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Factsheet: Husbands

About the study

The Young Wives (YW) study examines the influence of socio-cultural and gender norms on Family Planning (FP) among rural couples living in areas with higher prevalence of underage marriages, by studying the cultural ecologies of health that encompasses the interaction between cultural beliefs, practices, and environments and how they influence modern contraceptive use and childbearing. Focusing on wives aged 15-19, married for at least a year, it combines qualitative and quantitative methods. The sample consists of 1100 Young wives (559 in Godda and 541 in Ujjain), 436 Husbands (219 in Godda and 217 in Ujjain), 473 Mothers-in-law (256 in Godda and 217 in Ujjain) and 448 frontline health workers/community influencers (220 in Godda and 228 in Ujjain), ensuring diverse perspectives. Further, the study employs a triad approach for gathering household level data from wives, husbands, and MILs. FLWs and community influencers' perspectives have also been taken enriching the findings. Overall, the study provides contextual evidence that can support design of norms shifting interventions aimed at avoiding teenage pregnancy.

Table 1: Background characteristics of husbands

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Age						
16-21 years	57	26	82	37.8	139	31.9
22-30 years	152	69.4	134	61.8	286	65.6
31-37 years	8	3.7	1	0.5	9	2.1
Don't know	2	0.9	0	0	2	0.5
Can you read and write?						
Yes	188	85.8	213	98.2	401	91.9
No	31	14.2	4	1.8	35	8.1
Highest standard of education you have passed						
Primary	24	12.8	12	5.7	36	9.0
Secondary	52	27.7	67	31.5	119	29.7
Higher secondary	83	44.2	111	52.1	194	48.4
Higher	19	10.1	23	10.8	42	10.5
Don't know	10	5.3	0	0	10	2.5
Main occupation						
Self employed	77	35.2	118	54.4	195	44.7
Regular salaried	36	16.4	31	14.3	67	15.4
Casual labour	76	34.7	55	25.4	131	30.1
Traditional service occupation	4	1.8	0	0	4	0.9
Unpaid family workers	12	5.5	1	0.5	13	2.9
Studying	5	2.3	9	4.2	14	3.2
Unemployed	9	4.1	3	1.4	12	2.8
Have the following entitlements						
Bank account	169	77.2	182	83.9	351	80.5
PAN card	121	55.3	130	59.9	251	57.6
Aadhaar card	218	99.5	215	99.1	433	99.3
Voter ID card	155	70.8	144	66.4	299	68.6
MNREGA job card	39	17.8	40	18.4	79	18.1
Health insurance card	53	24.2	115	53	168	38.5
Ever worked for MNREGA or any other work program						
Yes	54	24.7	4	1.8	58	13.3
No	165	75.3	213	98.2	378	86.7

Table 2: Access to phone and utilisation

	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Do you have a personal mobile phone?						
Yes	199	90.9	213	98.2	412	94.5
No	20	9.1	4	1.8	24	5.5
What type of phone do you have?						
Smartphone	172	86.4	205	96.2	377	91.5
Feature phone	11	5.5	2	0.9	13	3.2
Basic phone	16	8.1	6	2.8	22	5.3
Do you use the mobile phone of another family member?						
Yes	14	70	4	100	18	75
No	6	30	0	0	6	25
Various ways to utilise the phone						
Receiving calls	211	99.1	215	99.1	426	99.1
Making calls	207	97.2	215	99.1	422	98.1
Sending messages	78	36.6	122	56.2	200	46.5
Whatsapp	157	73.7	180	82.9	337	78.4
Youtube	150	70.4	164	75.6	314	73.02
Internet search	112	52.6	145	66.8	257	59.8
Clicking pictures/making videos	58	27.2	66	30.4	124	28.8
Recording	28	13.2	9	4.2	37	8.6
Any other	15	7.1	10	4.6	25	5.8
Heard of these mobile apps						
Whatsapp	207	94.5	208	95.9	415	95.2
Youtube	207	94.5	205	94.5	412	94.5
Facebook	205	93.6	195	90.3	400	91.9
Instagram	148	67.6	186	85.7	334	76.6
Roposo	27	12.3	9	4.2	36	8.3
Josh	67	30.6	14	6.5	81	18.6
Mx Taka Tak	42	19.2	14	6.5	56	12.8
Moj	103	47	35	16.1	138	31.7
Chingari	12	5.5	3	1.4	15	3.4
Hotshot	14	6.4	11	5.1	25	5.7
Mitron	3	1.4	2	0.9	5	1.2
Trell	4	1.8	3	1.4	7	1.6
Tik Tok	160	73.1	15	6.9	175	40.1

