

# ACCESS TO MODERN CONTRACEPTIVES

Outcome indicator, Output indicator

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## Indicator Phrasing

**English:** % of women of reproductive age (15-49 years) aware of at least one place where they can obtain a modern contraceptive method

**French:** % de femmes en âge de procréer (15-49 ans) connaissant au moins un endroit où elles peuvent obtenir une méthode contraceptive moderne

**Spanish:** % de mujeres en edad reproductiva (15-49 años) que conocen al menos un lugar donde pueden obtener un método anticonceptivo moderno

**Portuguese:** % de mulheres em idade reprodutiva (15-49 anos) que conhecem pelo menos um lugar onde podem obter um método de contracepção moderno

**Czech:** % žen v reprodukčním věku (15-49 let), které znají alespoň jedno místo kde mohou získat moderní antikoncepční metodu

## What is its purpose?

The indicator assesses the proportion of women of reproductive age aware of where they can obtain a modern contraceptive – one of the essential pre-conditions for practicing effective family planning.

## How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of women aged 15-49 years:

**Introduction:** *Now I am going to ask two more sensitive questions. There are no right or wrong answers, so please be as honest with your answers as you can. I would again like to assure you that your answers will be kept secret and they will not be shared with anyone living in this area.*

### RECOMMENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS (Q) AND POSSIBLE ANSWERS (A)

**Q1:** *Do you know of any place where women like you can obtain a contraceptive method for delaying or avoiding pregnancy?*

**A1:** yes / no

(if the previous answer is YES, verify it by asking the following two questions)

**Q2:** *What types of methods can be obtained in this place?*

**A2:**

1) a modern contraceptive method was NOT stated

2) a modern contraceptive method was stated – specify which one (multiple answers possible)

- > pill
- > intra uterine device
- > injectables
- > implants
- > male condom
- > female condom
- > diaphragm
- > foam/ jelly
- > lactational amenorrhea method
- > cyclebeads
- > female sterilization
- > male sterilization
- > other – specify: .....

(ask the following question only if the respondent stated previously one of the pre-defined modern contraceptive methods)

**Q3:** *Where can women like you obtain this contraceptive method?*

**A3:**

1) the respondent does not know a specific place

2) the respondent knows a concrete place – specify (multiple answers possible)

- > local health facility
- > local pharmacy
- > health facility in the nearest bigger town
- > pharmacy in the nearest bigger town
- > other – specify: .....

**Note:** adjust the options based on your pre-testing and knowledge of the most common options.

To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide the number of respondents who know a specific place where they can obtain a modern contraceptive method by the total number of respondents. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

## Disaggregate by

[Disaggregate](#) the data by the respondent's age (15-19, 20-24, 25-49), location (rural/ urban), socio-economic characteristics ([wealth](#) quintile, level of education) and marital status.

## Important Comments

1) Always **verify whether the respondent really knows a specific place** and does not just say, for example, (somewhere) "in a district town" or (somewhere) "in a pharmacy", without knowing a concrete place.

## E-Questionnaire

- [XLS form for electronic data collection - indicator Access to Modern Contraceptives](#)