

# ADDING IT UP

## Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Eastern Asia

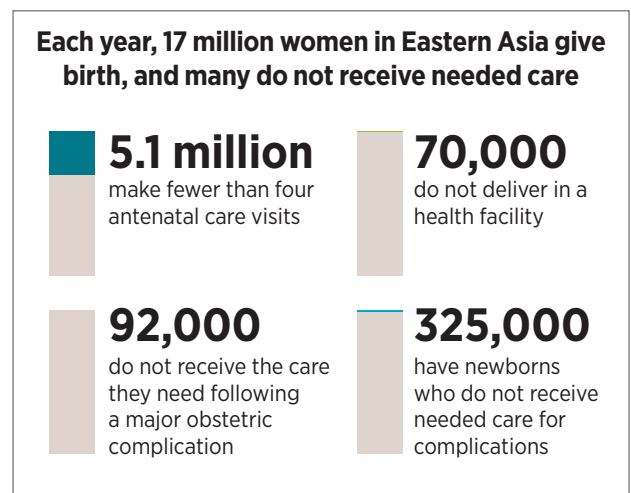
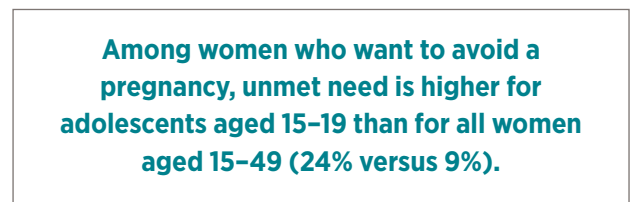
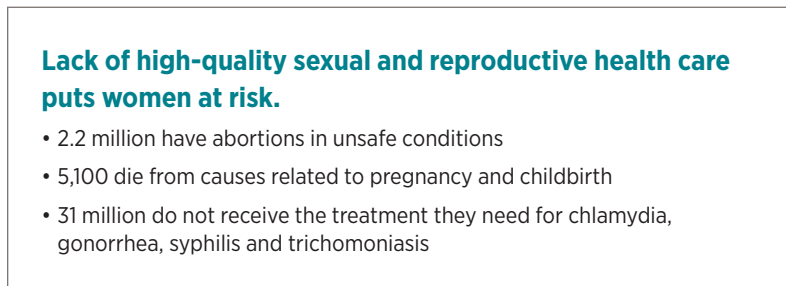
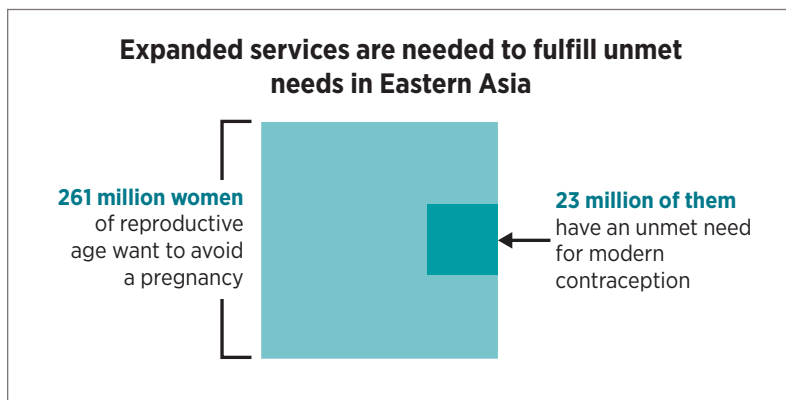


The Adding It Up study examines the need for, impact of and cost of fully investing in sexual and reproductive health care—services that together ensure people can decide whether and when to have children, experience safe pregnancy and delivery, have healthy newborns, and have a safe and satisfying sexual life.

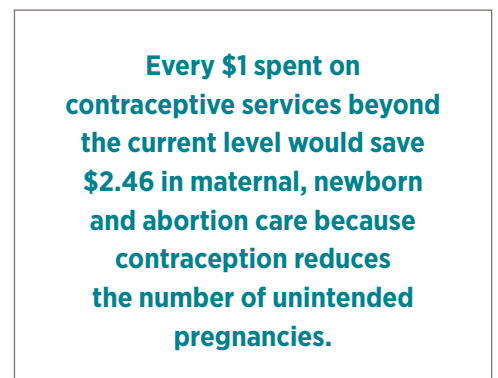
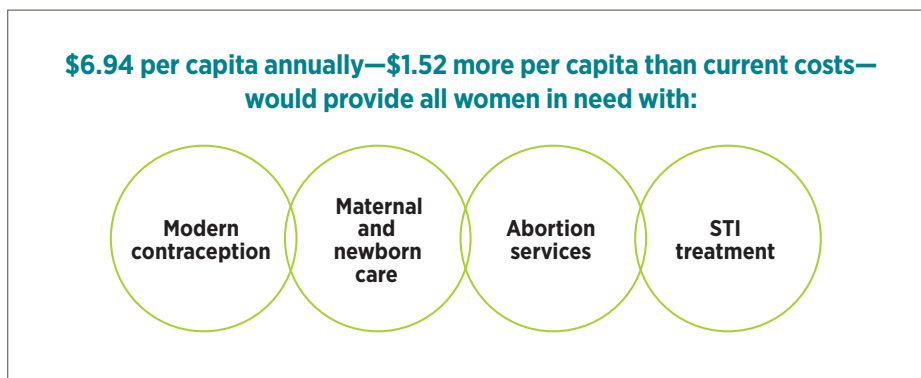
**WHO:** Women of reproductive age (15–49) in three low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)\* in Eastern Asia in 2019

**WHAT:** Contraceptive services, maternal care, newborn care, abortion services and treatment for the major curable STIs

### Unmet needs for services in LMICs in Eastern Asia



### Cost of meeting all service needs in LMICs in Eastern Asia



\* Countries classified by the World Bank as having a 2018 gross national income per capita of \$12,375 or less. LMICs in this subregion are China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North), and Mongolia.

## Impacts of expanding and improving services

### Investing in sexual and reproductive health care in LMICs in Eastern Asia would greatly reduce risks for women and newborns

	Annual no. at current levels of care	–	Annual no. if all needs are met	=	No. averted if all needs are met	% change if all needs are met
Unintended pregnancies	23 million		11 million		12 million	<b>-52%</b>
Unplanned births	2.9 million		1.4 million		1.5 million	<b>-52%</b>
Unsafe abortions	2.2 million		1.0 million		1.1 million	<b>-52%</b>
Maternal deaths	5,100		3,500		1,600	<b>-32%</b>
Newborn deaths	75,000		39,000		36,000	<b>-48%</b>
HIV infections in babies ≤6 weeks	700		60		640	<b>-91%</b>
Cases of infertility caused by untreated STIs	794,000		0		794,000	<b>-100%</b>

Notes: Based on 2019 data. Numbers are rounded. Percentage change was calculated from unrounded data.

For additional detail, see appendix to the full report at <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/adding-it-up-investing-in-sexual-reproductive-health-2019>.

### Investing for the future

- The interventions that make up the recommended care have proven feasible to implement in diverse settings around the world.
- Investing in them provides national and local governments, the private sector and international development partners with good value for money.
- By saving lives and improving women's health and well-being, sexual and reproductive health care benefits individuals and families and contributes to countries' social and economic development. Such care would also enable people to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights.

#### Source

The information in this fact sheet can be found in Sully EA et al., *Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health 2019*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2020.

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