Table 3: Religious and spiritual beliefs

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Agree to the following statements about God						
I find it hard to believe in God	42	19.2	48	22.1	90	20.6
I don't know whether there is a God and don't believe there is any way to find out	87	39.7	133	61.3	220	50.5
I don't believe in a personal God but believe in a higher power of some kind	187	85.4	197	90.8	384	88.1
While I have doubts, I feel that I believe in God	158	72.2	202	93.1	360	82.6
I know God exists and I have no doubt about it	213	97.3	199	91.7	412	94.5
I know God does not exist	30	13.7	25	11.5	55	12.6
Responses to the following statements about religious practices						
Prayer helps me a lot	215	98.2	212	97.7	427	97.9
Going to a place of worship is a waste of time	36	16.4	17	7.8	53	12.2
God always helps me to lead a better life	215	98.2	213	98.2	428	98.2
God means a lot to me and my family	216	98.6	212	97.7	428	98.2
While I may not believe in God but it is important for me to follow religious practices properly	188	85.8	208	95.9	396	90.8
Agree to the following statements about blind beliefs						
Like human beings, plants also have life	210	95.9	215	99.1	425	97.5
Ghosts and spirits do exist	151	68.9	110	50.7	261	59.9
The earth revolves around the sun	188	85.8	197	90.8	385	88.3
Vaccines save lives	197	89.9	202	93.1	399	91.5
Germs enter the body through hair	118	53.9	124	57.1	242	55.5
Infertility can be cured by jharphunk, mannat, sadhu/baba/pir, or through prayer	97	44.3	72	33.2	169	38.8
Ojhas can heal a person bitten by a poisonous snake	135	61.6	126	58.1	261	59.9
Planting trees is good for climate	211	96.4	216	99.5	427	97.9

Table 4: General knowledge and behaviour

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Names of persons, places and political parties they have heard of						
M.S. Dhoni	209	95.4	205	94.5	414	94.9
Bhagwan Birsa Munda	141	64.4	84	38.7	225	51.6
Bhupen Hazarika	17	7.8	17	7.8	34	7.8
Amitabh Bachhan	212	96.8	213	98.2	425	97.5
Rabindranath Tagore	132	60.3	149	68.7	281	64.5
Mahashweta Devi	27	12.3	50	23.1	77	17.7
Lionel Messi	33	15.1	29	13.4	62	14.2
Diego Maradona	23	10.5	19	8.8	42	9.6
Sania Mirza	195	89	88	40.6	283	64.9
Indira Gandhi	205	93.6	209	96.3	414	94.9
Hemant Soren	216	98.6	51	23.5	267	61.2
Hemanta Biswa Sharma	18	8.2	25	11.5	43	9.9
Agra	158	72.2	172	79.3	330	75.7
New York	88	40.2	91	41.9	179	41.1
Trinamool Congress	84	38.4	51	23.5	135	30.9
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha	191	87.2	57	26.3	248	56.9
Asom Ganaparishad	24	10.9	28	12.9	52	11.9
Bal Gangadhar Tilak	86	39.3	137	63.1	223	51.2
Alia Bhat	122	55.7	166	76.5	288	66.1
Rahul Gandhi	209	95.4	215	99.1	424	97.3
Narendra Modi	218	99.5	215	99.1	433	99.3
Hobbies						
Singing	8	3.7	12	5.5	20	4.6
Dancing	5	2.3	2	0.9	7	1.6
Reading	22	10.1	19	8.8	41	9.4
Playing a sport	66	30.1	88	40.6	154	35.3
Teaching	9	4.1	1	0.5	10	2.3
Watching TV	14	6.4	18	8.3	32	7.3
Gardening	3	1.4	10	4.6	13	2.9
Cooking	1	0.5	4	1.8	5	1.2
Stiching/weaving	1	0.5	1	0.5	2	0.5
Traveling	50	22.8	46	21.2	96	22.02

