

WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY 2008

THE RISKS AND IMPACT OF UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

IN EUROPE

- » The use of modern contraception **varies** from **19%** in Poland to around **81%** in the UK¹
- » **More than one in ten** (11.6%) adolescents use the withdrawal method,² which is **very unreliable** because small drops of sperm can escape from the penis into the vagina before the man ejaculates³
- » **13%** of 15-year-old students, who had engaged in sexual intercourse **had not** used any form of contraception when they last had sex²

IN LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

- » Approximately **50%** of adolescents under the age of 17 in the region are sexually active⁴
- » On average, **38%** of women in the region become pregnant **before** reaching the **age of 20**⁴

IN ASIA

- » Use of contraception in Asia **varies considerably** from **2%** in Pakistan to **44%** in Indonesia with the **vast majority** of unmarried, sexually active adolescents not using any contraception, or only using traditional contraceptive methods⁵

IN AFRICA

- » **30%** of the **40 million** pregnancies occurring each year are unplanned⁶
- » **4.8 million (12%)** of unplanned pregnancies result in abortion⁶

IN THE US

- » The **7%** of American women who do not use contraceptives **account for around half** (47%) of **unintended** pregnancies⁷
- » The US has one of the **highest teenage fertility rates** in the developed world⁸

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