

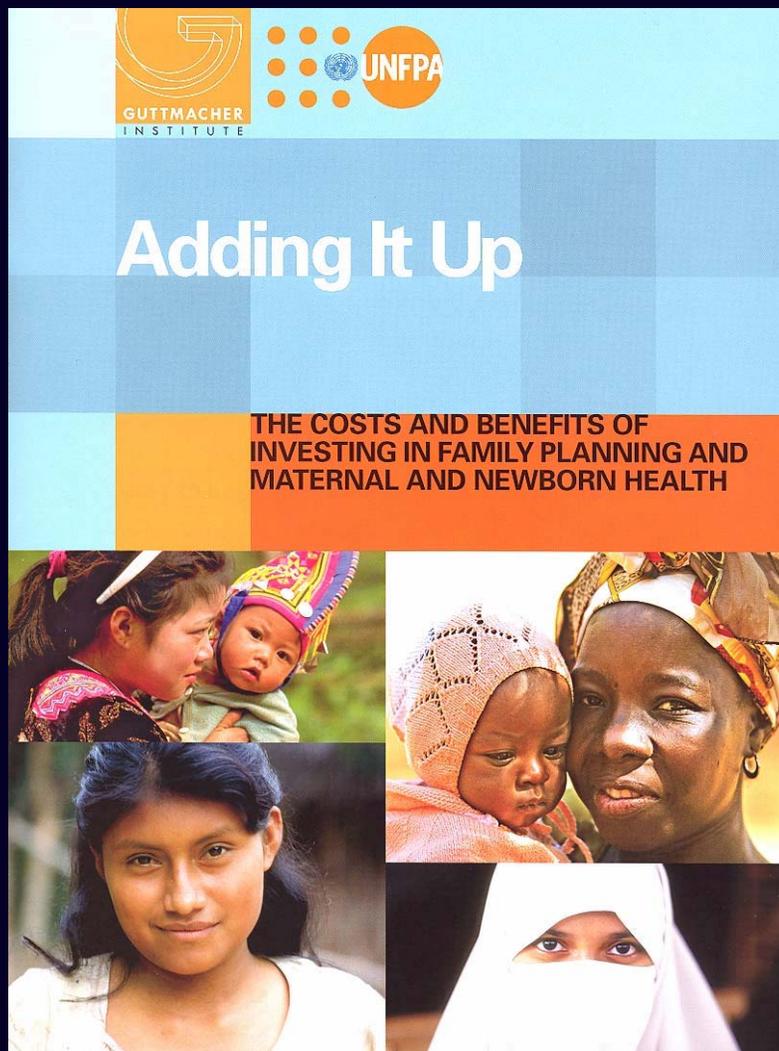
International Family Planning and Reproductive Health

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Outline

- **International Family Planning:
Historical Perspective**
- **The Urgency for Renewal:
FP Benefits**
- **Perspectives on the Future**

The Latest Resource



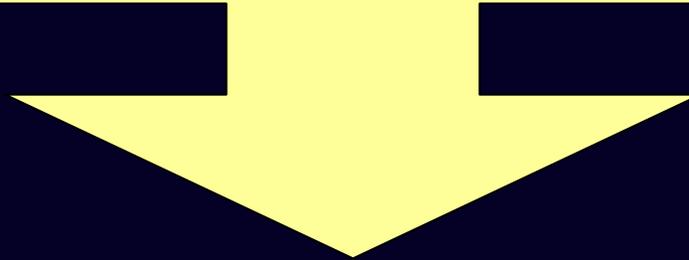
Historical Perspective

The Past Two Decades: The Rise and Fall of SRH

- 1994 – ICPD (Cairo)
- 1995 – ICW (Beijing)
- 1995 – 2006 US Congressional opposition
- 2000 – MDGs – no SRH
- 2000 – 2008 US Executive opposition
- 2005 – MDGs – SRH inclusion

Polarized Politics

- **Mexico City Policy**
- **Revisionist terminology**
- **Funding limitations**



Chilling effect on science and services

A New Era

“For too long, international family planning assistance has been used as a political wedge issue, the subject of a back and forth debate that has served only to divide us.”

