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Subject: Guidelines on the Estimation of Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning

I. BACKGROUND

Section 8.02 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation of RA 10354, otherwise known as "The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012," mandates DOH to develop a methodology to determine the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning, among others. Unmet need shall be used in identifying and prioritizing interventions to address gaps in accessing family planning services. Together with the estimated number of current users, it will be one of the bases in forecasting FP commodity requirements.

These guidelines shall provide the steps in determining current levels and projections of number of women with unmet need for modern family planning, which would be the basis of allocations for budget and FP supplies pursuant to the above-cited provision of the IRR.

II. OBJECTIVES

This Order shall provide the guidelines for estimating unmet need for modern FP which will be used for planning by the DOH and LGUs.

III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Order shall apply to the DOH Central Office Units, DOH Regional Offices (DOHROs), local government units (LGUs) including ARMM, and the private sector.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR) shall refer to the proportion of women from 15-49 years old who are currently using (or whose partner is using) any modern method of contraception or family planning, which includes: the pill; female and male sterilization; IUD; injectables; implants; condom; and, natural FP methods such as cervical mucus, basal body temperature method (BBT), symptothermal method, standard days method (SDM) and lactational amenorrhea method (LAM). The formula for computing mCPR is as follows:

mCPR = (Current Users of Modern FP / WRA) x 100%

B. Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning shall refer to the proportion of women who are fertile and sexually active but are not using any modern method of contraception, and report

not wanting any more children or wanting to delay the birth of their next child. It is computed as follows:

Unmet Need Rate = (Number of Women with Unmet Need for Modern FP / WRA) x 100%

- C. Eligible population shall refer to the segment of the population that require a certain type of service. In family planning, this is the segment of the population who are eligible to practice contraception or women of reproductive age (WRA).
- D. Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) shall refer to women aged 15-49 years old, which include those who are (1) currently using any modern FP method, (2) with unmet need for modern FP, (3) want to get pregnant within two years or want their current pregnancy, (4) sexually inactive and (5) not fertile.

V. GENERAL GUIDELINES

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- A. The magnitude of women with unmet need for modern family planning shall be used in identifying interventions in priority population groups or localities for RH services.
- B. Proportions of unmet need for and current users of modern FP shall be based on the latest National Demographic Health Survey (NDHS). Other surveys with rider questions on FP should follow the protocol and standard questions on family planning of the NDHS. The latest household surveys particularly the Census of Population and Housing shall be the bases for estimating population.
- C. The DOH, as mandated by the IRR, shall procure, distribute to LGUs and monitor the usage of family planning supplies for the whole country. However, it shall prioritize the poor as identified by the National Housing Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or other government procedures of identifying the marginalized. It will secure resource and budgetary requirements of NHTS-PR households taking into consideration resources from national government and partners or donors.
- D. DOH shall procure commodities based on approved FP Program Methods and drugs and devices included in the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF).
- **E.** Distribution of FP commodities and supplies to service delivery points, Provincial Health Offices and DOH Regional Offices shall be based on projected utilization rate per quarter.

VI. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- A. Estimating the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning shall follow these steps (See Annex A for sample computations):
 - 1. Estimate population for a particular year using the latest projections from the Philippine Statistics Authority or by multiplying the population estimate with the average growth rate. The estimated population and corresponding growth rates per region, province or municipality shall be based on the latest Census of Population and Housing.

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For NHTS-PR poor households, use the roster to get the actual number and age of members in a household.

2. Compute for the number of WRA by multiplying total population with the proportion of WRA in the population. Regional proportions from the latest Census of Population and Housing shall be used to estimate number of WRA for provinces.

For NHTS-PR for poor households, use the actual number of WRA by getting the sum of women 15-49 years old from the roster.

3. Estimate the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning by multiplying the proportion of women with unmet need from the latest NDHS by the estimated number of WRA. Regional proportions of unmet need shall be used to estimate number of WRA with unmet need for provinces.

Since the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning cannot be extracted from NHTS-PR, multiply the number of WRA with the proportion of women with unmet need.

In areas where at least 90% of NHTS-PR poor households have been visited by community volunteers such as CHTs, the actual number of women with unmet need shall be determined from reports such as health use plans.

4. Estimate the number of women who are current users of modern family planning by multiplying the proportion of women who are current users of modern FP methods from the latest NDHS by the estimated WRA. Regional proportions of current users shall be used to estimate number of WRA who are current users for provinces.

