

Table 5. Fertility-related measures that may contribute to levels of induced abortion, the Philippines and Bangladesh, mid-1990s

Measure	Philippines (1993)	Bangladesh (1993–1994)
Annual abortion rate*	25	28
Total fertility rate†	4.1	3.4
% of pregnancies that are unplanned	53	46
% of recent births that are unwanted	16	13
% of recent births that are mistimed	28	20
% who ever used any method‡	61	66
% who currently use any method‡	40	45
Sterilization	12	9
IUD	3	2
Pill	9	22
Other modern methods§	1	3
Traditional methods**	15	9
% who discontinued using pill due to health-related side effects††	31	52
First-year discontinuation rate for pill‡‡	33	38
% with unmet need§§	26	19

*Medium estimate. †Derived from respective Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) for the three-year period preceding the survey date. ‡Among currently married women aged 15–49. §Condom, diaphragm, foam and jelly. **Periodic abstinence and withdrawal. ††Among all discontinuations during the past five years. ‡‡Excluding those who stopped to become pregnant. §§DHS definition. *Sources:* Bangladesh—see S.N. Mitra et al., 1994, reference 36; Philippines—see reference 17.