Chitchatting	13	5.9	19	8.8	32	7.3
Writing	1	0.5	2	0.9	3	0.7
Painting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pottery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eating a special dish	9	4.1	0	0	9	2.1
Fishing	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
No hobby	65	29.7	73	33.6	138	31.7
Any other	67	30.6	21	9.7	88	20.2
Last watched movie in a cinema theatre						
Never watched a movie in a theatre	98	44.8	144	66.4	242	55.5
Cant recall the name of the movie	63	28.8	28	12.9	91	20.9
Named the movie	58	26.5	45	20.7	103	23.6
What type of movies, serials or TV series do you like the most?						
Romantic	52	23.7	23	10.6	75	17.2
Comedy	45	20.6	54	24.9	99	22.7
Action	61	27.9	98	45.2	159	36.5
Mythological stories	7	3.2	8	3.7	15	3.4
Science fiction	4	1.8	1	0.5	5	1.2
Crime/Thriller	4	1.8	4	1.8	8	1.8
Biographical	7	3.2	8	3.7	15	3.4
Historical drama	3	1.4	4	1.8	7	1.6
No preference	36	16.4	17	7.8	53	12.2
Self-rating on the following traits						
Curiosity						
Low	122	55.7	60	27.7	182	41.7
High	97	44.3	157	72.4	254	58.3
Desire to share new information						
Low	124	56.6	87	40.1	211	48.4
High	95	43.4	130	59.9	225	51.6
Desire to test or experience new ideas						
Low	139	63.5	91	41.9	230	52.8
High	80	36.5	126	58.1	206	47.3
Kindness-caring for others						
Low	44	20.1	47	21.7	91	20.9
High	175	79.9	170	78.3	345	79.1
Creativity						
Low	163	74.4	116	53.5	279	64
High	56	25.6	101	46.5	157	36
Analytical skill						
Low	161	73.5	121	55.8	282	64.7

High	58	26.5	96	44.2	154	35.3
Courage or ability to take risks						
Low	88	40.2	66	30.4	154	35.3
High	131	59.8	151	69.6	282	64.7
Belief in divine will						
Low	31	14.2	38	17.5	69	15.8
High	188	85.8	179	82.5	367	84.2
Respect for others						
Low	53	24.2	43	19.8	96	22.02
High	166	75.8	174	80.2	340	77.9
Ability to tell unpleasant truths						
Low	122	55.7	87	40.1	209	47.9
High	97	44.3	130	59.9	227	52.1
Patience						
Low	76	34.7	68	31.3	144	33.1
High	143	65.3	149	68.7	292	66.9
Ability to adjust in a new environment						
Low	118	53.9	81	37.3	199	45.6
High	101	46.1	136	62.7	237	54.4

Table 5: Household decision making

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Member of households who usually makes decisions about						
Large household purchases						
You	43	19.6	37	17.1	80	18.4
Wife	3	1.4	0	0	3	0.7
You and wife jointly	14	6.4	4	1.8	18	4.1
Mother/father	156	71.2	172	79.3	328	75.2
Someone else	3	1.4	4	1.8	7	1.6
Household purchases for daily needs						
You	44	20.1	45	20.7	89	20.4
Wife	6	2.7	1	0.5	7	1.6
You and wife jointly	15	6.9	6	2.8	21	4.8
Mother/father	150	68.5	160	73.7	310	71.1
Someone else	4	1.8	5	2.3	9	2.1
When you will visit family/friends/relatives						
You	74	33.8	103	47.5	177	40.6
Wife	4	1.8	0	0	4	0.9
You and wife jointly	20	9.1	6	2.8	26	5.9
Mother/father	120	54.8	108	49.8	228	52.3
Someone else	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
Use money that you bring to the household						
You	67	30.6	64	29.5	131	30.1
Wife	6	2.7	1	0.5	7	1.6
You and wife jointly	30	13.7	8	3.7	38	8.7
Mother/father	115	52.5	141	64.9	256	58.7
Someone else	1	0.5	3	1.4	4	0.9
Use money that wife brings to the household						
You	54	24.7	56	25.8	110	25.2
Wife	61	27.9	97	44.7	158	36.2
You and wife jointly	45	20.6	28	12.9	73	16.7
Mother/father	59	26.9	36	16.6	95	21.8
Someone else	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6: Indicators of marriage and fertility