**President Barack Obama
January 23, 2009**

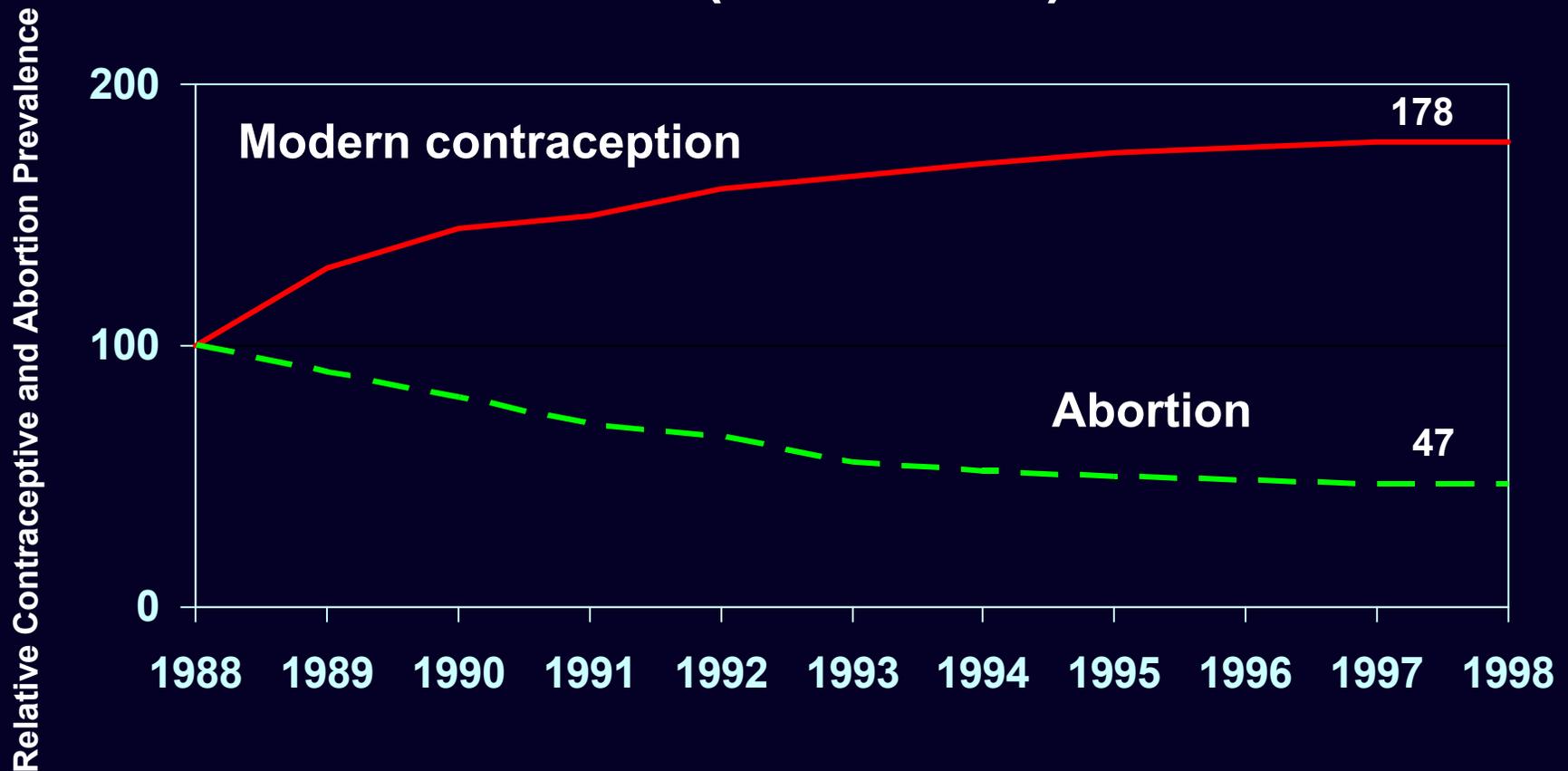
The Urgency for Renewal: Family Planning Benefits

What Are the Benefits?

- **Reducing Unintended Pregnancies/Abortion**
- **Improving Maternal/ Infant Health**
- **Preventing HIV/AIDS**
- **Enhancing/Prolonging Education**
- **Reducing Hunger**
- **Stabilizing Societies**
- **Protecting the Environment**

