In only 12 of 43 countries do more than 1/4 of currently married women participate in household decisions, such as major household purchases, the woman’s own health care, and visits to the woman’s family or relatives.

Control of Household Decisions

Control of Income

At least 90% of currently married women who earn cash have a say in how their own cash earnings are used in 29 of 46 countries.

Control of their Bodies

Currently married women’s levels of unmet need for family planning range from 7% in Vietnam to 37% in Haiti. Unmet need is defined as the percent of women who are in need of contraception but are not currently using a contraceptive method.

Less than 1/4 of currently married women use modern contraception in 37 of 46 countries.

In 19 of 30 countries, less than 3 of 4 currently married women can refuse sex with their husband.

Less than 75% of married women say they can ask their husbands to use a condom in 22 of 30 countries.
