

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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