

Learning to protect family planning during future crises:

A prospective, longitudinal study on women's experiences with family planning access and use during COVID-19 in Malawi, Nepal, Niger, and Uganda

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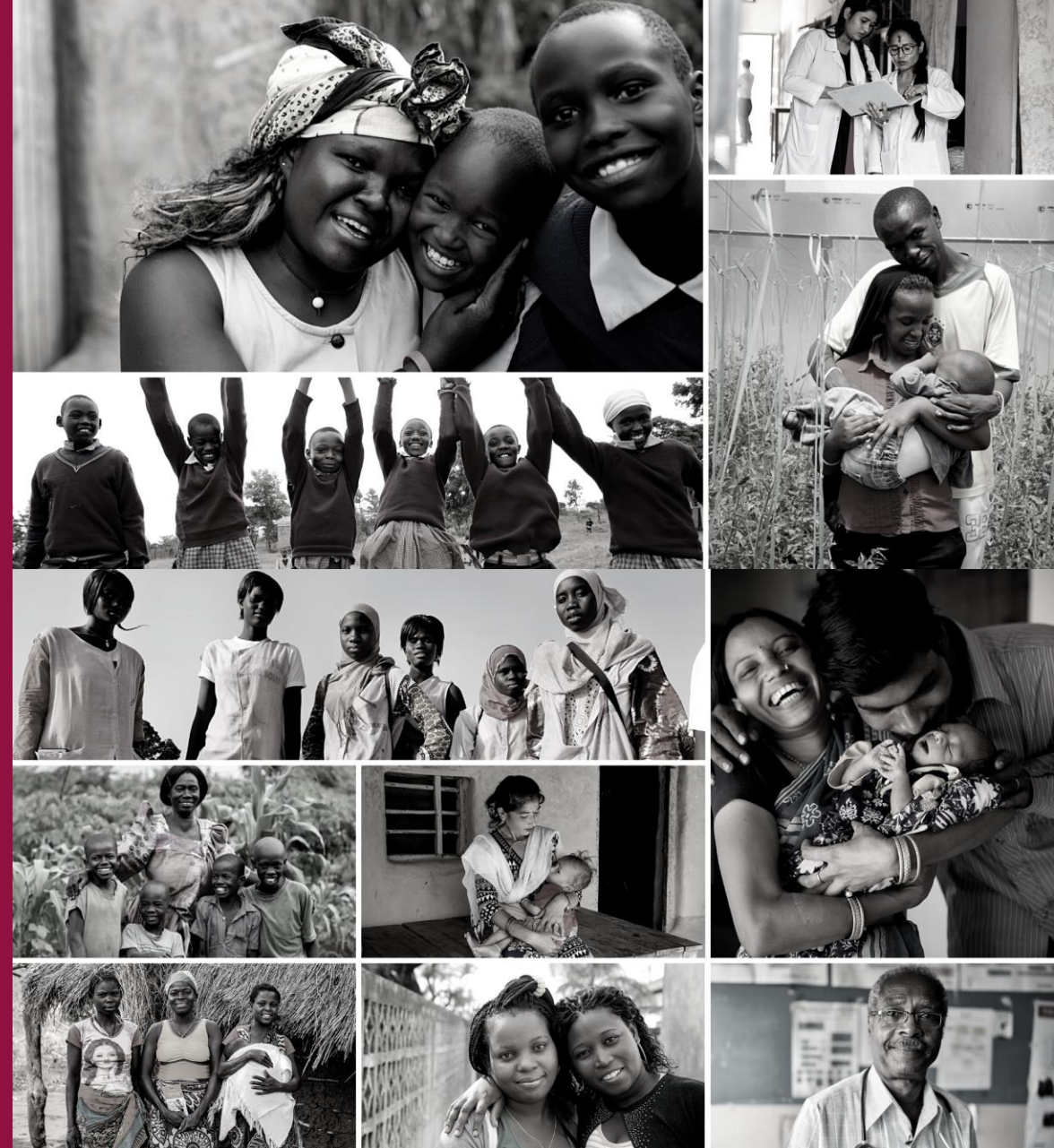
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Goal: To generate evidence on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on family planning access and use from the perspectives of women.

Observational, prospective, longitudinal study



Viamo 3-2-1; IVR; Toll-free

1

Document access-related reasons for not using family planning that led to unintended pregnancies.

2

Examine the ability of modern contraceptive users to obtain their preferred method.

3

Describe barriers to family planning access and use among non-users of modern contraception.