Since the number of women who are current users of modern family planning cannot be extracted from NHTS-PR, multiply the number of WRA with the proportion of current users of modern FP.

In areas where at least 90% of NHTS-PR poor households have been visited by community volunteers such as CHTs, the actual number of current users shall be determined from reports such as health use plans.

- B. Forecast commodity requirements for current users as well as for women with unmet need for modern family planning methods for the total population and for WRA from NHTS-PR households. The following steps shall be used in forecasting commodity requirements:
 - 1. Determine ideal method mix by:
 - a.Distributing WRA with unmet need for modern FP across the different FP methods such as pills combined oral contraceptives (COC) and progestin only contraceptives (POC), injectables, male condoms, IUD, subdermal implants, BTL, NSV and natural FP basal body temperature method, cervical mucus method, symptothermal method, standard days method (SDM), lactation amenorrhea method (LAM). Preferences in a province, region or country may be

based on data gathered by community health volunteers or community-level providers.

- b.Distribute WRA who are current users of a modern FP method based on latest method mix derived from administrative data or those gathered by community health volunteers or from the NDHS. To support shifters, redistribute proportion of current users, except for BTL and NSV, across methods towards permanent or more effective methods.
- c.Get average proportion for each method from those with unmet need and current users of modern FP.
- Multiply the average proportion for each method by the total number of WRA with unmet need and current users to estimate the number users per FP method.
 BTL and NSV are not included in commodity forecasting but the estimated number of users would indicate requirements for training of health providers, infrastructure and equipment, as well as outreach services needed.
- 3. Compute for total number of units required for each method by multiplying the estimated number of users with the number of units required to protect a woman or couple from getting pregnant in one year. Note that the estimated number of units needed in one year has taken into consideration possible wastage during delivery, storage, distribution and dispensing. The following are the required number of units per year: pills 15, injectables 5, IUD 3, subdermal implants 3, condoms 144, and NFP 1.
- 4. Compute for total cost of FP commodities by multiplying unit cost of each commodity with the total number of units required. Unit cost can be based on the prevailing market price or procurement cost of the DOH.

VII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Women and Men's Health Development Division (formerly Family Health Office) shall:
 - 1. Estimate the total number of WRA with unmet need and current users of modern FP from the projected population and the NHTS-PR poor households
 - 2. Estimate commodity and budgetary requirements for NHTS-PR poor households and total population and allocate budgetary ceilings for commodities per region, province/city and municipality
 - 3. Review and update guidelines in estimating unmet need and current users, forecasting FP commodity requirements taking into consideration new technologies on family planning, parameters for planning, national priorities, unit cost per commodity, among others
 - 4. Procure and allocate FP commodities to all Local Government Units, service delivery points (hospitals, RHUs, CHOs)
 - 5. Inform DOH RO and LGUs of allocation to allow LGUs to plan for additional FP commodities needed in localities
- B. Epidemiology Bureau (formerly National Epidemiology Center)
 - 1. Determine and update parameters using latest data and inform DOH and LGUs on proportions needed to estimate unmet need and current users such as projected population, number of NHTS-PR poor households, unmet need, current users; and other

parameters to forecast commodity requirements using the latest household surveys such as Census of Population and Housing, NDHS, among others

- 2. Revise or amend the Manual of Operations of the Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS), as needed, in compliance with this order
- 3. Coordinate with the PSA to ensure that necessary parameters to estimate unmet need and current users of modern family planning are available and consistent with this Order.
- C. Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau (HPDPB) shall:
 - 1. Review and incorporate methodology in estimating unmet need for modern FP into planning and budget guidelines or protocol
 - 2. Validate, form and justify budget requirements
- D. DOH Regional Offices shall:
 - 1. Determine/estimate unmet need and current users for modern family planning as well as method mix per province and/or municipality in the region and use information to prioritize population groups, identify appropriate interventions to address gaps, allocate resources needed and monitor progress
 - 2. Provide technical assistance to LGUs in estimating unmet need, forecasting commodity requirements and monitoring utilization
 - 3. Consolidate progress in addressing gaps by monitoring the following: number of unmet need coming from reports of community health volunteers, current users coming from facility census, available FP services in facilities in the service delivery network
 - 4. Report difference between ceiling and actual use of FP commodities of LGUs.
 - 5. Monitor deliveries and usage of FP commodities.
- E. LGUs shall:
 - 1. Determine/estimate unmet need and current users for modern family planning per municipality in the province and use information to prioritize population groups, identify appropriate interventions to address gaps, allocate resources and monitor progress
 - 2. Ensure availability of human resources, infrastructure and equipment, information materials to support implementation of interventions to address unmet need and maintain current users of modern family planning methods
 - 3. Procure FP commodities particularly for those that cannot be covered by supplies coming from the DOH
 - 4. Monitor the following to assess progress: number of number need coming from reports of community health volunteers, current users coming from facility census, available FP services in facilities in the service delivery network
- F. Partners shall:
 - 1. Assist DOH ROs and LGUs in identifying and implementing interventions to address unmet need and maintain current users for modern family planning
 - 2. Coordinate donations of FP commodities with the DOH RO and LGUs concerned

