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MORE BIRTHS, EVEN THOUGH THE
HUSBAND DOES WANT ANOTHER BIRTH,
HER SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCY SHOULD BE
REGARDED AS UNWANTED**

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'WANTEDNESS' OF A PREGNANCY

- In terms of sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as burden of carrying pregnancy.
- If the wife says she wants no more births, her decision should be respected.



PATRIARCHY AND CONTROL OVER WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE DECISION-MAKING

- Women's reproductive coercion.
- Control over women's reproductive decision-making.
- Lack of negotiation skills
- Fertility control by men



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THE WORD OF THE DAY:

PATRIARCHY



PATRIARCHY IS A CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CONSTRUCT BASED ON THE PRACTICES OF SUBORDINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN BY MEN THROUGH SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION WHICH AFFECT ALL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES IN OUR SOCIETY.

FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMMES

- Most contraceptive methods are developed for individual women
- Most of the family planning interventions target women.



INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

- ICPD Programmes of Action
- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls



**Achieve gender
equality and
empower all
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FERTILITY TRANSITION



- Fertility transition
- Gender system revolution
- Demographic dividend (DD) and socio-economic development

TO CONCLUDE:

- **If women are unable to exercise their reproductive control, there are grave consequences at the micro-and macro levels:**
- **Fertility level will remain high, with its concomitants, such as:**
 - **High child mortality;**
 - **High maternal mortality;**
 - **Unsafe abortion;**
 - **Also, women will not be able to participate optimally in the labour force;**
 - **Household poverty will remain high; and**
- **Socio-economic development goals for the high-fertility countries will be unattainable.**

THANK YOU

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