



Population and Gender

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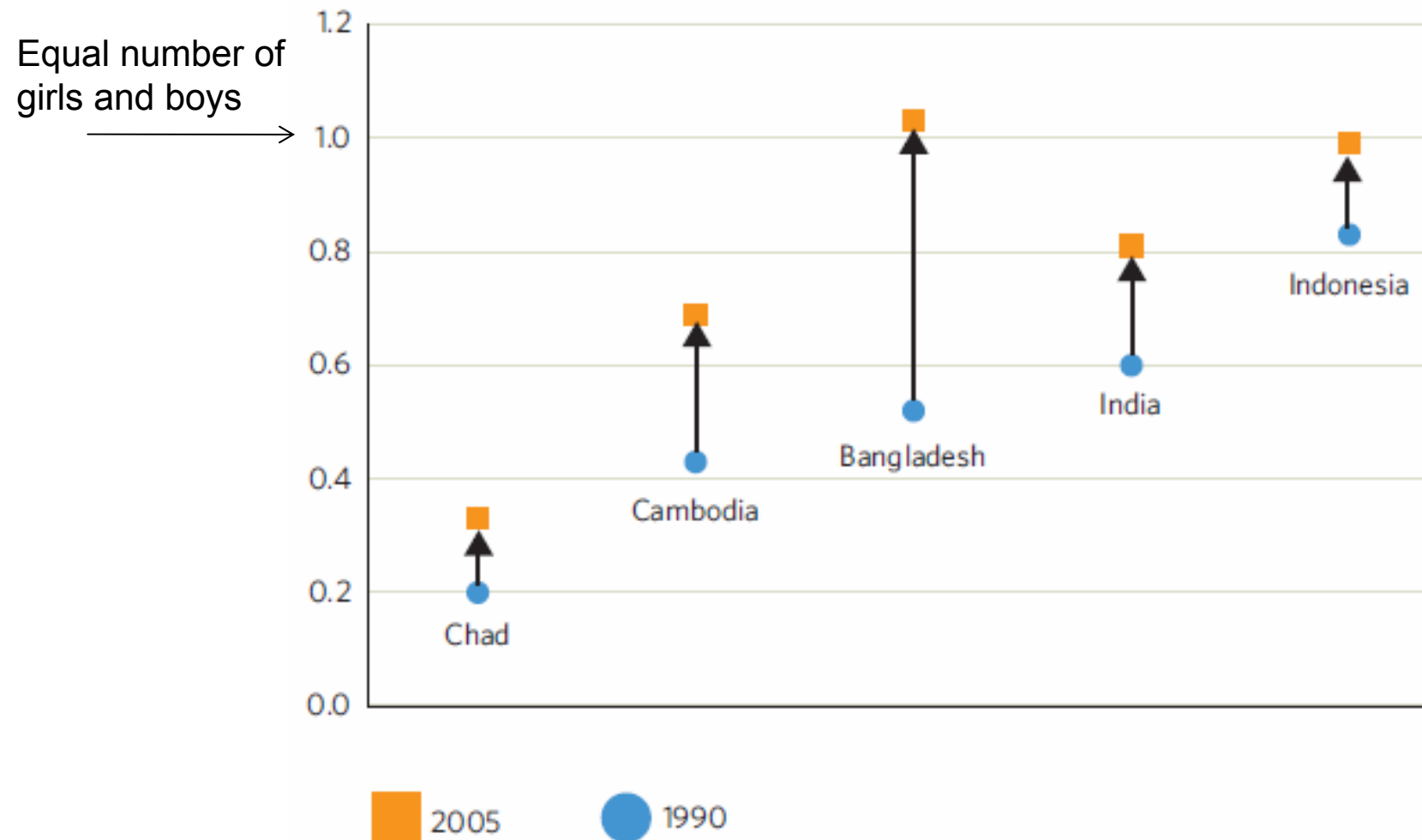
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