

**Attitudes of health care  
providers and NGO staff  
toward adolescent  
family planning in the  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
and Pakistan**

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# Background

- We conducted process evaluations of family planning (FP) and post-abortion care programs in DRC and Pakistan in 2013 and 2014
- Evaluations included an assessment of reproductive health worker and NGO staff attitudes toward FP and abortion

# Methods

- Selected convenience sample of 274 providers and staff
  - DRC, n=152
  - Pakistan, n=122
- Respondents completed confidential, self-administered 36-item questionnaire
  - Likert scale responses
- Descriptive statistics were computed in SPSS

ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the facility or office you work in:		Date:	
Job: 1. Health service provider 2. Community health worker 3. Lab or pharmacy staff (non-service provider) 4. Health/RH program manager 5. Senior program staff (e.g. finance, CD, health coord. etc) 6. Other (specify) _____		Employer: 1. MOH 2. NGO	
		Has your received training in FP education or counselling? 0. No 1. Yes	
FP/PAC role: 1. Provider of FP and/or PAC services 2. Provider of counselling and/or education on FP/PAC (but not services) 3. Provider of other health services (but not FP/PAC services) 4. Supervisor of FP/PAC service delivery 5. Supervisor of other health service delivery (but not FP/PAC) 6. Other management role (e.g. country, province, district level) 8. Supervisor of community activities 7. Other (specify): _____		Has you received competency-based clinical training in FP and/or PAC? 0. No 1. Yes	
		NGO: 1. CARE 2. IRC 3. Merlin 4. Save the Children	Country: 1. Chad 2. DRC 3. Myanmar 4. Pakistan 5. Yemen

*Please note: this is not a test; there are no right or wrong answers. We would like your individual opinion on these topics, so please do not discuss this with other people before you complete it.*

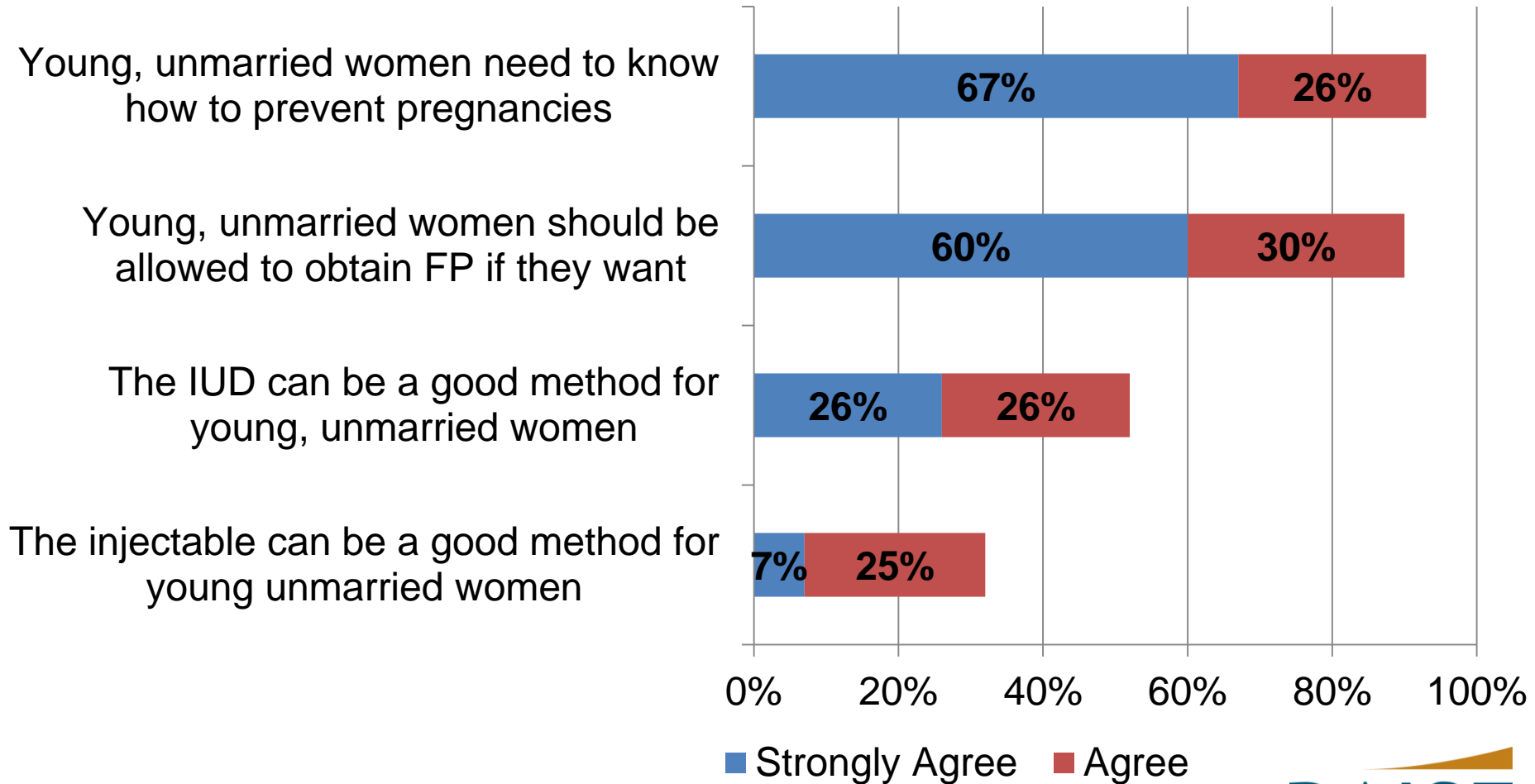
*Please circle the number that corresponds most closely to your response:*  
 if you strongly disagree with the statement, circle 1.  
 if you disagree with the statement, circle 2.  
 if you agree with the statement, circle 3.  
 if you strongly agree with the statement, circle 4.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.	The more children a mother has, the more I respect her.	1	2	3	4
2.	When a woman gets pregnant, it's her fault.	1	2	3	4
3.	A young unmarried woman who becomes pregnant should be expelled from school.	1	2	3	4
4.	Family planning should be available to every woman who wants to use a method.	1	2	3	4
5.	Adult unmarried women should be allowed to obtain a family planning method if they want.	1	2	3	4
6.	Young unmarried women should be allowed to obtain family planning if they want.	1	2	3	4
7.	A woman should be able to obtain a family planning method without her husband's consent.	1	2	3	4
8.	The IUD can be a good method for a woman who has no children but wants to wait several years before having her first.	1	2	3	4
9.	I am comfortable inserting an IUD.	1	2	3	4

