

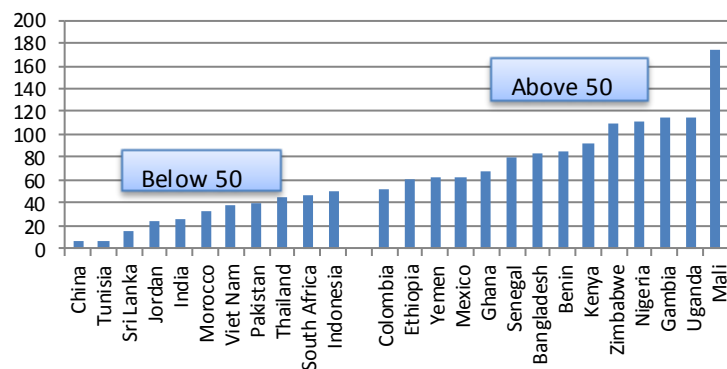
Special Newsletter: World Population Day 2016

Investing in Teenage girls; to harness the Demographic Dividend

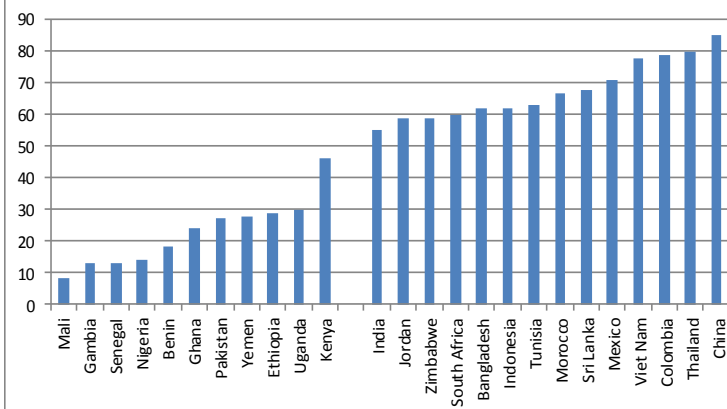
Every second worldwide, five people are born and two people die, leaving three more humans to inhabit the earth; how long can Mother Earth serve for this?

Challenges for teenage girls are enormous specially in developing countries. Many are considered by their communities or parents to be ready for marriage and motherhood before their 18th birthday. Challenges are exacerbated among girls from poor and marginalized communities. On the other hand when the teenage girls are empowered, because they are aware of their rights, and are equipped with tools that take them forward, they become agents of positive change in their communities.

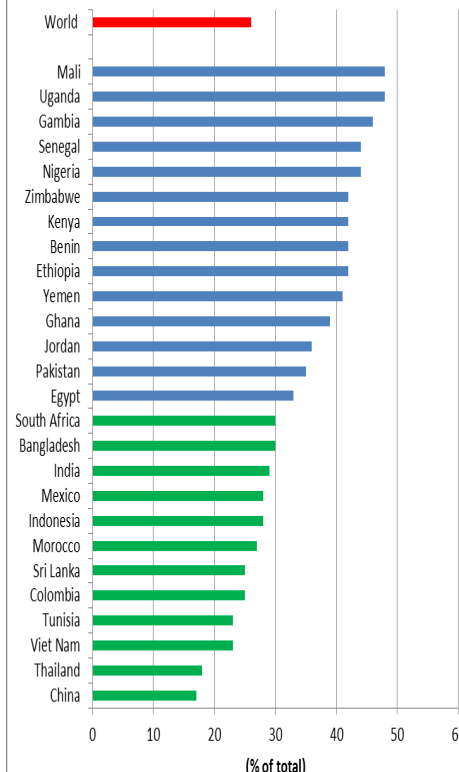
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)



Contraceptive prevalence, any methods (% of women ages 15-49)



Population, ages 0-14 (% of total)



Reality in PPD member countries:

Young crowd:

Out of the 26 Member countries from the Global South, PPD represents 59% of the world Population, with a very high percentage of adolescents.

Child Marriage:

Child marriage is considered as a major demographic threat in almost all of the member countries.

Adolescent pregnancy:

Adolescent pregnancy is high in PPD member countries.

PPD is concerned about the status of child marriage and adolescent pregnancy across the member countries and South-South Cooperation to address this issue of child marriage and adolescent pregnancy is one of the highest priority area of PPD's advocacy. The theme of World Population Day 2016 is thus significant for PPD. PPD would like to reassure PPD's commitment to work together for the adolescent girls of Global South.

Interesting Facts:

- The world population was only 1 billion in 1804.
- Seven PPD member countries (China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Mexico) are in the list of highest 10 populous countries of the world
- One of the PPD member countries (Uganda 5.9) are in the list of 10 countries with highest TFR of the world
- Women's life expectancy average is 73 years globally, compared to 69 for men.
- Maternal deaths averaged 136 per 100,000 births in 2013 (the latest year for which global data are available), down from 269 in 1990.
- It is said that there were more number of mobile phones on Earth than the number of people in 2011.
- The states with the lowest population are Vatican City and Nauru and with the highest population is China.

About PPD: PPD is an intergovernmental alliance comprising 26 developing countries. It holds the philosophy of South-South cooperation. It provides mechanism for promoting partnership and cooperation among member countries with a view to achieving the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), its Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals. It holds permanent observer status in the General Assembly. For more information, visit: www.partners-popdev.org.