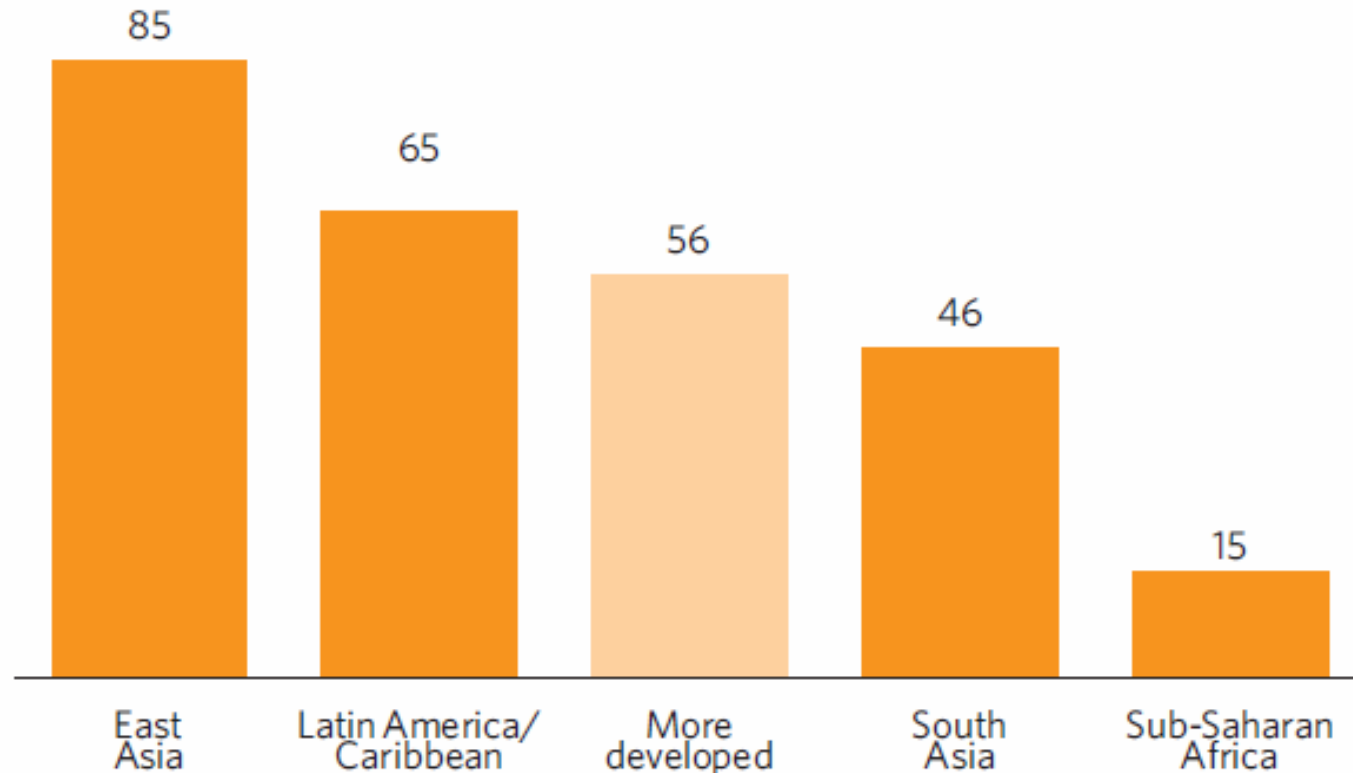
Source: UN Statistics Division, "Gender Info 2007," accessed at <http://data.un.org>.