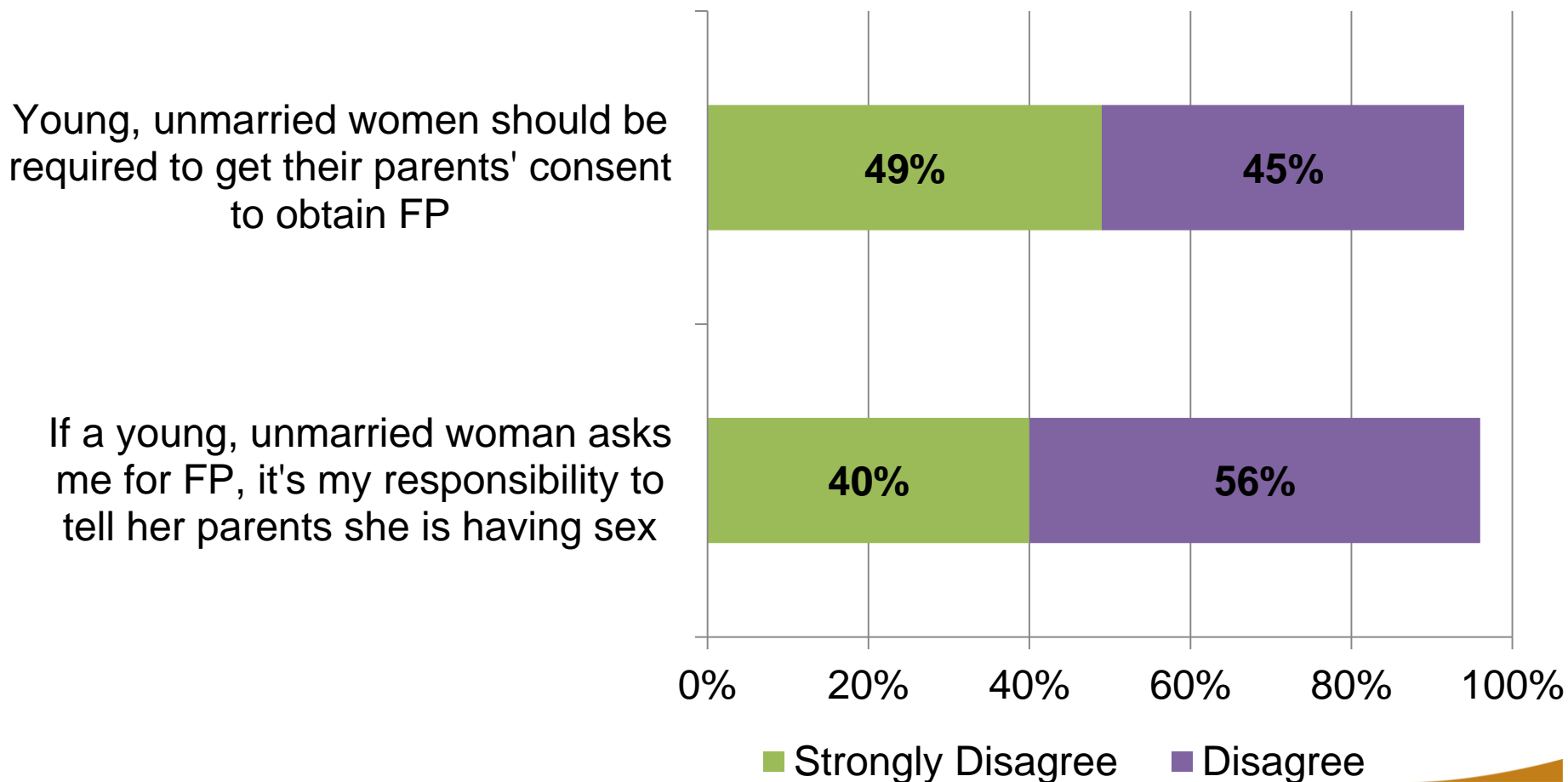
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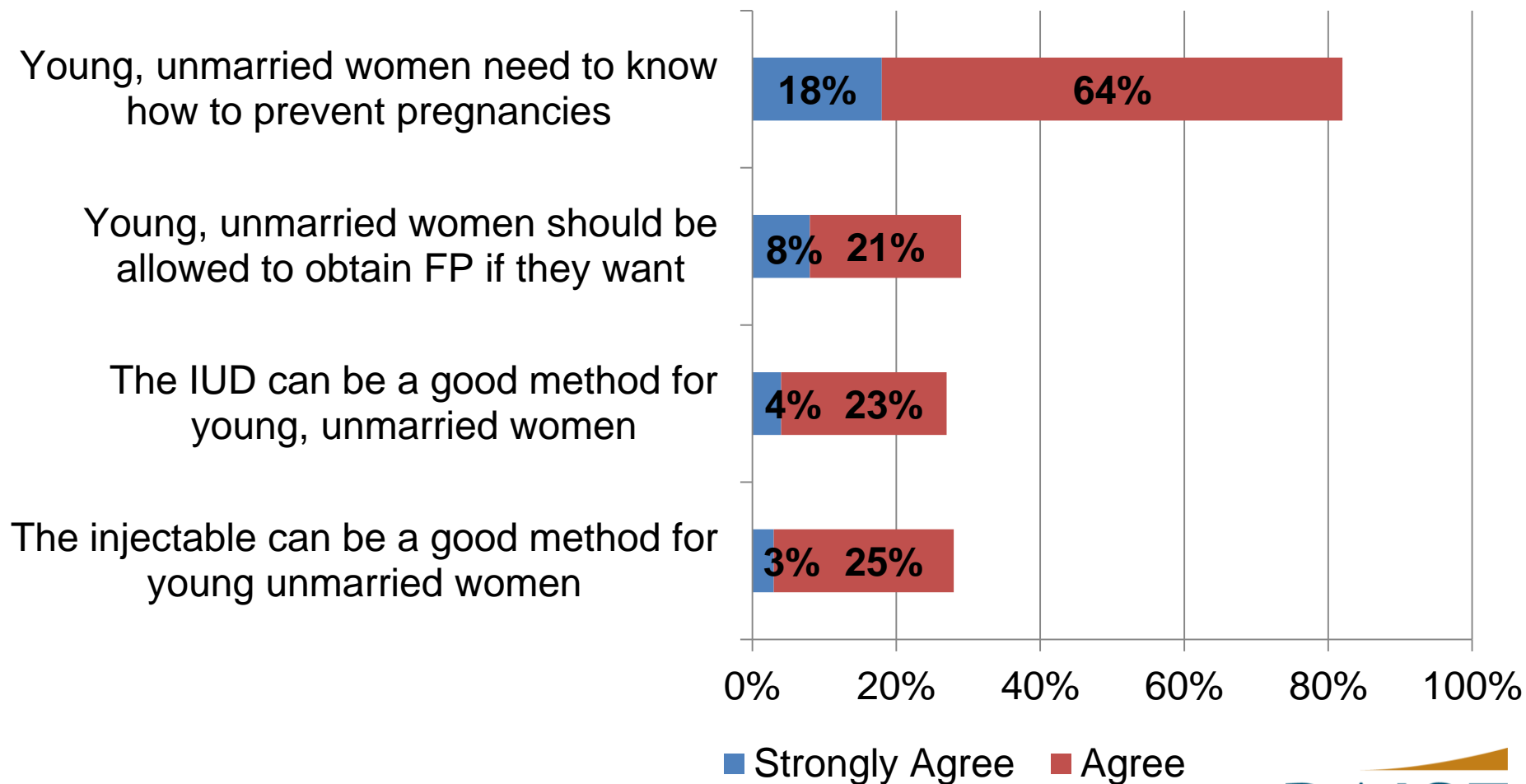
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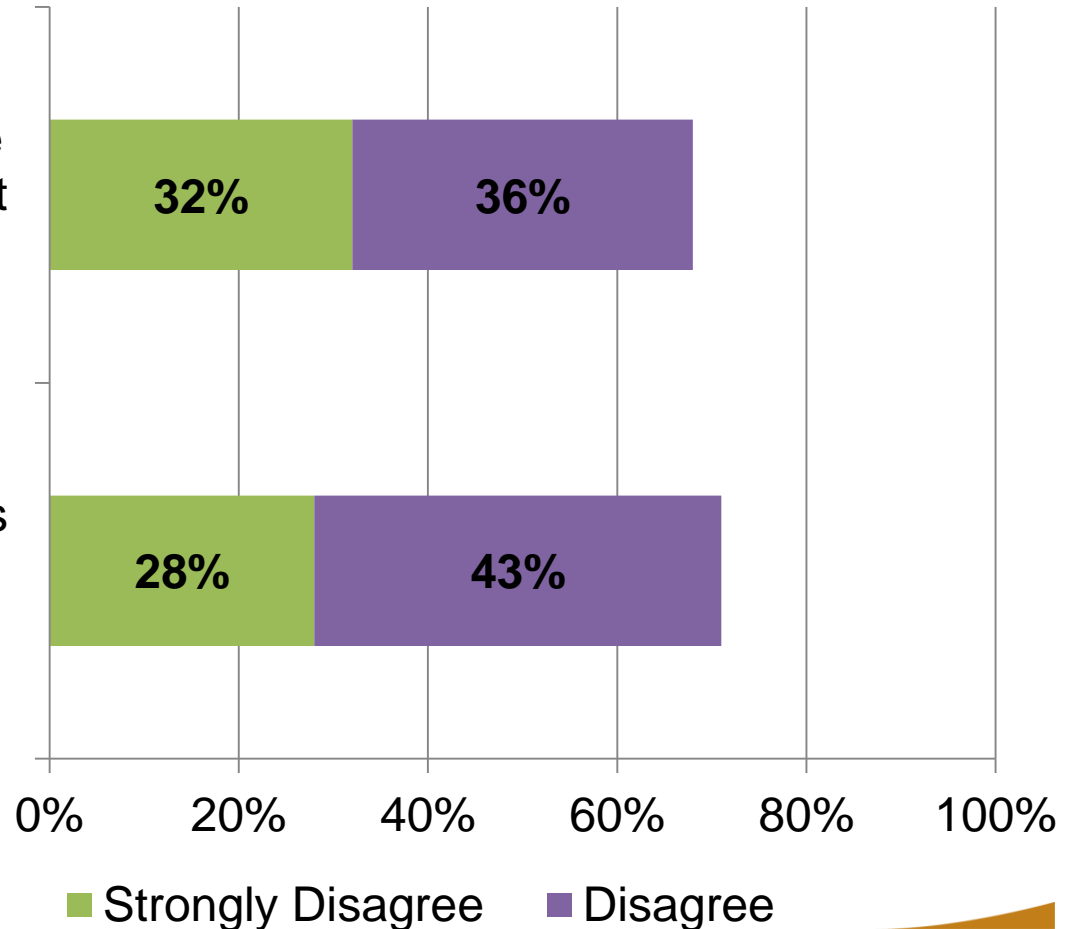
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Young, unmarried women should be required to get their parents' consent to obtain FP

If a young, unmarried woman asks me for FP, it's my responsibility to tell her parents she is having sex





# Conclusions

- Most DRC respondents had favorable attitudes toward general statements; fewer held favorable attitudes toward adolescent access to the IUD & injectable.
- Most respondents in Pakistan had favorable attitudes about adolescent knowledge of pregnancy prevention; fewer held favorable attitudes toward their access to FP.
- Majority of respondents in both countries held favorable attitudes toward parental consent and notification of adolescent FP use

***Attitudes do not directly predict behavior;  
however unfavorable attitudes are likely to affect  
the quality of program services***

Thank you!