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FP2020 has made significant strides. An unprecedented number of women and girls are using modern methods of contraception: 290.6 million in the world's poorest countries.

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In just three years, since the July 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, **24.4 million more women and girls are using modern methods of contraception in these countries.**

The benefits of family planning, which extend beyond individuals to communities and countries, are essential to sustainable development. Family planning enables women to better ensure their families' security, education and well-being.

From July 2014 through July 2015 alone, **80 million unintended pregnancies, 26.8 million unsafe abortions and 111,000 maternal deaths have been averted** due to use of modern, effective methods of family planning.

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Increasingly, countries, donors and organizations are joining the global family planning movement, stepping forward with financial, policy or programmatic commitments. These commitments are critical to helping FP2020 achieve its goal of enabling 120 million more women and girls to access voluntary, rights-based family planning by the year 2020.

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The governments of **Madagascar, Mali, Nepal and Somalia joined this year**, as did private sector partners **Bayer, Merck/MSD and Pfizer**, the global nonprofit **Management Sciences for Health** and the **International Contraceptive Access Foundation**.

With 36 commitment-making countries, **more than half of the 69 FP2020 focus countries are now formally pledged** to the partnership. More commitments are expected in the coming months.

Family planning is increasingly a global development priority; **donor governments have increased bilateral funding for family planning by a third since 2012.**

This year has also ushered in a wave of **new/renewed commitments** from partner organizations including **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International, Pathfinder International, and Jhpiego.**

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Our shared goal is ambitious, and it has to be. But while we have made significant strides, the latest data show FP2020 and its partners must take immediate action to accelerate progress. We must reexamine our commitments to ensure we're doing all we can, and reinvigorate our efforts wherever necessary.

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To achieve the FP2020 goal, **countries must increase the number of users of modern methods of contraception** so that a greater proportion of all women and girls of reproductive age are served.

Overall, the report shows that the effort is behind by 10 million in its 2015 projections to reach more women and girls. The reason for the shortfall is that there has **not been as rapid an acceleration in contraception use as was needed** to be on track to reach the 120 million. This is due, in part, to the length of time needed to build the necessary systems and secure country commitments to deliver family planning services.

We must learn from what has and hasn't worked. Combining on-the-ground experiences and data, we are making adjustments so we can continue making progress faster, for more women. **Lessons learned point to three areas where strengthening efforts will help accelerate progress:**

- 1. Better understanding and meeting the reproductive health needs of adolescents.** Across the 69 FP2020 focus countries, there were 45.4 million more women of reproductive age in 2015 than there were in 2012. The largest generation of youth the world has ever seen is entering its reproductive years, and it has high unmet needs for family planning services. Integrating family planning into schools and youth programs, ending child marriage, using youth-targeted advertising campaigns and text messaging are ways FP2020 countries are connecting these young people to modern contraception.
- 2. Increasing the quality of services women receive.** Women are more likely to begin—and continue—using contraception when they can get comprehensive counseling about the range of options available, how each method works and information on any potential side effects. Expanding the number and methods of contraception available is critical.
- 3. Greater focus on the urban and rural poor.** Today, more than half the world's population lives in cities, and this proportion will grow to two-thirds by 2050. In urban slums and rural areas, unmet need for contraceptives tends to be high, access is poor and health worker shortages and other barriers prevent men, women and youth from accessing family planning services.

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Most countries are seeing growth in contraceptive use, despite the fact that many focus countries have had to put resources and efforts into responding to humanitarian crises, such as natural disasters, conflict or epidemics like Ebola.

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mCPR for all women of reproductive age averaged 33.2% in 2015, compared to 32% in 2012 across the 69 FP2020 focus countries. From July 2012 to July 2015, **the average increase in mCPR was two times greater among the 34 commitment-making countries** that were part of the analysis than it was among non-commitment-making countries.

Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi and Senegal saw the greatest acceleration in the modern contraception use rate.

Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, Sierra Leone and Zambia all experienced more than a 5% increase in the level of demand for family planning satisfied.

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How we get to our goal matters. FP2020 is successfully working with countries and partners to build and implement resilient systems to sustain family planning programs.

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Ensuring Rights. Rights-based family planning means listening to what women want, treating individuals with dignity and respect and ensuring that everyone has access to full information and high-quality care.

Creating new data systems. Our quantitative and qualitative data is better than ever before, providing us with a strong evidence base to inform our efforts moving forward.

Developing costing plans. FP2020 and partners provide tools to help countries plan, develop and implement their own Costed Implementation Plans—a necessary step before implementing family planning programs. Now, 20 countries have developed Costed Implementation Plans.

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When women and couples can time and space their pregnancies, the health of their family and community improves, opportunities expand, poverty declines, economies grow and natural resources can be managed and used wisely.

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FP2020's goal of enabling 120 million additional women and girls to use modern contraceptives by 2020—underpinned by human rights principles—is a critical milestone toward achieving the SDGs, including not just family-planning-related objectives but also those concerning gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, education, health and nutrition, poverty eradication, combatting climate change, and building a more just and peaceful world.

ABOUT FP2020

Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) is a global partnership that supports the rights of women and girls to decide—freely and for themselves—whether, when and how many children they want to have. FP2020 works with governments, civil society, multilateral organizations, donors, the private sector and the research and development community to enable 120 million more women and girls to use contraceptives by 2020.

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