Ending Fistula, Improving Maternal Health



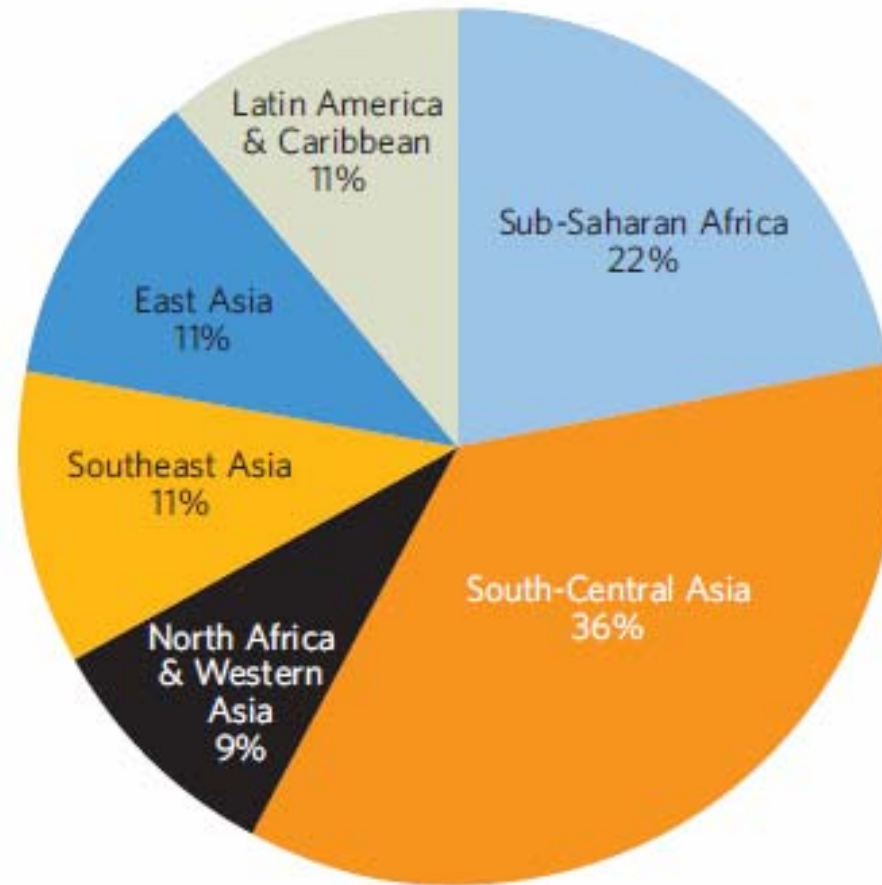
Many of the graduates who once faced isolation are now prepared for a successful return to their communities. Photo: UNFPA/Liberia

Percentage of married or in-union women, aged 15-49, using a modern contraceptive in 2005



Source: UN Population Division, *Contraceptive Use 2007* (2008, wallchart).