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VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE

Provisions from previous issuances that are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Order are hereby rescinded and/or modified accordingly.

IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that any provision or part of this Order be declared unauthorized or rendered invalid by any court of law or competent authority, those provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and effective.

X. EFFECTIVITY

This Administrative Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) working days following its publication in a newspaper of national circulation and upon submission to the University of the Philippines Law Center.

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Annex A: Sample Computations

Following is a sample computation to estimate the number of women with unmet need and forecast FP commodity requirements. Note that proportions are based from the 2008 NDHS. It translates instructions in this issuance to formula. DOH will issue updated proportions based on the latest 2013 NDHS.

A. Estimating the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning

1. Estimate population for a particular year using projections from the Philippine Statistics Office (PSA). If the projected estimates are not available, multiply the population based on the latest Census of Population and Housing by the growth rate. The following formula can be used:

Estimated Population_{Y+1} = Population_Y + (Population_Y * Annual Growth Rate) Estimated Population_{Y+2} = Population_{Y+1} + (Population_{Y+1} * Annual Growth Rate) Total population based on 2010 Census of Population and Housing = 92,097,978 National Annual growth rate = 1.90%Estimated population₂₀₁₁ = Population₂₀₁₀ + (Population_Y * Annual Growth Rate) = 92,097,978 + (92,097,978 * 1.90%) = 93,847,840

Estimated population₂₀₁₂ = Population₂₀₁₁ + (Population₂₀₁₁ * Annual Growth Rate) = 93.847.840 + (= 93.847.840 * 1.90%) = 95.630.949

Following the same process, estimated population for Year 2015 =101,186,137

Note: This formula will give the same results: Population_Y * $(1+Growth Rate)^{\wedge (Yn-Y)}$

The latest NHTS-PR roster will be the basis in estimating the population of the poor. The roster will provide the actual number and age of members in a household.

NHTS-PR Households = 5,255,094 NHTS-PR Population = 29,842,300

2. Compute for the number of WRA by multiplying total population with the proportion of WRA in the population.

Based on the 2010 CPH, approximately 25.91% of the population are WRA.

WRA₂₀₁₅ = Population₂₀₁₅ * WRA in Population = 101,186,137 * 25.91% = 26,217,328

The NHTS-PR roster can the give actual number of WRA. Based on the latest NHTS-PR, there are 7,187,045 WRA.

3. Estimate the number of women with unmet need for modern family planning by multiplying the proportion of women with unmet need by the estimated WRA.

Based on the 2013 NDHS, approximately 22.5% of WRA have unmet need for modern FP.

Unmet Need₂₀₁₅ = WRA₂₀₁₅ * Proportion of WRA with Unmet Need for modern FP = 26,217,328 * 22.5%= 5,898,899 WRA Unmet Need_{NHTS} = WRA_{NHTS} * 22.5%= 7,187,045 * 22.5%

4. Estimate the number of women who are current users of modern family planning by multiplying the proportion of women who are current users of modern FP methods. Based on the 2013 NDHS, approximately 23.5% of WRA are current users of modern FP.

Current Users₂₀₁₅ = WRA₂₀₁₅ * Proportion of WRA who are current users of modern FP

= 26,217,328 * 23.5% = 6,161,072

= 1.617.085 WRA

Current Users_{NHTS} = WRA_{NHTS} * Proportion of WRA who are current users of modern FP

= 7,187,045 * 23.5% = 1,688,956

	National Population	NHTS-PR
Population for 2015	101,186,137	29,842,300
		(from NHTS-PR roster)
WRA	26,217,328	7,187,045
(25.91% of population)		(from NHTS-PR roster)
WRA with Unmet Need for modern FP	5,898,899	1,617,085
(22.5% of WRA)		
WRA who are Current Users of modern FP	6,161,072	1,688,956
(23.5% of WRA)		

B. Forecast commodity requirements using the estimated number of women with unmet need and current users of modern family planning methods for the total population and for WRA from NHTS-PR households.