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Age at the time of your marriage?						
Below 18	20	9.1	27	12.4	47	10.8
18-20 years	106	48.4	151	69.6	257	58.9
21-25 years	69	31.5	35	16.1	104	23.9
26-34 years	20	9.1	3	1.4	23	5.3
Don't know	4	1.8	1	0.5	5	1.2
Current number of children						
Zero	67	30.6	159	73.3	226	51.8
One	120	54.8	55	25.4	175	40.1
Two	29	13.2	3	1.4	32	7.3
Three	3	1.4	0	0	3	0.7
When would you like to have your first child						
Within 12 months	18	26.9	30	18.9	48	21.2
Within 1-2 years	9	13.4	15	9.4	24	10.6
After more than 2 years	14	20.9	41	25.8	55	24.3
Wife is currently pregnant	16	23.9	41	25.8	57	25.2
Have not decided/don't know	10	14.9	32	20.1	42	18.6
When would you like to have your next child						
Within 12 months	15	8.9	3	3.03	18	6.7
Within 1-2 years	19	11.3	11	11.1	30	11.2
After more than 2 years	93	55.4	57	57.6	150	56.2
Don't want more child	16	9.5	2	2.02	18	6.7
Have not decided/don't know	25	14.9	26	26.3	51	19.1

Table 7: Knowledge of family planning

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Sources of information on family planning for you						
Never received any information on FP	122	55.7	113	52.1	235	53.9
TV	20	9.1	12	5.5	32	7.3
Radio	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.2
Newspaper	7	3.2	5	2.3	12	2.8
Mobile	44	20.1	30	13.8	74	16.9
Internet	17	7.8	11	5.1	28	6.4
ANM/ASHA/AWW	24	10.9	8	3.7	32	7.3
SHG/VO/CLF	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.2
NGO staff	2	0.9	0	0	2	0.5
Anganwadi centre	1	0.5	12	5.5	13	2.9
Neighbours and friends	23	10.5	52	23.9	75	17.2
Community leaders	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
Family member/relatives	12	5.5	38	17.5	50	11.5
Other	16	7.3	15	6.9	31	7.1
Understand by family planning						
A measure to have the ideal number of children	14	6.4	16	7.4	30	6.9
Avoid unwanted pregnancies	25	11.4	76	35.02	101	23.2
Delaying the birth of the first or subsequent child	27	12.3	19	8.8	46	10.6
Don't know	154	70.3	126	58.1	280	64.2
Any other	9	4.1	0	0	9	2.1
Ideal age for a woman to deliver her first child						
14-16 years	5	2.3	1	0.5	6	1.4
17-18 years	72	32.9	21	9.7	93	21.3
19-21 years	106	48.4	128	59	234	53.7
22-26 years	23	10.5	61	28.1	84	19.3
Don't know	13	5.9	6	2.8	19	4.4
Benefits of delaying the first pregnancy to a certain age or spacing between two consecutive births						
Mother is at a lower risk of death/danger	24	10.9	42	19.4	66	15.1
Newborn is at a lower risk of death/danger	21	9.6	26	11.9	47	10.8
Less burden on the family economy	53	24.2	50	23.1	103	23.6
Mother remains healthy	122	55.7	106	48.9	228	52.3
Newborn remains healthy	130	59.4	119	54.8	249	57.1
Mother can pursue her other goals in life	8	3.7	14	6.5	22	5.1
No benefit	15	6.9	3	1.4	18	4.1