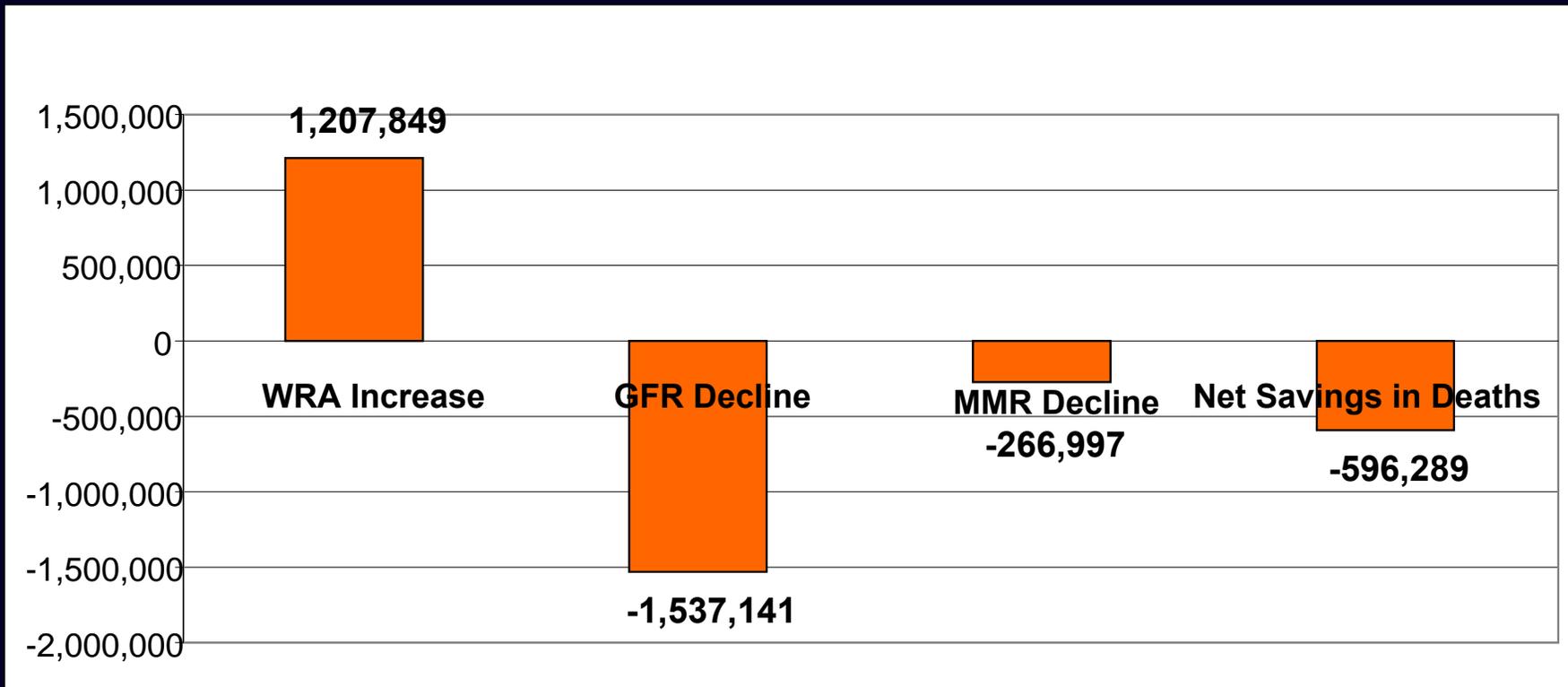
Reduces Abortion

Russia (1988-1998)

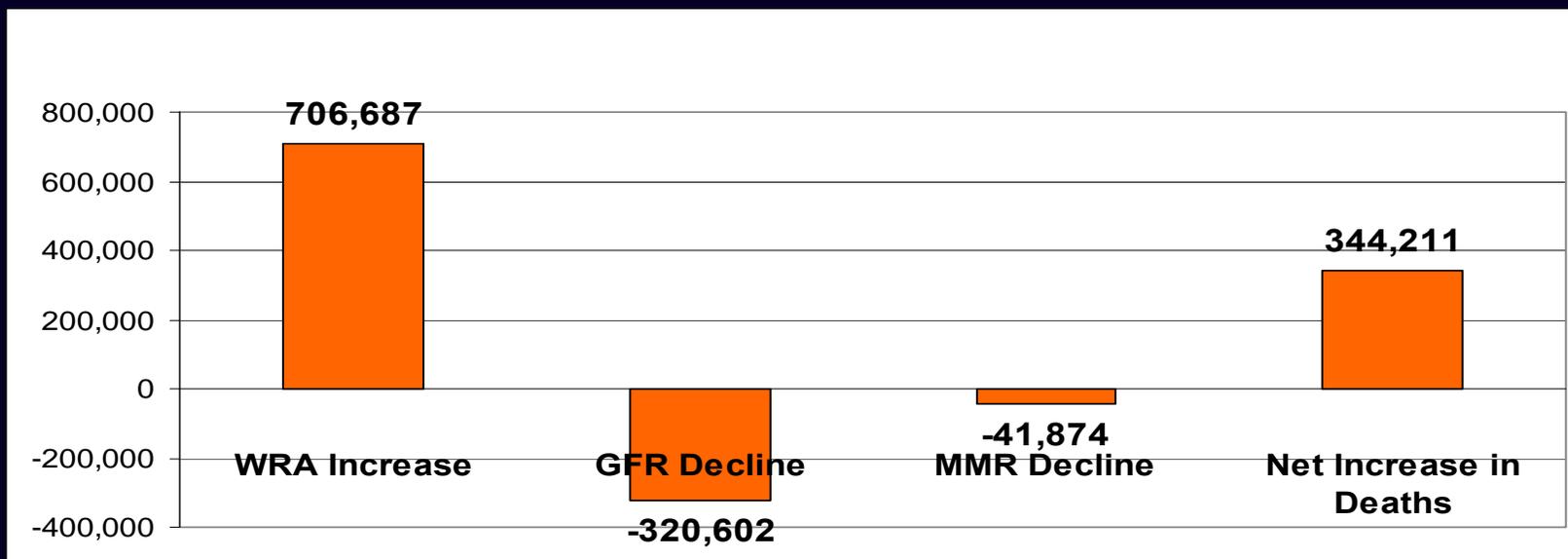


Source: Westoff (2005)