1. Determine method mix

a. Determine ideal method mix for those with unmet need for modern FP. This can be based from the data gathered by community health volunteers, other administrative data or most ideal for province, region or country.

- b. Get the method mix of those currently using a modern FP method. This data may come administrative information gathered by health facilities or from the latest NDHS. The sample below shows the method mix from the 2013 NDHS.
- c. Current users can be influenced towards more effective or permanent methods. Determine also the ideal method mix for current users.
- d. Get the average use rates for each method by adding use rate for one method for those with unmet need and for current users and dividing the sum by two.
 Use rate_{Method} = (Use rate_{Unmet Need} + Use rate_{Current Users}) / 2
 Use rate_{Pills} = (Use rate_{Unmet Need} + Use rate_{Current Users}) / 2
 = (32.0% + 30.0%) / 2
 = 31.0%

	Ideal Method Mix for those with Unmet Need	Method Mix for Current Users from 2013 NDHS	Ideal Method Mix for Current Users – Shifters	Ideal Method Mix (Average Proportions)
	a	b	с	d = (a + c)/2
Pills	32.00%	50.80%	30.00%	31.00%
Injectables	15.00%	9.80%	12.00%	13.50%
Condoms	5.00%	5.10%	4.00%	4.50%
Subdermal Implants	15.00%	0.00%	15.00%	15.00%
IUD	11.00%	9.30%	14.50%	12.75%
BTL	20.00%	22.60%	22.60%	21.30%
NSV	0.30%	0.30%	0.50%	0.40%
Natural FP		0.00%		
Basal Body Temperature	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Cervical Mucus	0.10%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
Symptothermal	0.10%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
SDM	0.10%	0.30%	0.10%	0.10%
LAM	1.30%	1.30%	1.00%	1.15%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

2. Distribute WRA with unmet need and current users to the different FP methods FP eligible population = Unmet Need + Current Users

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Number of potential users_{Method} = FP Eligible Population * Use Rate_{Method} Number of potential users_{Pills,Total Population} = 12,339,604 * 31.0% = 3,825,277Number of potential users_{Pills,NHTS} = 3,382,942 * 31.0% = 1,048,712

FP Methods	Method Mix (Average Proportions)	Potential Users for Each Method - Total Population	Potential Users for Each Method - NHTS
		12,059,971	3,306,041
	d = (a + c)/2	e = d*Total Population	f = d*NHTS
Pills	31.00%	3,738,591	1,024,873
Injectables	13.50%	1,628,096	446,315
Condoms	4.50%	542,699	148,772
Subdermal Implants	15.00%	1,808,996	495,906
IUD	12.75%	1,537,646	421,520
BTL	21.30%	2,568,774	704,187
NSV	0.40%	48,240	13,224
Natural FP	0.00%	0	0
Basal Body Temperature	0.10%	12,060	3,306
Cervical Mucus	0.10%	12,060	3,306
Symptothermal	0.10%	12,060	3,306
SDM	0.10%	12,060	3,306
LAM	1.15%	138,690	38,019
	100.00%	12,059,971	3,306,041

3. Compute for total number of units required for each method by multiplying the estimated number of users with the number of units required to protect a woman or couple from getting pregnant in one year.

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Total Number of $Units_{Method}$ = Number of Units Needed in One Year to Protect a Woman/Couple from Getting Pregnant for the method * Potential Users for the Method

Total Number of Units _{Pills, Total Population} = 15 cycles * 3,825,277 = 57,379,157 cycles Total Number of Units _{Pills, NHTS} = 15 cycles * 1,048,712 = 15,730,681 cycles

	Number of Units Needed in One Year to Protect a Woman/Couple from Getting Pregnant	units	Total Number of Units -Total Population	Total Number of Units Needed - NHTS
	g		h = g * e	i = g * f
Pills	15	cycles	56,078,865	15,373,089
Injectables	5	vials	8,140,480	2,231,577
Condoms	144	pcs	78,148,611	21,423,144
Subdermal Implants	3	pcs	5,426,987	1,487,718
IUD	3	pcs	4,612,939	1,264,561
BTL				
NSV				
Natural FP				
Basal Body Temperature	1	thermometer	12,060	3,306
Cervical Mucus	1	chart	12,060	3,306
Symptothermal	1	thermometer & chart	12,060	3,306
SDM	1	chart	12,060	3,306
LAM				

4. Compute for total cost of FP commodities by multiplying unit cost of each commodity with the total number of units required.