Other	0	0	7	3.2	7	1.6
Cant say	38	17.4	59	27.2	97	22.3
An ideal time to wait after giving birth before attempting to become pregnant again						
Yes	196	89.5	199	91.7	395	90.6
No	11	5	10	4.6	21	4.8
Don't know	12	5.5	8	3.7	20	4.6
Total children they would like to have						
One child	5	2.3	16	7.4	21	4.8
2 children	130	59.4	187	86.2	317	72.7
3-4 children	77	35.2	12	5.5	89	20.4
5-6 children	3	1.4	0	0	3	0.7
Don't know	4	1.8	2	0.9	6	1.4
Male children they would like to have						
No male child	4	1.8	2	0.9	6	1.4
1 male child	133	60.7	202	93.1	335	76.8
2 male children	53	24.2	5	2.3	58	13.3
3 male children	4	1.8	0	0	4	0.9
No preference	25	11.4	8	3.7	33	7.6
Female children they would like to have						
No female child	7	3.2	11	5.1	18	4.1
One female child	155	70.8	190	87.6	345	79.1
2 female children	30	13.7	7	3.2	37	8.5
3-4 female children	2	0.9	0	0	2	0.5
No preference	25	11.4	9	4.2	34	7.8
Family planning methods that you have heard of						
Female sterilisation	106	48.4	105	48.4	211	48.4
Male sterilisation	45	20.6	67	30.9	112	25.7
IUCD	19	8.7	30	13.8	49	11.2
Injectable (Antara)	34	15.5	55	25.4	89	20.4
Daily oral pills	54	24.7	68	31.3	122	27.9
Weekly oral pills	16	7.3	28	12.9	44	10.1
Male condom	122	55.7	165	76.1	287	65.8
Emergency contraception	3	1.4	15	6.9	18	4.1
Standard days method	5	2.3	7	3.2	12	2.8
Lactational amenorrhea method	1	0.5	2	0.9	3	0.7
Rhythm method	16	7.3	35	16.1	51	11.7
Withdrawal	9	4.1	28	12.9	37	8.5
Don't know about family planning methods	37	16.9	23	10.6	60	13.8
Other	11	5	1	0.5	12	2.8

Proportion of husbands who agree with the following statements:						
Contraceptives may cause disabilities/birth defects in children						
Agree	41	18.7	17	7.8	58	13.3
Disagree	72	32.9	77	35.5	149	34.2
Unsure	106	48.4	123	56.7	229	52.5
Using contraceptives can cause a woman to be infertile						
Agree	43	19.6	24	11.1	67	15.4
Disagree	73	33.3	73	33.6	146	33.5
Unsure	103	47.03	120	55.3	223	51.2
An IUCD can move deep inside a woman and may hurt her						
Agree	40	18.3	27	12.4	67	15.4
Disagree	50	22.8	57	26.3	107	24.5
Unsure	129	58.9	133	61.3	262	60.1
Contraceptives are dangerous to women's health						
Agree	66	30.1	55	25.4	121	27.8
Disagree	61	27.9	57	26.3	118	27.1
Unsure	92	42.01	105	48.4	197	45.2
Using contraceptives before first birth causes infertility						
Agree	51	23.3	26	11.9	77	17.7
Disagree	66	30.1	64	29.5	130	29.8
Unsure	102	46.6	127	58.5	229	52.5
Regular contraceptives use can make men impotent						
Agree	27	12.3	14	6.5	41	9.4
Disagree	87	39.7	75	34.5	162	37.2
Unsure	105	47.9	128	58	233	53.4

