WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? WE NEED MORE EVIDENCE

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The use of contraception among adolescents has increased. The unmet need has hardly declined.

Overall, support to the health sector, UNFPA and INGOs has led to a slightly increased use of family planning services. Inequalities persist. In Ghana and Mali the unmet need has not decreased.
Parents do not want their daughters to get pregnant before they are married. Unmarried girls with children are a financial burden and a shame for the family. I know a mother who went to the health service to get family planning for her daughter.
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If you can demonstrate results, you can win public support