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Cost of Commodities_{Method} = Unit Cost_{Method} * Total Number of Units_{Method} Cost of Commodities_{Pills, Total Population} = Php 15 * 57,379,157 = Php 1,434,478,918 Cost of Commodities_{Pills, NHTS} = Php 15 * 15,730,681 = Php 393,267,017

	Unit cost (Php)	Cost of Commodities (Php) - Total Population	Cost of Commodities (Php) - NHTS
	j	k = j * h	l = j * i
Pills	25	1,401,971,618	384,327,231
Injectables	80	651,238,429	178,526,198
Condoms	. 5	390,743,057	107,115,719
Subdermal Implants	300	1,628,096,072	446,315,495
IUD	120	553,552,665	151,747,268
BTL			
NSV			
Natural FP			
Basal Body Temperature	50	602,999	165,302
Cervical Mucus	5	60,300	16,530
Symptothermal	55	663,298	181,832
SDM	100	1,205,997	330,604
LAM			
Total (Php)		4,628,134,435	1,268,726,179

Annex B: Population, Growth Rate and Proportion of WRA, Current Users and Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning in the Population

и	2010 Census of	2000-2010	% of WRA in
Data Source	Population and	Growth Rate	the population
Data Source	Households (CPH)	2010 CPH	2010 CPH
Philippines	92,097,978	1.90	25.91%
CAR	1,611,669		26.28%
Abra	234,000	1.14	26.28%
Apayao	112,523	1.49	26.28%
Benguet	718,929	2.18	26.28%
Ifugao	190,948	1.69	26.28%
Kalinga	201,206	1.48	26.28%
Mountain province	154,063	0.92	26.28%
1. Ilocos Region	4,743,067		25.17%
Ilocos Norte	567,006	1.00	25.17%
Ilocos Sur	657,902	1.03	25.17%
La Union	740,710	1.21	25.17%
Pangasinan	2,777,449	1.34	25.17%
2. Cagayan Valley	3,225,761		25.65%
Batanes	16,530	0.08	25.65%
Cagayan	1,123,570	1.25	25.65%
Isabela	1,488,518	1.47	25.65%
Nueva Vizcaya	420,676	1.39	25.65%
Quirino	176,467	1.75	25.65%
3. Central Luzon	10,118,478		26.38%
Aurora	200,799	1.48	26.38%
Bataan	685,167	2.11	26.38%
Bulacan	2,919,370	2.73	26.38%
Nueva Ecija	1,953,716	1.65	26.38%
Pampanga	2,334,729	2.20	26.38%
Tarlac	1,271,743	1.77	26.38%
Zambales	752,954	1.87	26.38%
NCR	11,796,873		29.52%
Manila	1,642,743	0.44	29.52%
Mandaluyong	323,372	1.67	29.52%
Marikina	424,150	0.81	29.52%
San Juan	120,898	0.31	29.52%
Navotas	248,831	0.78	29.52%
Las Pinas	551,886	1.57	29.52%
Makati	526,952	1.16	29.52%
Paranaque	586,322	2.72	29.52%

Table 1: Population, Growth Rate and Proportion of WRA in the Population, 2010 CPH