Forces Affecting Maternal Deaths Developing Countries, 1990-2005

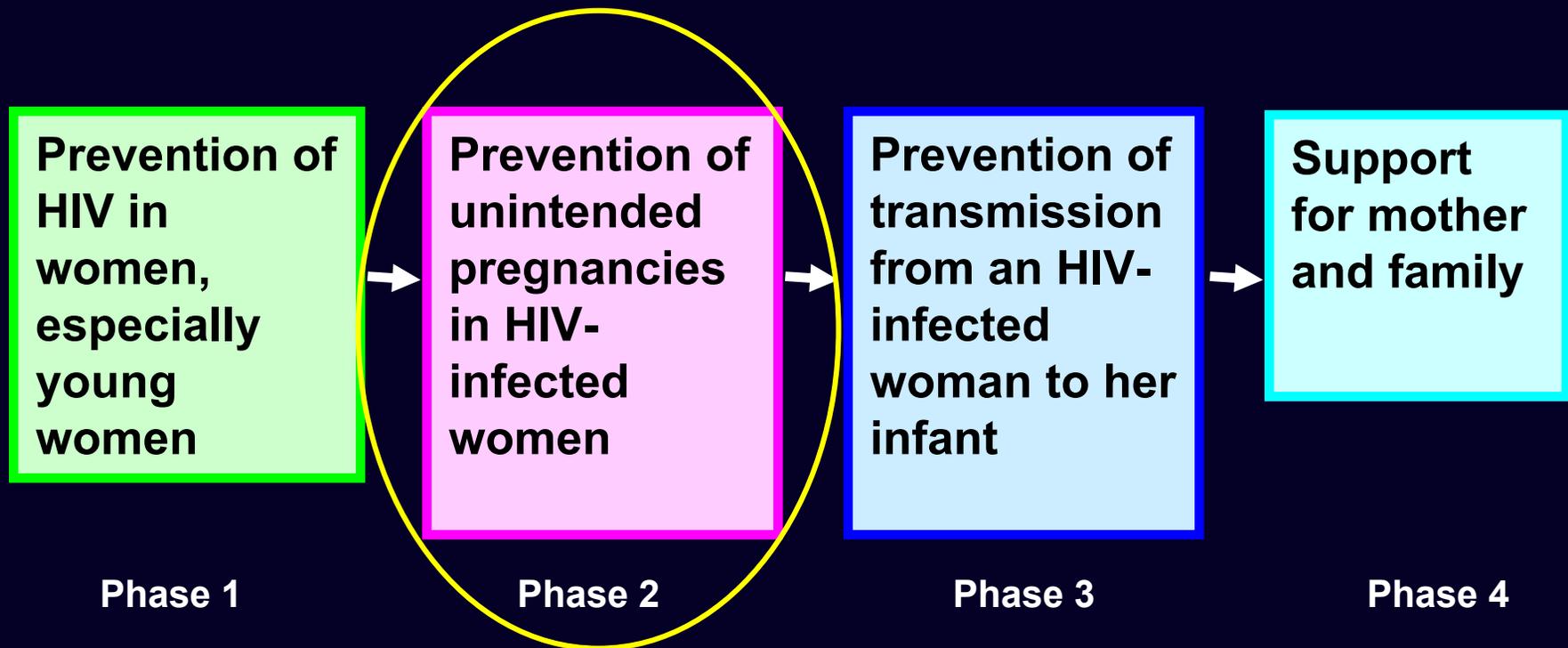


Forces Affecting Maternal Deaths Sub-Saharan Africa, 1990-2005



Prevents HIV

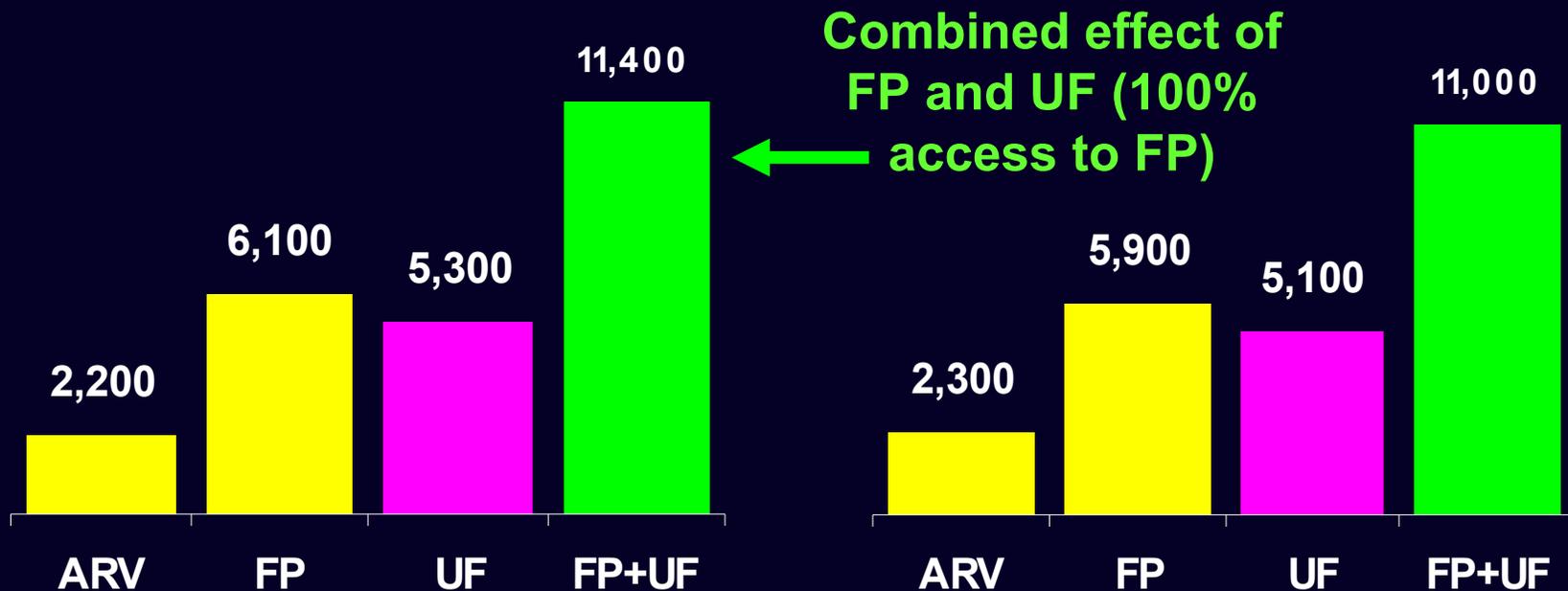
4 Phase Approach to Perinatal HIV Prevention



