

# Zimbabwe Contraception within the context of adolescents' sexual and reproductive lives: Country profile

| SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS                                    |             |             |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | Both Sexes  | Female      |             | Male        |             |
|  | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| Total population of adolescents (millions) <sup>1 (2020)</sup>       | 3.6         | 1.0         | 0.8         | 0.9         | 0.8         |
| % of total population that are adolescents <sup>1 (2020)</sup>       | 24.0        | 12.3        | 10.6        | 13.6        | 11.5        |
| % of adolescents that live in rural areas <sup>2 (2014)</sup>        | 73.1        | 75.0        | 67.1        | 76.8        | 73.2        |
| % of total rural population that are adolescents <sup>2 (2014)</sup> | 24.6        | 12.4        | 10.7        | 13.7        | 12.5        |
| % of total urban population that are adolescents <sup>2 (2014)</sup> | 18.9        | 9.3         | 11.8        | 8.0         | 8.9         |
| % national monetary child poverty <sup>3 (2017)</sup>                | 78.0        |             |             |             |             |
| Completion rate for lower secondary school <sup>4 (2015)</sup>       | Female      | 73.0        |             |             |             |
|  | Male        | 72.2        |             |             |             |
| Completion rate for upper secondary school <sup>4 (2015)</sup>       | Female      | 11.1        |             |             |             |
|  | Male        | 14.5        |             |             |             |
| Out of school rate <sup>4 (2013)</sup>                               | Female      | 34.7        |             |             |             |
|  | Male        | 29.4        |             |             |             |

| CHILD MARRIAGE/UNION STATUS <sup>5 (2019)</sup>   |        |      |
|---|--------|------|
|   | Female | Male |
| Adolescents, 15-19, who are married/ in union (%) | 21.2   | 0.7  |
| % married/in union before age 15 (aged 20-24)     | 5.4    | 0.0  |
| % married/in union before age 18 (aged 20-24)     | 33.7   | 1.9  |

| FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION                                       |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| % of girls who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting | No data     | No data     |

| GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE <sup>5 (2019)</sup>  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| % of girls who report experiencing:  |             |             |
| Physical violence in the last 12 months  | No data     | 9.4         |
| Sexual violence in the last 12 months  | No data     | 2.6         |
| % of adolescents (aged 15-19) who think a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain circumstances <sup>6(205)</sup> |             |             |
| Female   | Male        |             |
| 53.5   | 48.9        |             |

| SEXUAL ACTIVITY <sup>5 (2019)</sup>                                   |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | Female      |             | Male        |             |
|   | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| % of adolescents engaged in pre-coital physical behavior              | No data     | No data     | No data     | No data     |
| % of adolescents that ever had sex                                    | No data     | 33.7        | No data     | 27.7        |
| % of adolescents having had sex by age 15                             | No data     | 3.2         | No data     | 5.5         |
| % of adolescents sexually active in the last month <sup>6(2015)</sup> | No data     | 17.7        | No data     | 5.4         |

| CHILDBEARING  |             |         |
|---|-------------|---------|
| % of adolescent girls who have begun child bearing <sup>6 (2015)</sup>  | 10-14 years | No data |
|   | 15-19 years | 21.6    |
| % of women (aged 20-24) who gave birth before 18 years <sup>5 (2019)</sup>  | 24.1        |         |
| Number of births per 1,000 girls, 15-19 <sup>7 (2019)</sup>   | 71.7        |         |
| % of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with live births who received antenatal care (ANC4+ visits) <sup>5(2019)</sup> | 70.9        |         |
| % of births among girls (aged 15-19) attended by skilled health personnel <sup>5 (2019)</sup>                     | 89.0        |         |

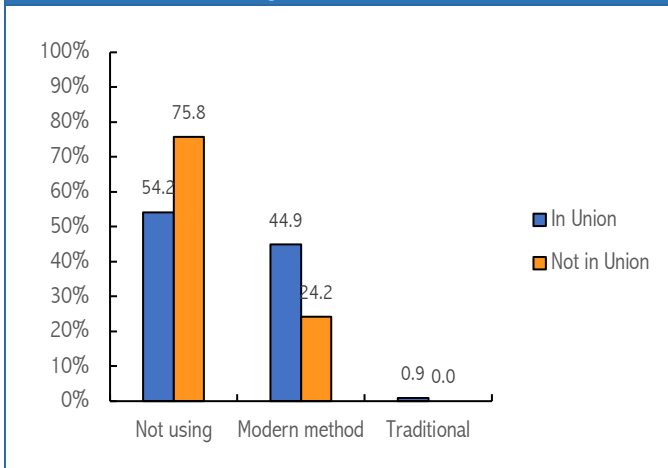
## ABORTION

|                               | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Abortion rate per 1,000 girls | No data     | No data     |

