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Demand for and access to family planning services among young married women during COVID-19 crisis

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Current use of modern contraceptive methods was limited among young married women (14%); it was even lower in neighbourhoods perceived to be at risk of COVID-19. Among those who were not using any method, 11% expressed the need for modern methods and an additional 19% reported their inability to access FP services from health facilities due to lockdown. Access to family planning services was limited among marginalized communities than ‘others’ during the lockdown.

LIMITATIONS
The contraceptive need assessed in the survey referred to a single question of whether or not the women wanted a method to avoid pregnancy (among those not using any method currently). Additionally, due to the lockdown and limited mobility, many women who were not using any method currently but not explicitly stated as needing contraceptives, reported that they could not get access to contraceptive methods. While the reasons for not stating the need is unknown, the in-depth analyses suggested that majority were using traditional methods.

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