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**FP2020 Report Launched Today Has Latest Data on Rights-Based Family Planning in 69 Countries, Including (name of country)**

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12 November... A groundbreaking international report launched today reveals more women and girls than ever before are making the voluntary choice to use family planning in the world's 69 lowest-income countries. The report, entitled *FP2020: Catalyzing Collaboration*, has been produced by Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) - a global partnership that supports the rights of women and girls to freely decide whether, when, and how many children they want to have. It was released at the International Conference on Family Planning in Kigali, Rwanda.

The report contains specific information on how much progress is being made in (name of country.) Pull data from the report about what is happening in your country and insert here. If possible, also insert a quote from a FP2020 focal point member or government spokesperson.

Globally:

- The number of women and girls using a modern method of contraception in the world's 69 lowest-income countries had grown to more than 317 million, as of July 2018.
- This is 46 million additional users than existed in 2012 (the year FP2020 was launched) – an increase that is 30% greater than the historic trend.
- The use of modern contraceptives is growing the fastest in FP2020 countries in Africa: as of July 2018, 24% of women of reproductive age in these countries are using a modern method. Growth is 1.1 percentage points per year in Eastern and Southern Africa and 0.7 percentage points per year in West Africa. Because there are already many more women using family planning in Asia (38%), the rate of growth is lower at 0.2 percentage points a year.

Executive Director of Family Planning 2020, Beth Schlachter, said today: “Rights-based family planning is a catalyst that unlocks the potential of girls and women around the world. Our goal is to ensure that each can exercise her basic rights to self-determination, health, dignity, and equality. This is a linchpin strategy for countries to improve the health and well-being of their citizens and economy.”

Domestic government expenditures on family planning are reported for the first time in this report, with validated data from 31 FP2020 countries. The domestic expenditure amounts range from over US\$200 million annually in India and Bangladesh to less than US\$50,000 in Gambia, the DRC, and Mauritania.

The report is being launched today at the International Conference on Family Planning. Please follow and join in the conversation at:

**The information is subject to a strict embargo until November 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:00AM EST / 3PM GMT+2**



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