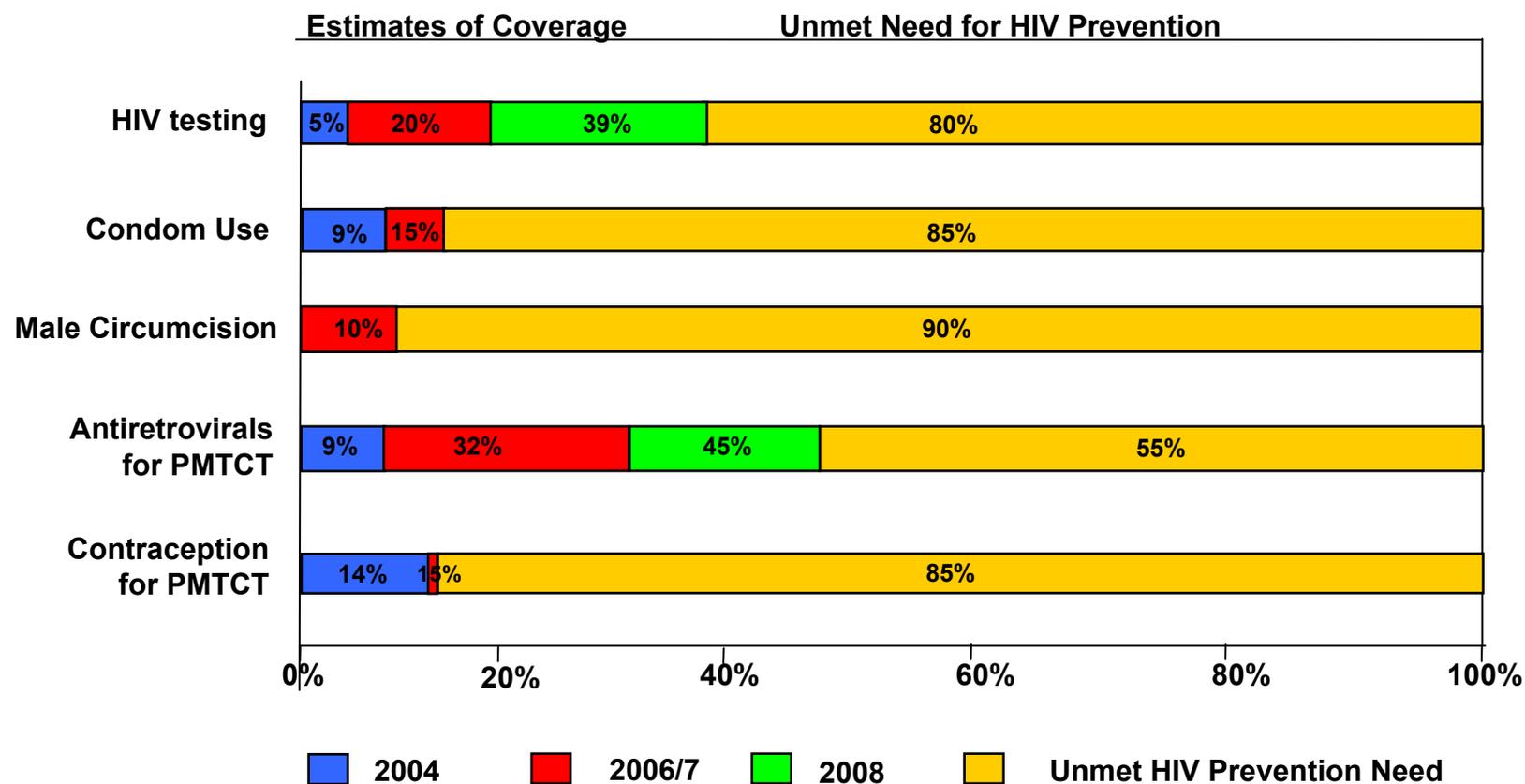
Effects on PMTCT - ARV, FP, Unwanted Fertility (UF) – Uganda, 2007

Vertical infections
averted / added

Pediatric ART need
averted / added



Access to HIV Prevention Tools – Low Resource Countries, 2004-2008



Sources: UNAIDS, 2004; UNGASS, 2008; WHO, 2009

Prolongs Education

- **Pregnancy a major obstacle to school attendance**
 - High levels of pregnancy in youth
 - < half African girls complete primary school
- **Population growth puts pressure on school availability**

Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

% with children or pregnant

	Teenager's age			
	15	16	17	18
Malawi	4.2	13.2	29.5	48.5
Bangladesh	15.9	26.0	36.5	45.0
Kenya	4.1	8.3	16.1	37.7
India	5.5	10.5	19.0	29.1