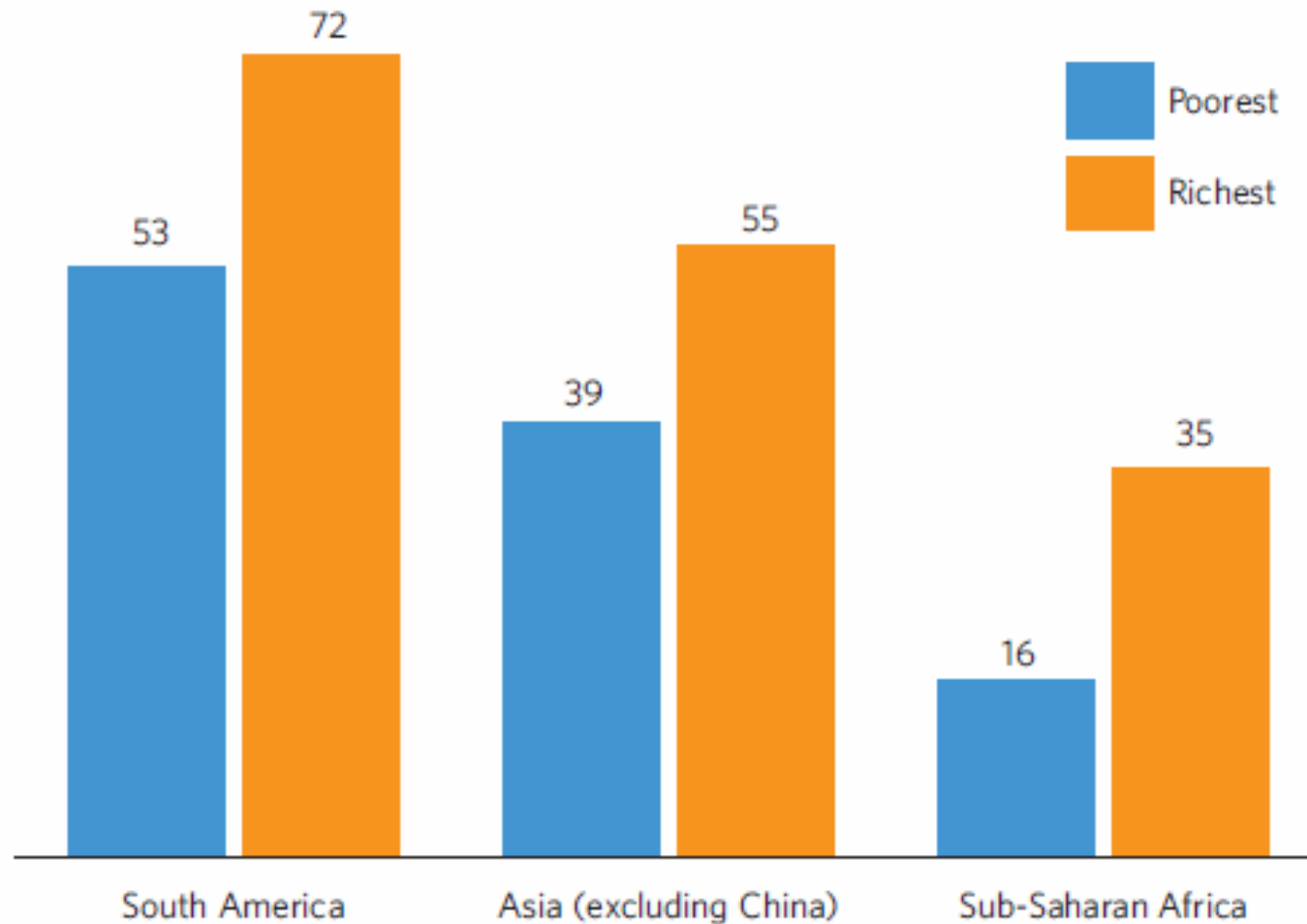
Percentage of women who have an unmet need for contraception by region, 2008



