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At the halfway point of FP2020, there are more than 300 million women and girls using modern contraception in the world's 69 poorest countries—an unprecedented number, and a milestone that has taken decades to achieve through tireless work by the health and development sectors.

More than 30 million additional women and girls are now using modern contraception than there were in 2012 when FP2020 was launched.

The health infrastructure, expertise, and commitment required to provide quality and voluntary family planning services to 300 million individuals is immense, and in itself represents a tremendous accomplishment. It is particularly impressive considering it took many decades to reach 100 million individuals in the 1980s, 15 years to reach the next 200 million women and girls, and just 13 years to surpass 300 million contraceptive users.

Contraceptive use by these 300 million women and girls has prevented more than **82 million unintended pregnancies**; averted more than **25 million unsafe abortions**; and prevented **124,000 maternal deaths** in the past year alone. This will have an important impact on the health and well-being of millions of people, some of whom are among the most vulnerable populations, including young people, the poorest, and those living in conflict, crisis, and emergency settings.

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While we have not reached as many people as we had hoped by this time, the richness of the data that's now available enables us to peel back the layers and study the situation on a country-by-country and region-by-region basis, revealing a strikingly varied landscape of progress.

The **30.2 million additional women and girls** is significantly more than the historical trend would predict, but it is still 19.2 million fewer than we had hoped to reach, indicating we are behind on our overall goal.

The evidence base is growing for a wide range of issues and interventions, including youth-oriented approaches, method mix diversity, stock-outs, contraceptive discontinuation, rights-based programming, and postpartum family planning.

The resulting insights can help us shape more effective programs, investments, and policies to reach women and girls with the high-quality services they need and want.

The availability and review of data on an annual basis is also guiding advocacy efforts, with the evidence it provides strengthening civil society efforts to support governments in policy and budgetary decision-making.

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Our original FP2020 objective of reaching an additional 120 million woman and girls by 2020 is no longer a solitary goalpost in the distance, but stands as an essential benchmark on the global path to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The stakes are high. Achieving the FP2020 goal is absolutely critical to meeting SDGs 3 and 5, which call for universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality.

More broadly, the ability of women and girls to access and use modern contraception will have an impact on each of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals**—with the fundamental connections to health, human rights, economic development, and a sustainable and healthy planet being better understood by partners in other sectors.

A country's ability to meet its FP2020 goals can have transformational benefits to women, families, communities, and entire countries.

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The FP2020 partnership has grown steadily since the London Summit, and now reflects the policy, financial and programmatic pledges of more than 90 commitment makers. This enthusiasm is testament to the growing potential and impact of this platform as a catalyst for change.

Three additional countries, Afghanistan, Lao PDR, and Vietnam, all joined the FP2020 partnership in the past year, bringing the total number of commitment-making countries to 38.

In addition, **three organizations** have made new commitments: Margaret Pyke Trust, with the Population & Sustainability Network; Population Services International; and Chase Africa.

Four FP2020 partners renewed their commitments this year with ambitious new objectives, pledging to build on the contributions they have already made and go even further: contributing more resources, delivering more services, and reaching more women and girls. These include: The government of Germany; International Planned Parenthood Federation; Intrahealth International; and FHI 360.

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Mobilizing the financial resources needed to sustain family planning services is a critical measure of FP2020 progress—for the 300 million women and girls using contraceptives today and for the 390 million we aim to reach by 2020.

Addressing the financing gap for family planning programs, ensuring a healthy supply of commodities, and improving the visibility and tracking of domestic and donor funding alike continue to be central priorities for our entire sector, including and importantly through the UNFPA Supplies Program.

With family planning increasingly recognized as a **development “best buy”** with cross-sectoral impact on our ability to reach all the SDGs, we must continue our collective vigilance to ensure it remains a primary development priority for policy makers and funders alike.

Mobilizing domestic resources is an important aspect of long-term sustainability of family planning services, and many governments are committing to increasing domestic expenditures on family planning.

Through collaborations with multi-stakeholder global and regional partnerships, such as the Ouagadougou Partnership, the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, and the World Bank’s Global Financing Facility and Sahel Women’s Empowerment and Demographic Dividend Project, new opportunities exist for countries to address their most pressing resource challenges.

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With renewed momentum, we have the opportunity and the obligation to reach the hardest to reach, including young people, the poorest, the marginalized and the most vulnerable, and to ensure that all programs and policies are grounded in the principles of agency, access, availability, and quality of care. Only by working in this way will we reach our collective goals.

The needs of young people and adolescents are paramount—we will not achieve the SDGs if we fail the current generation of young people who are counting on us to prioritize their needs and to help empower them to make their own decisions, and enable them to live healthy, productive lives and fulfill their own aspirations.

Today's youth population is the largest in history, with 1.8 billion individuals between the ages of 10 and 24, more than a billion of whom live in FP2020's 69 focus countries.

In order to meet the diverse needs of youth and adolescents, countries and all stakeholders must examine their policies and programs, develop a process of evaluation and reevaluation that genuinely reflects a youth perspective, and implement evidence-based programs that work.

A growing number of implementing partners are injecting a rights-based approach into new and existing programs, resulting in the first evidence about what it takes to operationalize rights-based family planning and measure the difference it can make in programs, progress, and people's lives.

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No single country or organization can effectively address the challenges ahead alone. In the continuing spirit of the London Summit, we invite the entire family planning community to join this important dialogue, and examine the need for evidence-based programs, innovation and accountability across sectors and geographical divides.

While we have made tremendous progress, not all of our efforts are producing the expected or desired results, and not all the women and girls we have pledged to reach are being served.

With more data, evidence, and knowledge than ever before, we have an important opportunity to accelerate progress now in order to fulfill our promise to women and girls for 2020, and to ensure we are building the necessary momentum to achieve our 2030 goals.

These are the challenges we face together as we move into the second half of the FP2020 partnership.

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