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Data Sauraa	2010 Census of	2000-2010	% of WRA in
Data Source	Population and	Growth Rate	the population
Muntinlupa	438,843	1.95	29.52%
Pateros	64,020	1.12	29.52%
Quezon City	2,751,579	2.42	29.52%
Pasay	391,456	1.02	29.52%
Valenzuela	574,840	1.71	29.52%
Malabon	352,890	0.42	29.52%
Caloocan	1,487,245	2.37	29.52%
Pasig	668,569	2.86	29.52%
Taguig	642,277	3.27	29.52%
4A. Calabarzon	12,583,009		27.17%
Batangas	2,374,327	2.24	27.17%
Cavite	3,078,727	4.12	27.17%
Laguna	2,665,732	3.11	27.17%
Quezon	1,983,257	1.70	27.17%
Rizal	2,480,966	3.82	27.17%
4B. MIMAROPA	2,731,928		23.81%
Marinduque	227,582	0.47	23.81%
Occidental Mindoro	450,779	1.77	23.81%
Oriental Mindoro	784,375	1.43	23.81%
Palawan	985,710	2.79	23.81%
Romblon	283,482	0.72	23.81%
5. Bicol Region	5,411,521		22.95%
Albay	1,231,607	1.24	22.95%
Camarines Norte	542,315	1.44	22.95%
Camarines Sur	1,818,699	1.62	22.95%
Catanduanes	245,574	1.35	22.95%
Masbate	833,638	1.66	22.95%
Sorsogon	739,688	1.31	22.95%
6. Western Visayas	7,089,739		24.69%
Aklan	533,573	1.73	24.69%
Antique	545,204	1.45	24.69%
Capiz	718,961	0.96	24.69%
Guimaras	162,734	1.42	24.69%
Iloilo	2,225,686	1.48	24.69%
Negros Occidental	2,903,581	1.26	24.69%
7. Central Visayas	6,784,538		25.36%
Bohol	1,252,793	0.97	25.36%
Cebu	4,156,419	2.19	25.36%
Negros Oriental	1,284,351	1.31	25.36%
Siquijor	90,975	1.10	25.36%
8. Eastern Visayas	4,089,734	<u> </u>	22.80%
Biliran	161,250	1.44	22.80%
Eastern Samar	427,974	1.33	22.80%

D + C	2010 Census of	2000-2010	% of WRA in
Data Source	Population and	Growth Rate	the population
Leyte	1,782,678	1.17	22.80%
Northern Samar	587,586	1.64	22.80%
Samar (Western)	731,669	1.35	22.80%
Southern Leyte	398,577	1.03	22.80%
9. Zamboanga Peninsula	3,397,838		24.87%
Isabela City	97,690	2.97	24.87%
Zamboanga del Norte	955,668	1.53	24.87%
Zamboanga del Sur	1,760,781	2.08	24.87%
Zamboanga Sibugay	583,699	1.63	24.87%
10. Northern Mindanao	4,284,594		25.08%
Bukidnon	1,294,877	2.05	25.08%
Camiguin	83,676	1.22	25.08%
Lanao del Norte	928,272	2.07	25.08%
Misamis Occidental	566,340	1.55	25.08%
Misamis Oriental	1,411,429	2.32	25.08%
11. Davao Peninsula	4,452,549		25.73%
Compostella Valley	686,704	1.71	25.73%
Davao del Norte	937,785	2.43	25.73%
Davao del Sur	2,311,585	1.98	25.73%
Davao Oriental	516,475	1.50	25.73%
12. SOCCSKSARGEN	4,103,105		25.81%
Cotabato (North)	1,224,279	2.49	25.81%
Cotabato City	271,609	5.19	25.81%
Sarangani	498,459	1.97	25.81%
South Cotabato	1,362,382	2.16	25.81%
Sultan Kudarat	746,376	2.45	25.81%
ARMM	3,248,787		25.53%
Basilan	293,204	1.22	25.53%
Lanao del Sur	928,384	1.55	25.53%
Maguindanao	943,486	1.66	25.53%
Sulu	718,277	1.49	25.53%
Tawi-Tawi	365,436	1.29	25.53%
CARAGA	2,424,788		24.08%
Agusan del Norte	640,789	1.51	24.08%
Agusan del Sur	655,331	1.61	24.08%
Surigao del Norte	441,829	1.69	24.08%
Surigao del Sur	560,140	1.13	24.08%
Dinagat Islands	126,699	1.72	24.08%

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Table 2: Regional Proportions of Current Users and Unmet Need for Modern FP Method, 2013 NDHS.

PROVINCE/ INDEPENDENT CITY	Proportion of Current Users of Modern FP among WRA	Proportion of Unmet Need for Modern FP among WRA
Philippines	23.5%	22.5%
CAR	26.8%	18.8%
1. Ilocos Region	25.2%	24.1%
2. Cagayan Valley	35.5%	16.6%
3. Central Luzon	28.5%	19.0%
NCR	22.1%	19.4%
4A. Calabarzon	21.9%	22.8%
4B. MIMAROPA	27.4%	22.9%
5. Bicol Region	14.1%	33.4%
6. Western Visayas	22.4%	27.5%
7. Central Visayas	21.6%	26.3%
8. Eastern Visayas	24.4%	25.5%
9. Zamboanga Peninsula	21.4%	19.4%
10. Northern Mindanao	23.9%	22.2%
11. Davao Peninsula	25.9%	20.7%
12. SOCCSKSARGEN	28.7%	19.2%
ARMM	9.9%	22.9%
CARAGA	26.8%	21.4%

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