

ABOUT **16 MILLION**
GIRLS AGED
15-19 GIVE BIRTH
EACH YEAR.

IN
9 OUT OF **10**
OF THESE CASES,
THE **GIRL** IS
ALREADY
MARRIED.

COMPLICATIONS FROM
PREGNANCY AND
CHILD BIRTH CONTINUE
TO BE A **LEADING**
CAUSE OF
DEATH AMONG
ADOLESCENT
GIRLS AGED 15-19
IN LOW-AND MIDDLE-
INCOME COUNTRIES.

STILLBIRTHS AND DEATH ARE

50%

MORE LIKELY
FOR **BABIES**

BORN TO
MOTHERS
YOUNGER THAN

20
THAN
FOR

babies

BORN
TO
MOTHERS
AGED
20-29.

Young women who avoid unintended pregnancy are more likely to stay in school, participate in the work force and have healthier, better-educated children.



ADOLESCENT GIRLS HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO AND USE OF FAMILY PLANNING.

IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVERALL,

22% OF **ADOLESCENT GIRLS** (AGED 15-19) WHO ARE MARRIED OR IN A UNION USE CONTRACEPTIVES,

COMPARED TO **61%** OF **MARRIED GIRLS AND WOMEN** AGED **15-49.**

We must work together to expand access to sexual and reproductive health services for the 1.8 billion young people in the world today.



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Source: UNFPA (2012), *Marrying Too Young: End Child Marriage*. UNFPA, New York. WHO Fact Sheet (2012), *Adolescent Pregnancy* <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs418/en/>. Black, R., et al. *Maternal and child undernutrition: Global and regional exposures and health consequences*. *The Lancet* vol. 371, no. 9608, 19 January 2008, pp. 243-260.