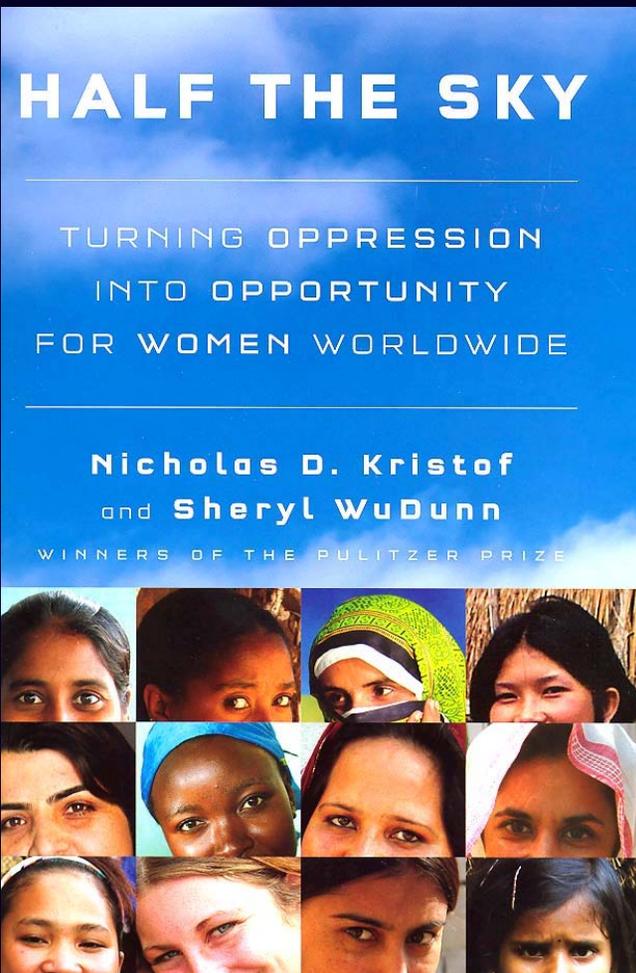
Source: DHS, compiled 2005

Empowers Women

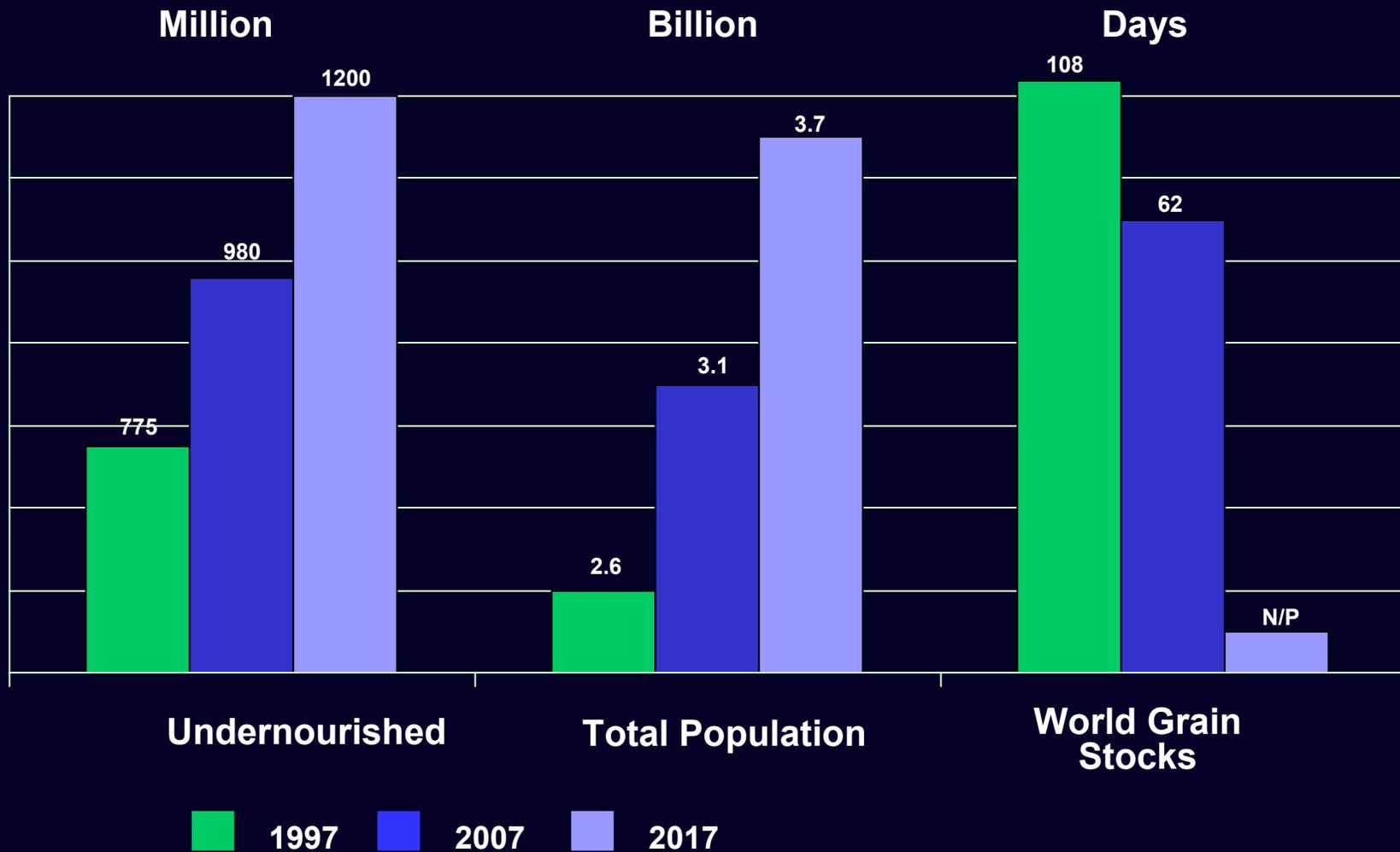
- **Women who use FP more likely to be employed than non-users (Indonesia, Zimbabwe, Bolivia)**
- **Unplanned pregnancies interrupt work and career plans (Egypt)**
- **Long-acting/permanent contraceptive methods associated with greater likelihood of working for pay (Brazil, Indonesia)**

Source: WSP

Empowering Women



Reduces Hunger



Source: Brown (2009)

