



World Population Day: Focus On Population & Family Planning

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World population heading to 10.9 billion by 2100 – is family planning failing

Until just a couple weeks ago, the great global food challenge was how to feed 9 billion people in 2050. But no longer - the number of mid-century mouths just jumped. Now it's projected to be 9.6 billion, closing in on double-digit billions. And forget about expectations that world population will stabilize this century: By 2100, according to the latest projections, the number of people on the planet will hit 10.9 billion - and will still be growing by 10 million a year. These hundreds of millions of unanticipated future humans come from the "medium-fertility," or best-guess, calculations of United Nations demographers, who this month released their biannual projections of future world population. And what a surprise their calculations are, dashing the hopes of optimists who had been assuming that human fertility is falling everywhere and that population growth would end "on its own" within a few decades.

The new UN population projections are a blunt reminder of the consequences of our silence. No end to global population growth is in sight. Nor will one be until we resolve to act on women's autonomy, the dignity of sex without reproduction, and the importance of a non-growing population to environmental sustainability. –(Robert Engelman, president, world watch)

Teenage pregnancy focus on contraceptive use among Indian youth

With adolescent pregnancy the focus of this year's UN World Population Day, India aims to reach out to its young population and push spacing as a measure for family planning to achieve the total fertility rate of 2.1 in all states. As part of its family planning program, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the first time has started providing postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) to women who deliver children in government set-up. As per the National Family Health Survey 3, 47 per cent girls in India get married before the age of 18 years and early marriage leads of early childbearing. With only 7 per cent of 15-19 year-old using

contraceptive as per the Family health survey 3, the unmet need for family planning is higher among among 15-19 year-olds at 27 per cent compared to 13 per cent unmet needs across all age groups. To target adolescents for providing sex education to them along with awareness of nutrition, government also aims to develop peer educators. —(Business World)

52% of migrant families have unmet family planning needs in Nepal

A baseline family planning survey targeting migrant couples found that 52 percent of the women whose husbands were out of the country reported their need for family planning unmet. The surveyors believed the desired use of long-acting clinical methods such as Norplant and Intrauterine device (IUD) —rather than the extra-marital sexual intercourse hinted at—as a possible reason behind such a high percentage. Unmet need for family planning for women living with their husbands was lower at 24 percent; for wives of migrant laborers in general was at 43 percent. Male labor migrants had to be aged between 18-49 years, with at least three months of stay outside Nepal, returning at least once within three years prior to the survey. Wives of male labor migrants had to be aged between 15-49 years, whose husbands met the criteria of male labor in Bara, Nawalparasi, Palpa and Kapilvastu by Saath-Saath Project funded by USAID in partnership with the government of Nepal.

Contraceptive for every Women without coercion/discrimination- Melinda Gates.

One year ago on 11 July, governments and donors came together for a global family planning summit in London. They pledged to spend \$2.6bn on family planning in the global south. As a result of this initiative, more than two dozen governments are now working on plans to include family planning in their health programs. That's an incredible, important achievement. But will it actually give women control over the size of their families? With many other organizations, raised concerns that the summit did too little to address the rights of women and girls."We have to look at access from [the woman's] point of view," acknowledges Melinda Gates, one of the driving forces behind the summit and a significant funder of reproductive health initiatives. "Can every woman get the contraceptives she wants without coercion or discrimination?" It's politically a lot tougher to address than simply opening up more health clinics or increasing supplies of contraceptives. Our work has shown that when health initiatives are not based on women's human rights, they don't deliver. There are many more obstacles to family planning: women suffer discrimination in health care, violence at home, poor quality care, and abuses by health workers. Throwing money at family planning services is not enough. If governments ignore underlying human rights violations it will be counterproductive, leaving the most vulnerable women and girls without the choices available to women. --(Povertymatters Blog)

[Live Vasectomy Operations to be Broadcast Globally to Encourage Family Planning](#)

The Royal Institute of Australia will perform vasectomies in front of a live audience and stream the event globally via the Internet. World Vasectomy Day will take place on 18 October and around 1,000 men in 25 countries will replicate the event to show they are concerned with the growing strain the human population is having on the Earth's resources. Created by documentary filmmaker Jonathan Stack, the event will see men in Australia have vasectomies performed live in front of an audience at the Royal Institute of Australia in Adelaide. Stack said: "We're asking men who do not want more children to shoulder the burden of family planning, to fight for their family, their community, their country and our planet."

Australia has one of the highest uptake rates of vasectomies. Rather than to ask people not to have children, Stack and Stein say that with half of all pregnancies being unintended, "it's time for men to help shoulder the burden of family planning". They say it is the best option for men who do not want any more children.—(ibtimes.co.uk)

Family Planning conference: New Zealand

Family Planning New Zealand will organize a family planning conference 2013 at Te Papa, Wellington from 21 November to 2 November 2013, the focus of this conference is on positive health with themes. Clinic and personal health, Health promotion and sexuality education, International development. Suzanne Ehler of Population Action International will be one of the main speakers.

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Message for Leaders

We must make sure that girls and women are educated and healthy, with access to sexual and reproductive health services including family planning to reduce poverty

-Jill Sheffield, President, Women Deliver

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