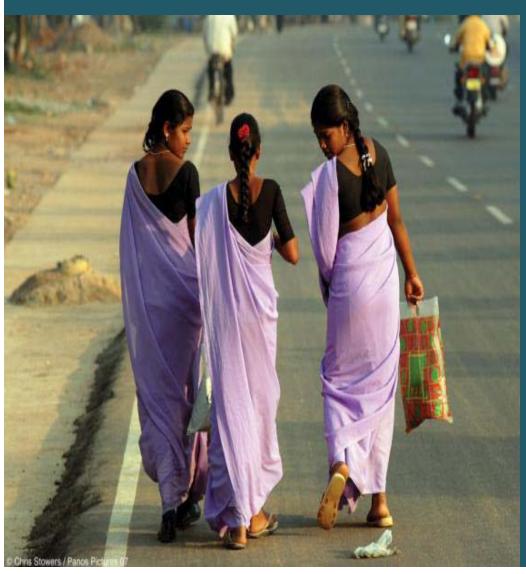








#### Barriers for young women



- Gender roles and stigma around youth sexuality
- Gender-based violence
- Child marriage
- Poor knowledge of abortion laws, services and technology
- Lack of youth-focused services
- Health providers attitudes



#### What We Do

- Advocacy work in Malawi
- YAAT in Zambia
- Service Delivery and Community Education and Outreach in Nepal
- Hotlines in Latin America



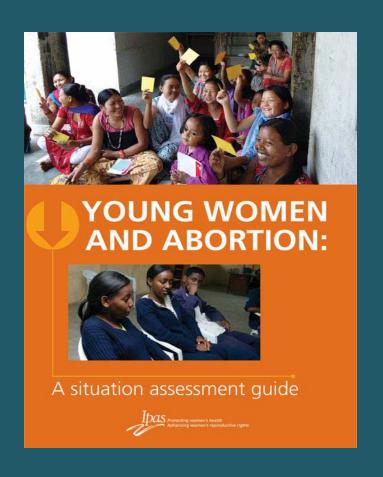
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- Medical Students' Initiatives
- Linking local, regional and global efforts



#### **Ipas Resources**





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**EXPLORING ABORTION** A collection of self-reflection and sensitization activities for global audiences

#### **Abortion Attitude Transformation:**

Values clarification activities adapted for young women





Abortion Care for Young Women: **Needs Assessment Survey Results and Recommendations** May - August 2010

