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**Press briefing**

**Wednesday November 16, 10:30 a.m. Bangkok time  
In-person at ICFP 2022 and livestreamed**

***New research to be released at global event will report dramatic growth in use of modern contraceptives across sub-Saharan Africa, while suggesting urgent need to address unmet demand as countries struggle to respond to changing climate and expectations of youth***

Ten years after the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, the world is facing another pivotal moment for reproductive health and rights. In many parts of the world, in particular across sub-Saharan Africa, governments have overcome significant obstacles to deliver reproductive health services against significant odds, yet the future remains uncertain as gender equality and reproductive health and rights come under attack.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health* imperils not only abortion access but also the right to contraception, the right to make personal medical decisions, and potentially the right of LGBTI individuals to marry and have children. This shocking reversal of progress echoes regressive movements around the world that seek to deprive people of bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom.

At the same time, there is cause for hope. According to new research to be released on Wednesday, an unprecedented number of women are using a modern method of family planning, tens of millions more than just a decade ago. The report focuses in particular on African nations, suggesting that an unprecedented number of governments, corporations, funders, and non-governmental organizations are pledging to take specific actions to expand access to voluntary, rights-based contraception in their communities.

The new data will be released on Wednesday, November 16, during this year's International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP), taking place in Thailand. Speakers will include:

- Dr. Samukeliso Dube, Executive Director, FP2030
- Jason Bremner, FP2030 Senior Director, Data & Measurement
- Dr. Atul Gawande, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, USAID
- Dr. Jean-Jacques Mbugani Mbanda, Ministry of Health, DRC

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 16 November, 10:30 a.m. Bangkok time



**WHERE:** All news conferences will take place in the Media Center at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (PEACH). Journalists attending virtually may access this news conference live stream at <https://icfp2022.org/icfp-live/news-conference-fp2030-2022/> and submit questions before or during the live stream via [this form](#).

**NOTE:** Simultaneous interpretation will be available from English to French, and vice versa. Media are welcome to quote directly from the briefing. If you cannot tune in live, a recording will be made available.