Study Design

3-2-1 survey with women ages 18-49 calling in to Viamo 3-2-1 service



Outbound panel survey

- Non-pregnant women using nonpermanent modern contraception
- Non-pregnant women who do not want to get pregnant within the next 2 years and are not using modern contraception



Round 1

Dec 2020-May 2021
Within 1-2 days of 3-2-1 survey







Round 2

May – Sep 2021
4 months later



Round 3

Sep 2021-Jan 2022
4 months later

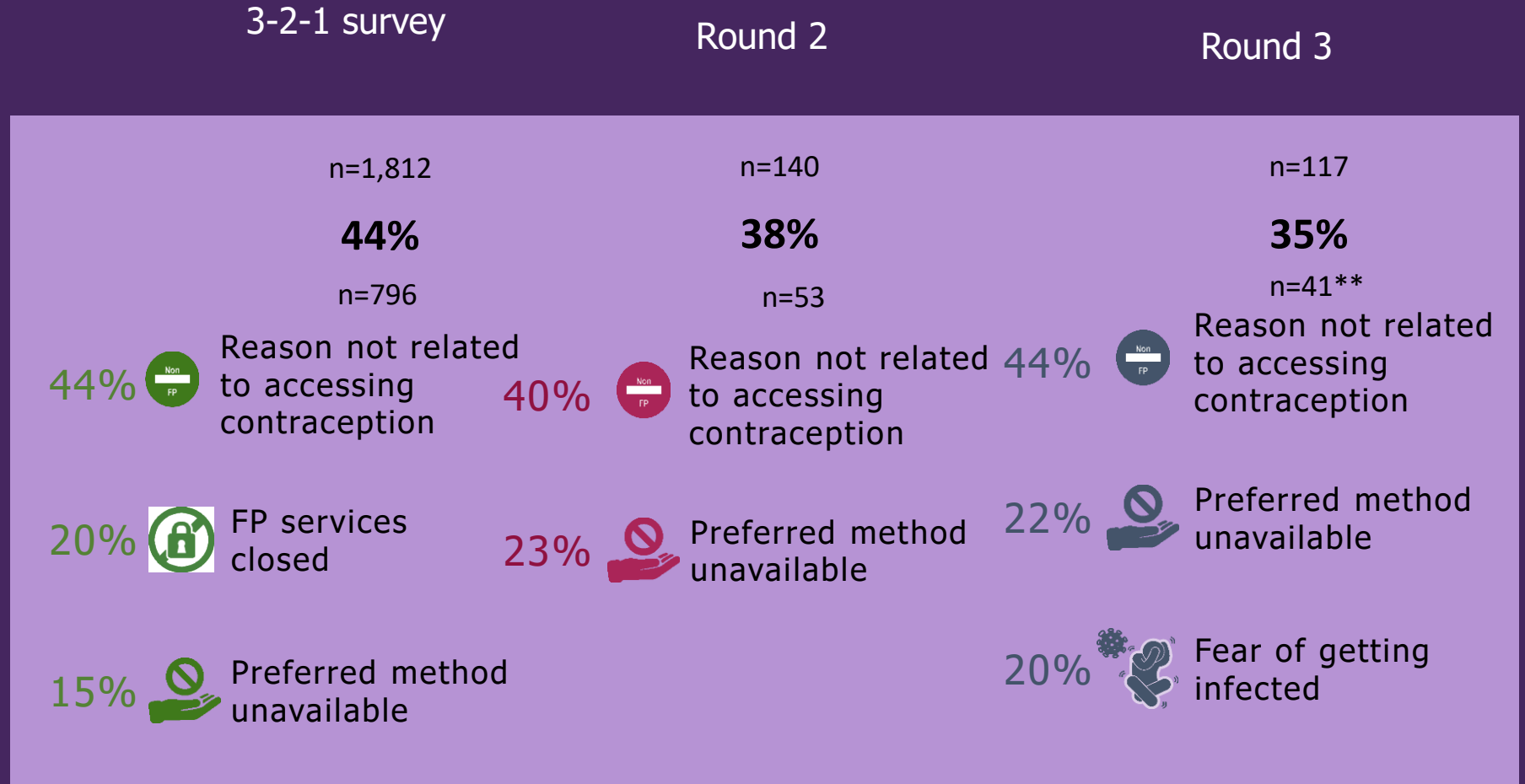
				
3-2-1 survey	4,936	6,776	2,602	7,378
R1	1,694	1,468	458	1,504
R2	828	743	NA	768
R3	628	681	NA	574



Unintended Pregnancies

Reported pregnancies attributed to COVID by participants

Main reason for attributing pregnancy to COVID*



*Among women who reported COVID affected their ability to delay or avoid pregnancy

**Small sample size n<50

Other countries: Unintended Pregnancies (3-2-1 survey only)



n=1,245

39%

Main reported reason *

n=491

34%



Reason not related to accessing contraception

22%



Preferred method unavailable

19%



FP services closed

18%



Fear of getting infected



n=996

31%

Main reported reason *

n=305

41%



Reason not related to accessing contraception

21%



FP services closed

17%



Preferred method unavailable



n=1,731

27%

Main reported reason *

n=466

33%



Reason not related to accessing contraception

31%



FP services closed

25%



Preferred method unavailable

*Among women who reported COVID affected their ability to delay or avoid pregnancy. Only responses cited by more than 10% of participants are included.



Thank you!



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