Family planning is an investment, not a cost

Out of $400 billion in external aid in past half century, only 0.31% has been explicitly for voluntary family planning

Family planning is an investment that pays for itself.

Family Planning and achieving the MDFs: Cost Savings in Francophone West Africa, 2010-2020

Net savings: $162 M

Actions Now Will Make a Big Difference

Business as usual
30 million more people
Interventions

Source: J-P Guengant & John F. May, 2015, Niger : Scénarios démographiques
Bixby Forum, January 2009

The Impact of population growth on tomorrow’s world

“With over 80 million unintended pregnancies each year, there is already a large unmet need for family planning.”

“Ready access to contraception and safe abortion has decreased family size, even in illiterate communities living on less than a dollar a day.”
Asia’s demographic transition

Not all correlations are causal
Africa’s stalling fertility decline

**Infant mortality rate**

**Total fertility rate**
Time Taken for Fertility to Decline
(Total Fertility Rate of 6.0 to 3.5)

- Iran (1989-1994)
- China (1969-1976)
- Thailand (1969-1977)
- Colombia (1968-1983)
- Indonesia (1961-1984)
- U.S.A. (1842-1900)

Years
Barriers to contraception

• **Lack of choice:** 19/98 countries no access pill; 30/98 no IUD; 61/98 no vasectomy

• **Non-evidence based medical rules:**
  – wont give FP unless women menstruating
  – refuse sterilization unless age X parity = 120

• **Cost**
  – Travel
  – Senegal OC tests + 5 month income

• **Provider bias**

• **Misinformation:** 50-70% think the pill poses considerable health risks or more dangerous than childbirth.

Campbell Et Barriers to fertility regulation. *Studies in family Planning* 37:87-98. 2006
“Increasing the age at marriage by five years could directly reduce 15 to 20 percent of future population growth.”

- Population Council, 2011
Expenditure on HIV/AIDS, 1985

$25 million
Expenditure on HIV/AIDS, 2011

$6.9 billion

$25 million