Table 8: Adoption of family planning

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
He or his wife currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant						
Yes	79	42.3	85	48.9	164	45.4
No	108	57.8	89	51.2	197	54.6
Method currently using						
Female sterilisation	2	1.1	0	0.0	2	0.6
Male sterilisation	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
IUCD	2	1.1	1	0.6	3	0.8
Injectable	1	0.5	1	0.6	2	0.6
Daily oral pills	3	1.6	3	1.7	6	1.7
Weekly oral pills	2	1.1	1	0.6	3	0.8
Condom	39	20.9	55	31.6	94	26.0
Emergency contraception	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Standard days method	5	2.7	2	1.2	7	1.9
Lactational amenorrhoea method	3	1.6	0	0.0	3	0.8
Rhythm method	15	8.0	21	12.1	36	10.0
Withdrawal	7	3.7	1	0.6	8	2.2
Current method use						
No use	108	57.8	89	51.2	197	54.6
Modern methods	30	16.0	24	13.8	54	15.0
Traditional methods	49	26.2	61	35.1	110	30.5
Reason currently not using any modern contraception methods						
I want a baby	50	36.2	60	53.1	110	43.8
Learned either one of us is infertile	1	0.7	0	0	1	0.4
In post-partum amenorrhoea	3	2.2	0	0	3	1.2
Stays away (migrant)	12	8.7	5	4.4	17	6.8
Wife opposed	7	5.1	5	4.4	12	4.8
Mother/other member opposed	2	1.5	0	0	2	0.8
Religious leader opposed	3	2.2	0	0	3	1.2
Had side effects	9	6.5	4	3.5	13	5.2
Unable to access the contraceptive	2	1.5	0	0	2	0.8
Using traditional method is much easier	35	25.4	30	26.6	65	25.9
Other	20	14.5	10	8.9	30	11.9
“He or his wife currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant (After removing trying to conceive)”						
Yes	78	56.9	83	72.8	161	64.1
No	59	43.1	31	27.2	90	35.9

“Method currently using (After removing trying to concieve)”						
Female sterilisation	2	1.46	0	0.0	2	0.8
Male sterilisation	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
IUCD	2	1.46	1	0.88	3	1.2
Injectable	1	0.73	1	0.88	2	0.8
Daily oral pills	3	2.19	3	2.63	6	2.4
Weekly oral pills	2	1.46	1	0.88	3	1.2
Condom	39	28.47	55	48.25	94	37.5
Emergency contraception	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Standard days method	5	3.65	2	1.75	7	2.8
Lactational amenorrhoea method	3	2.19	0	0.0	3	1.2
Rhythm method	15	10.95	19	16.67	34	13.6
Withdrawal	6	4.38	1	0.88	7	2.8
“Current method use (After removing trying to concieve)”						
No use	59	43.1	31	27.2	90	35.9
Modern methods	29	21.2	22	19.3	51	20.3
Traditional methods	49	35.8	61	53.5	110	43.8
Obtained method from if you and your wife are using modern method						
Government hospital	3	6	1	1.6	4	3.6
CHC/PHC/SC	11	22	1	1.6	12	10.8
Private hospital	1	2	0	0	1	0.9
ASHA/AWW	2	4	5	8.2	7	6.3
Pharmacy store	31	62	54	88.5	85	76.6
Others	2	4	0	0	2	1.8
Will use a contraceptive method to delay or avoid wife’s pregnancy at any time in the future						
Yes	158	72.8	181	83.4	339	78.1
No	37	17.1	29	13.4	66	15.2
Don’t know	22	10.1	7	3.2	29	6.7