Stabilizes Societies

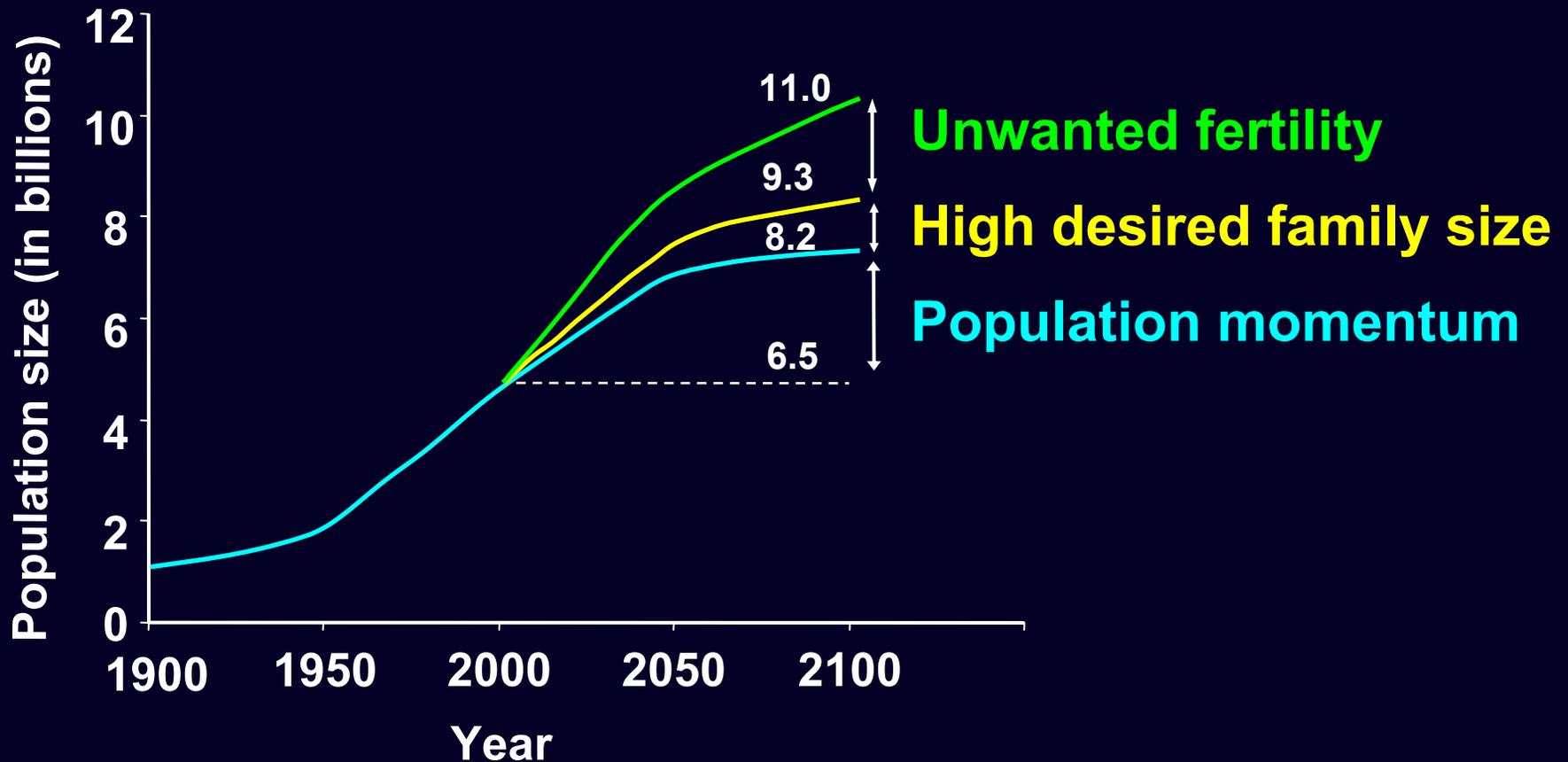
“High birth rates...produced a common problem — a large, steadily increasing population of young men without any reasonable expectation of suitable or steady employment — a sure prescription for **social turbulence.**”

Source: The 9/11 Commission Report (2004)

Protects the Environment

- Preventing unintended pregnancies is the factor in population growth most amenable to intervention
 - Many women worldwide want fewer children and have unmet need for contraception
 - Increasing access to voluntary family planning services will further slow population growth
 - Rapidly growing population exacerbates environmental degradation

