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WEST AFRICA: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES

West Africa faces a number of the biggest development challenges in the world, with some of the highest rates of the population growth, food security incidents, power shortages, and frequent epidemics – including high concentration of HIV/AIDS prevalence in key populations. Improved socio-economic status and resilient systems within the West African region is essential to advancing development goals on a global level.

Global and regional initiatives mapped here represent a platform for strategic collaboration among multiple stakeholders to provide targeted support to development challenges in the region. USAID/West Africa Mission's Regional Health Office is the lead stakeholder in some of these initiatives and seeks to improve regional integration by establishing catalytic and collaborative partnerships with others.

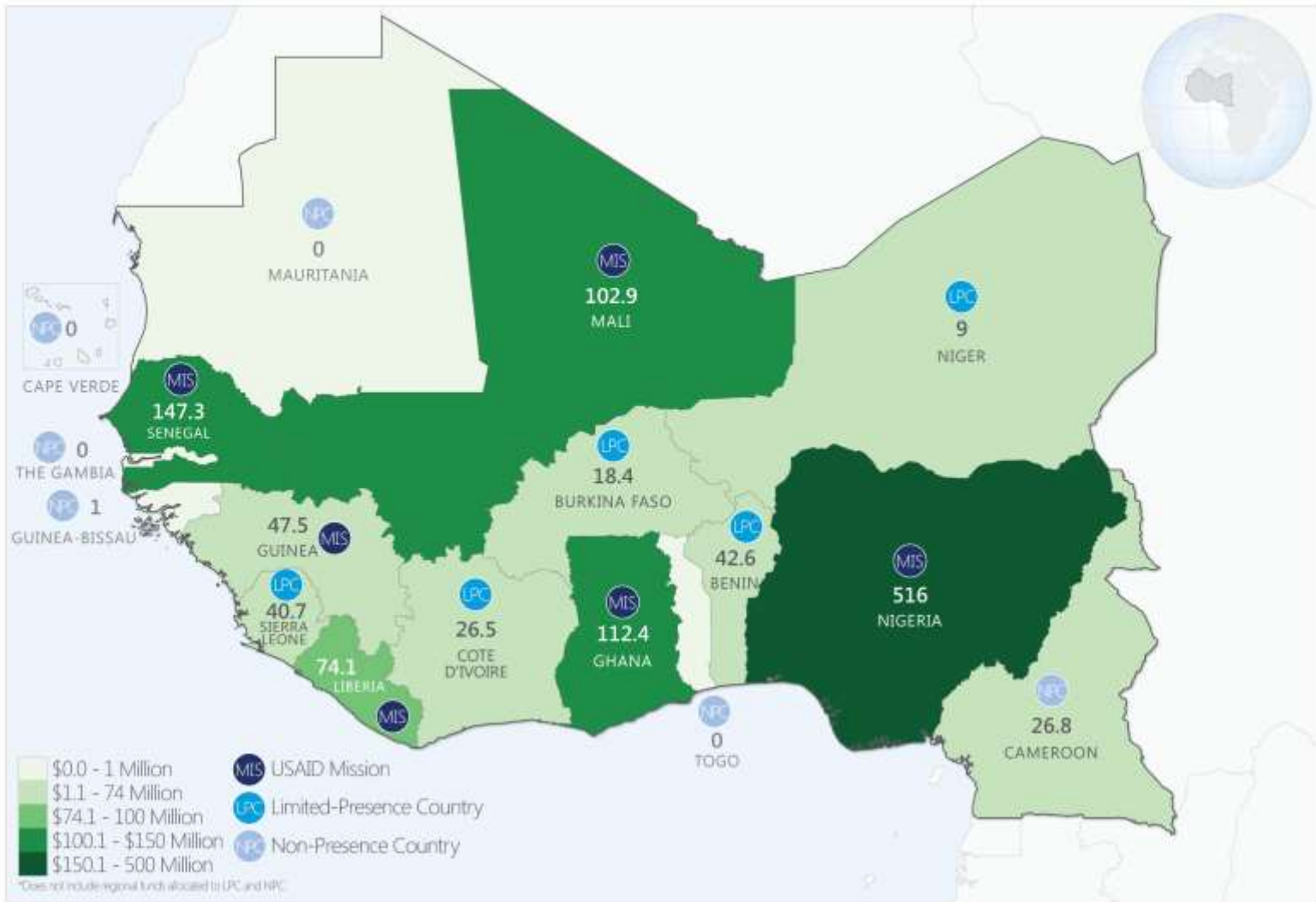


Initiative Presence by Country

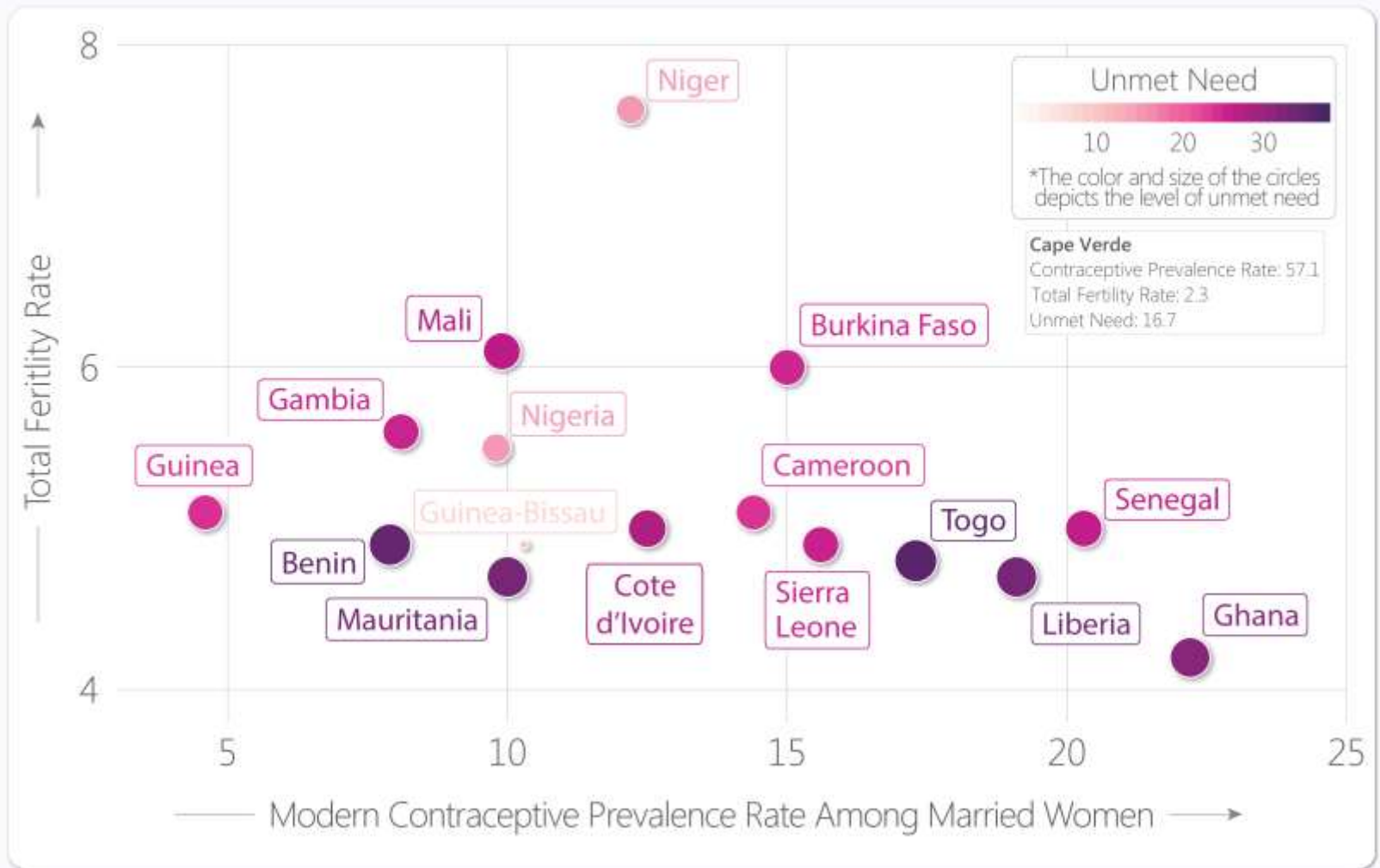
	RH/FP			HIV/AIDS		Other Health Initiatives			Nutrition		Other		Total	
	FP2020	OP	EPCMD/MCH	PEPFAR	Global Fund	GHSA	PMI	TB	FTF	New Alliance	MCC	GCC		Power Africa
Senegal														12
Ghana														11
Nigeria														10
Liberia														9
Mali														9
Côte d'Ivoire														9
Benin														7
Burkina Faso														7
Guinea														6
Sierra Leone														6
Cameroon														6
Niger														5
Mauritania														4
Togo														3
Cape Verde														2
Guinea-Bissau														2
The Gambia														1