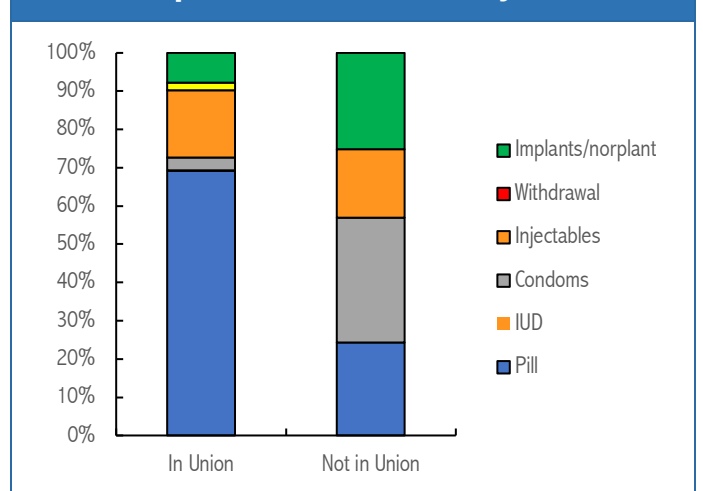
## FERTILITY INTENTIONS & CONTRACEPTIVE USE<sup>6,7</sup> (2015)

| % of most recent pregnancies experienced by adolescent girls aged 15-19, including current pregnancies by planning status  | Married/ In union | Unmarried/ not in union |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Last pregnancy wanted (<2 years)   | 64.6              | 36.2                    |
| Last pregnancy wanted later (>=2 years)  | 35.0              | 58.0                    |
| Last pregnancy not wanted at all   | 0.4               | 5.8                     |
| % of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with an unmet need for modern methods of contraception                                  | 12.6              | 39.6*                   |
| % of sexually active unmarried adolescent girls (aged 15-19) who currently use at least one method of modern contraception | 38.7              |                         |

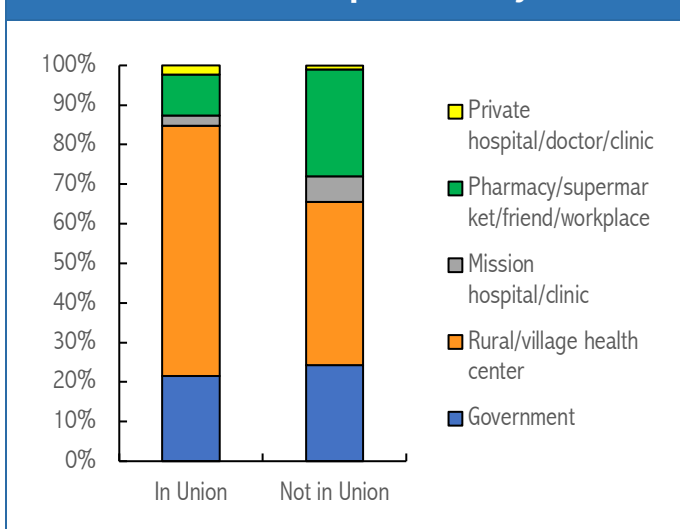
### Current use and non-use of contraception, 15-19 years<sup>8</sup> (2015)



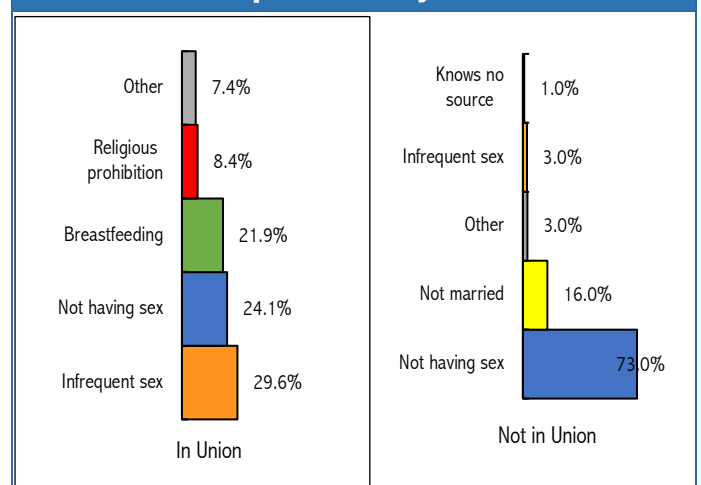
### Contraceptive method mix, 15-19 years<sup>8</sup> (2015)



### Main sources of contraception, 15-19 years<sup>8</sup> (2015)



### Main reasons for not intending to use contraception, 15-19 years<sup>8</sup> (2015)



## HIV/AIDS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs) AND HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)

|   | Female      |             |             | Male        |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| Number of adolescents living with HIV <sup>9</sup> (2020)   | 48,000      | 19,000      | 29,000      | 37,000      | 19,000      | 18,000      |
| Number of new HIV infections among adolescents per year <sup>9</sup> (2020)   | 4,400       | No data     | 4,400       | 1,100       | No data     | 1,100       |
| % of adolescents with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS <sup>6</sup> (2015)  | No data     | No data     | 41.4        | No data     | No data     | 41.4        |
| % prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among adolescents <sup>6</sup> (2015)                                   | No data     | No data     | 10.3        | No data     | No data     | 10.3        |
| % of sexually active adolescents who had an HIV test in the last 12 months and received the results <sup>5</sup> (2019) | No data     | No data     | 69.7        | No data     | No data     | 35.6        |
| % of girls, 15 or older, who have completed the full three dose vaccination schedule for HPV                            | No data     | No data     | No data     | No data     | No data     | No data     |

## MENSTRUAL HEALTH<sup>5</sup>(2019)

|  | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| % of adolescent girls who were aware of menstruation before the onset of their first menstruation  | No data     | No data     |
| % of adolescent girls who did not participate in social activities, school, or work due to their last menstruation in the last 12 months | No data     | 21.9        |

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