218 million women

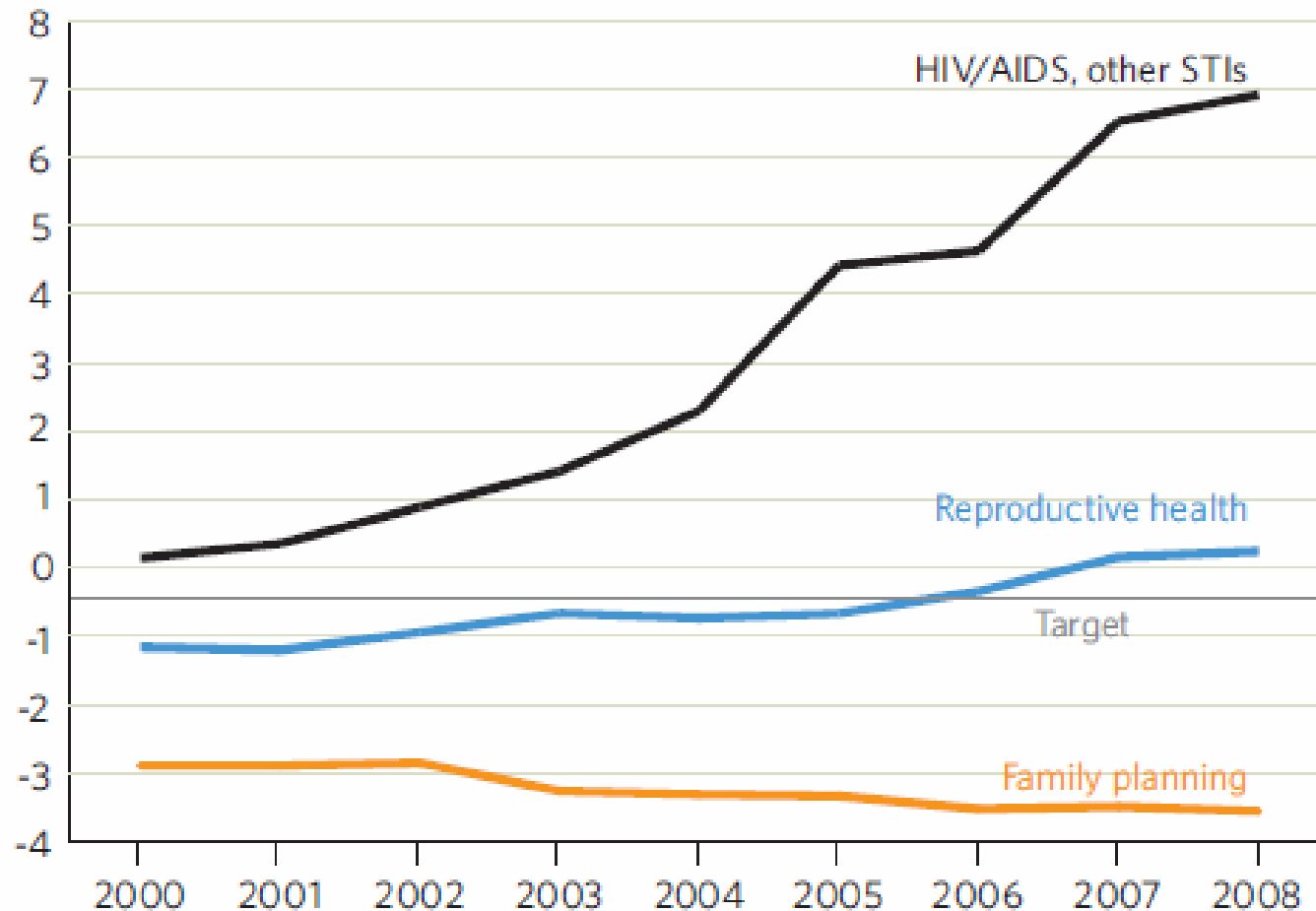
Source: Guttmacher Institute. 2009.

Percentage of married/in-union women, 15-49, using modern contraception by household wealth



Source: Clifton, D., T. Kaneda, and L. Ashford. 2008. *Family Planning Worldwide 2008*. Population Reference Bureau.

Actual spending as a percentage of Cairo targets by category, 2000-2008



Source: UNFPA, Report of the Secretary General on the Flow of Financial Resources for Assisting in the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 42nd Session of the Commission on Population and Development, March 2009.

Empowering girls in Ethiopia



Yedeneku Chanie with her graduation prize

Photo: Cristina Muller/UNFPA

Ending Violence against women



- **1 in 3** women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or abused in some way
- **1 in 4** women has been abused during pregnancy

Mobilizing leaders against FGM/C



Chief Bisi Omidusy

“We have to go to the rooftops and marketplaces and tell people about this.”

What Is Needed to Meet the Goals of Cairo?

- Implement policies, programmes and laws
- Scale up programmes and services to meet public need
- Strengthen systems and institutions
- Fully engage civil society and young people
- Increase development effectiveness and accountability
- Work together in synergy
- Increase resources--national & international, public & private