Table 9: Inter-spousal discussion on family planning

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Decision around use of FP methods						
You	96	43.8	93	42.9	189	43.4
Wife	7	3.2	3	1.4	10	2.3
You and wife jointly	107	48.9	115	53	222	50.9
Mother/father	9	4.1	6	2.8	15	3.4
Someone else	0	0	0	0	0	0
If you want to use an FP method and wife does not agree the final decision maker is						
Wife	45	20.6	46	21.2	91	20.9
You	161	73.5	168	77.4	329	75.5
No idea/cant say	13	5.9	3	1.4	16	3.7
If your wife wants to use an FP method and you do not agree, the final decision maker is						
Wife	69	31.5	81	37.3	150	34.4
You	137	62.6	134	61.8	271	62.2
No idea/cant say	13	5.9	2	0.9	15	3.4
Ever discussed how many children you want to have with your wife						
Yes	154	70.3	168	77.4	322	73.9
No	65	29.7	49	22.6	114	26.2
Number of children wife wants						
None	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
One child	1	0.5	14	6.5	15	3.4
2-3 children	176	80.4	196	90.3	372	85.3
4-6 children	16	7.3	0	0	16	3.7
Don't know	25	11.4	7	3.2	32	7.3
Number of sons wife wants						
None	6	2.7	3	1.4	9	2.1
One son	123	56.2	197	90.8	320	73.4
Two sons	45	20.6	5	2.3	50	11.5
3-4 sons	3	1.4	0	0	3	0.7
Don't know	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.2
No preference	42	19.2	11	5.1	53	12.2
Number of daughters wife wants						
Zero	3	1.4	9	4.2	12	2.1
One daughter	145	66.2	188	86.6	333	76.4
Two daughters	19	8.7	5	2.3	24	5.5
3-4 daughters	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
Don't know	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.2
No preference	50	22.8	15	6.9	65	14.9

Ever discussed family planning with your wife						
Yes	70	31.9	54	24.9	124	28.4
No	149	68.1	163	75.1	312	71.6
Last time when you spoke to her about family planning						
Last week	7	10	8	14.8	15	12.1
Within last one month	11	15.7	8	14.8	19	15.3
Within last three months	18	25.7	7	12.9	25	20.2
More than three months	34	48.6	31	57.4	65	52.4
Did you discuss any specific method?						
Yes	37	52.9	19	35.2	56	45.2
No	33	47.1	35	64.8	68	54.8
Who initiated the conversation on FP						
Self	50	71.4	49	90.7	99	79.8
Wife	20	28.6	5	9.3	25	20.2
Have you ever tried to use a family planning method without discussing it with her?						
Yes	16	7.3	17	7.8	33	7.6
No	203	92.7	200	92.2	403	92.4

Table 10: Social norms around marriage, fertility and gender equity

Variables	Godda (N=219)		Ujjain (N=217)		Total (N=436)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Proportion of married women in their community who they think:						
~ use a modern contraceptive						
None	6	2.7	0	0	6	1.4
Some	49	22.4	33	15.2	82	18.8
Many	23	10.5	22	10.1	45	10.3
Most	2	0.9	28	12.9	30	6.9
No idea	139	63.5	134	61.8	273	62.6
~ can decide when they want to use contraception						
None	10	4.6	1	0.5	11	2.5
Some	41	18.7	43	19.8	84	19.3
Many	12	5.5	25	11.5	37	8.5
Most	0	0	8	3.7	8	1.8
No idea	156	71.2	140	64.5	296	67.9
~use a traditional contraceptive						
None	8	3.7	1	0.5	9	2.1
Some	36	16.4	29	13.4	65	14.9
Many	12	5.5	20	9.2	32	7.3
Most	1	0.5	9	4.2	10	2.3
No idea	162	73.9	158	72.8	320	73.4
Proportion of newlywed couples in their community who they think use a modern contraceptive						
None	10	4.6	1	0.5	11	2.5
Some	45	20.6	49	22.6	94	21.6
Many	11	5.02	20	9.2	31	7.1
Most	0	0	4	1.8	4	0.9
No idea	153	69.9	143	65.9	296	67.9
Proportion of MILs in their community who they think encourage young and newlywed couples to use a modern contraceptive						
None	16	7.3	8	3.7	24	5.5
Some	30	13.7	47	21.7	77	17.7
Many	2	0.9	7	3.2	9	2.1
Most	0	0	5	2.3	5	1.2
No idea	171	78.1	150	69.1	321	73.6
Proportion of FLWs who agree with the following statements about their community						
It is expected for newly married couples to have a child soon after marriage	196	89.5	167	76.9	363	83.3