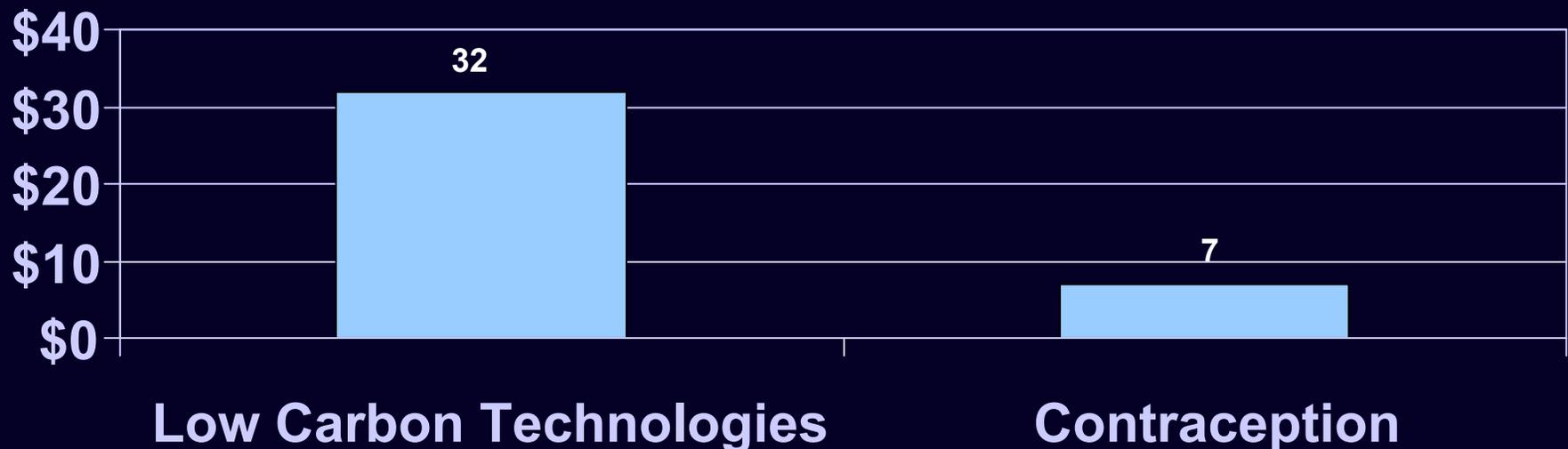
Sources of Population Growth



Source: Adapted from Bongaarts (2009)

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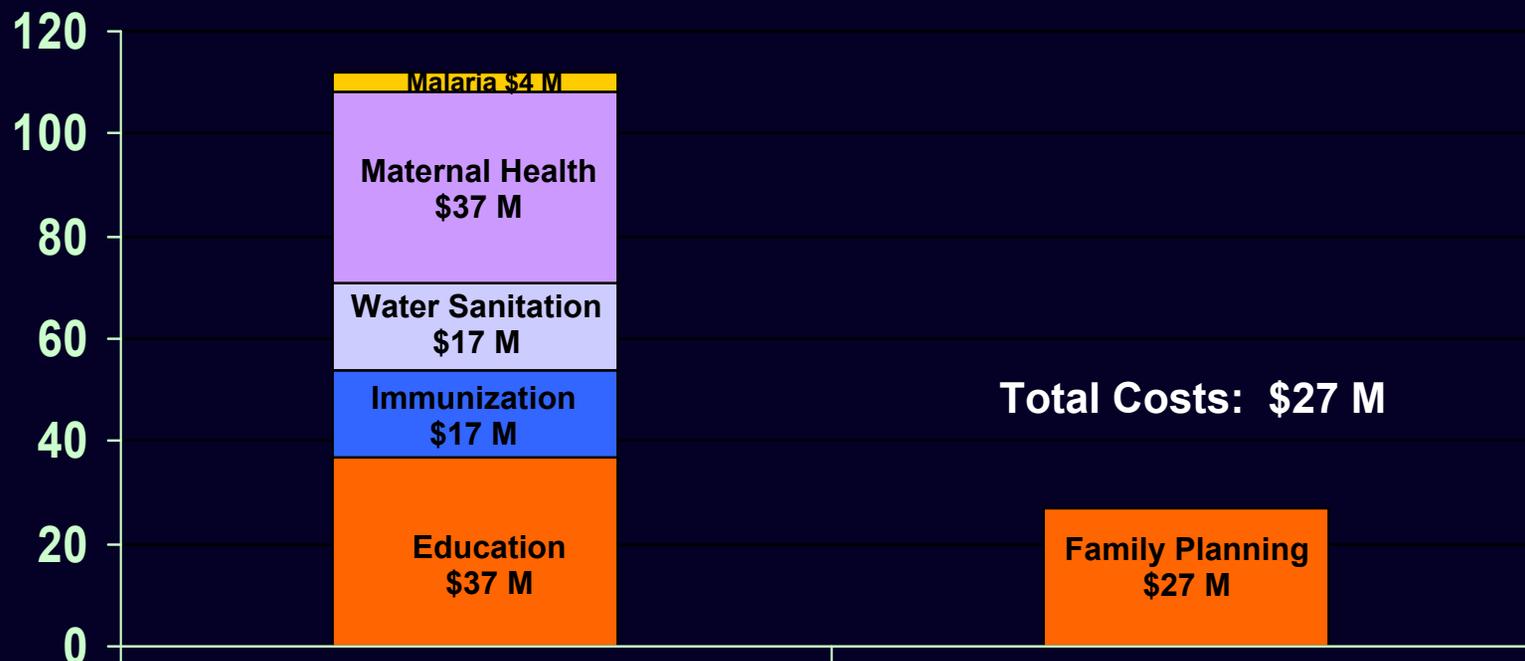
- FP is 5x cheaper than conventional green technologies in preventing climate change
- To reduce global CO₂ emissions by a ton



Source: *Wire, LSE (2009)*

Family Planning and MDGs: Cost Savings

Total Savings: \$111 M



Source: USAID-Zambia (2008)

Perspectives on the Future

Learning from PEPFAR

- **LEADERSHIP**
- **Broad political support**
- **Resources, resources, resources**
 - **Financial**
 - **Human**
 - **Infrastructure**
- **Available, low-cost drugs**
- **Focused evaluation**

Other Potential PEPFAR Lessons

- **Creation of a Global Alliance for Contraceptives and Family Planning (GLOCON)**
- **Advocacy by celebrity voices**
- **Public-private partnerships**
- **Enhancement of community roles**

President's Global Health Initiative

- **HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria**
- **Maternal-child health**
- **Unintended pregnancies**
- **Neglected tropical diseases**