IF THE WIFE SAYS THAT SHE WANTS NO MORE BIRTHS, EVEN THOUGH THE HUSBAND DOES WANT ANOTHER BIRTH, HER SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCY SHOULD BE REGARDED AS UNWANTED

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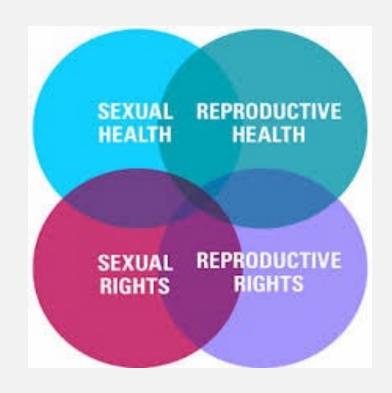




'WANTEDNESS' OF A PREGNANCY

 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 decisionmaking.
- Lack of negotiation skills
- Fertility control by men





IDEOLOGICAL CONSTRUCT BASED ON THE PRACTICES OF SUBORDINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN BY MEN THROUGH SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION WHICH AFFECT

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 women and girls

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 microand 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.

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