It is expected for all married couples to have children	215	98.2	191	88.02	406	93.1
People feel a lot of pity for married couples who are unable to have children	209	95.4	179	82.5	388	88.9
People speak badly of married men who have not had a child after two or more years of marriage	204	93.2	178	82	382	87.6
People speak badly of married women who have not had a child after two or more years of marriage	212	96.8	172	79.3	384	88.1
People will think there are marital or health problems if a couple has not had a child after two or more years of marriage	213	97.3	184	84.8	397	91.1
It is unacceptable for couples to choose not to have child	171	78.1	147	67.7	318	72.9
It is common to ask married couples without a child when they will have children	196	89.5	193	88.9	389	89.2
Those women who do not give birth to a son are humiliated/disrespected	139	63.5	80	36.9	219	50.2
Gender equitable norms						
It is a woman's responsibility to avoid getting pregnant						
Agree	73	33.3	39	17.9	112	25.7
Partially agree	5	2.3	7	3.2	12	2.8
Disagree	141	64.4	171	78.8	312	71.6
A man should be outraged if his wife asked him to use a condom						
Agree	65	29.7	31	14.3	96	22
Partially agree	2	0.9	2	0.9	4	0.9
Disagree	152	69.4	184	84.8	336	77.1
A real man produces a male child						
Agree	75	34.3	120	55.3	195	44.7
Partially agree	3	1.4	10	4.6	13	2.9
Disagree	141	64.4	87	40.1	228	52.3
Men need more sex than women do						
Agree	125	57.1	165	76.1	290	66.5
Partially agree	6	2.7	4	1.8	10	2.3
Disagree	88	40.2	48	22.1	136	31.2
Men don't talk about sex, men just do it						
Agree	182	83.1	177	81.6	359	82.3
Partially agree	15	6.9	6	2.8	21	4.8
Disagree	22	10.1	34	15.7	56	12.8
Men are always ready to have sex						
Agree	131	59.8	186	85.7	317	72.7
Partially agree	10	4.6	2	0.9	12	2.8
Disagree	78	35.6	29	13.4	107	24.5

Men need other women even if things with his wife are fine						
Agree	104	47.5	118	54.4	222	50.9
Partially agree	16	7.3	6	2.8	22	5.1
Disagree	99	45.2	93	42.9	192	44.04
A real man is one who can have sex with a woman for a long time						
Agree	77	35.2	154	70.9	231	52.9
Partially agree	17	7.8	2	0.9	19	4.4
Disagree	125	57.1	61	28.1	186	42.7
It is okay for a man to hit his wife if she wont have sex with him						
Agree	40	18.3	64	29.5	104	23.9
Partially agree	3	1.4	5	2.3	8	1.8
Disagree	176	80.4	148	68.2	324	74.3
A woman should tolerate violence in order to keep her family together						
Agree	114	52.1	153	70.5	267	61.2
Partially agree	10	4.6	2	0.9	12	2.8
Disagree	95	43.4	62	28.6	157	36.01
There are times when a woman deserves to be beaten						
Agree	91	41.6	154	70.9	245	56.2
Partially agree	9	4.1	6	2.8	15	3.4
Disagree	119	54.3	57	26.3	176	40.4
A man should have the final word about decisions in his home						
Agree	144	65.8	169	77.9	313	71.8
Partially agree	5	2.3	1	0.5	6	1.4
Disagree	70	31.9	47	21.7	117	26.8
Giving the kids a bath and feeding the kids are the mother's responsibility						
Agree	128	58.5	130	59.9	258	59.2
Partially agree	3	1.4	3	1.4	6	1.4
Disagree	88	40.2	84	38.7	172	39.5
A man is happily married only if his wife brings a big dowry						
Agree	62	28.3	48	22.1	110	25.2
Partially agree	6	2.7	1	0.5	7	1.6
Disagree	151	68.9	168	77.4	319	73.2
A married woman should not need to ask her husband for permission to visit her parents/family						
Agree	89	40.6	105	48.4	194	44.5
Partially agree	4	1.8	3	1.4	7	1.6
Disagree	126	57.5	109	50.2	235	53.9



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