FP 2020: Family Planning 2020; OP: Ouagadougou Partnership; EPCMD/MCH: Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths/Maternal and Child Health; PEPFAR - U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; GHSA: Global Health Security Agenda; PMI: President's Malaria Initiative; TB: Tuberculosis; FTF: Feed the Future Initiative; MCC: Millennium Challenge Corporation; GCC: Global Climate Change Initiative

WEST AFRICA: USAID HEALTH SECTOR FUNDS COMMITTED FY2011-2015



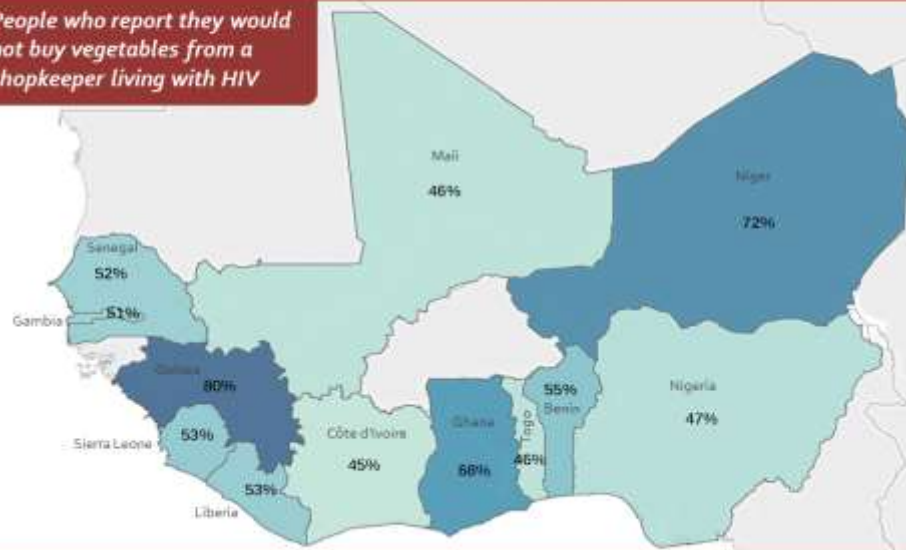
WEST AFRICA: FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



#ZERO DISCRIMINATION

Against People Living With HIV / AIDS

People who report they would not buy vegetables from a shopkeeper living with HIV



The epidemic began in a **cloud of fear** because no one knew how it was spread.

This led to widespread **stigma & discrimination** against people living with HIV/AIDS.

In response, public health officials worked tirelessly to provide the general public with **accurate information**.

Despite the efforts, people with HIV/AIDS are **fired from jobs, evicted from homes, and denied access to medical care and social services**.

"We will not achieve our vision for health or realize any of the Sustainable Development Goals if we do not confront discrimination."

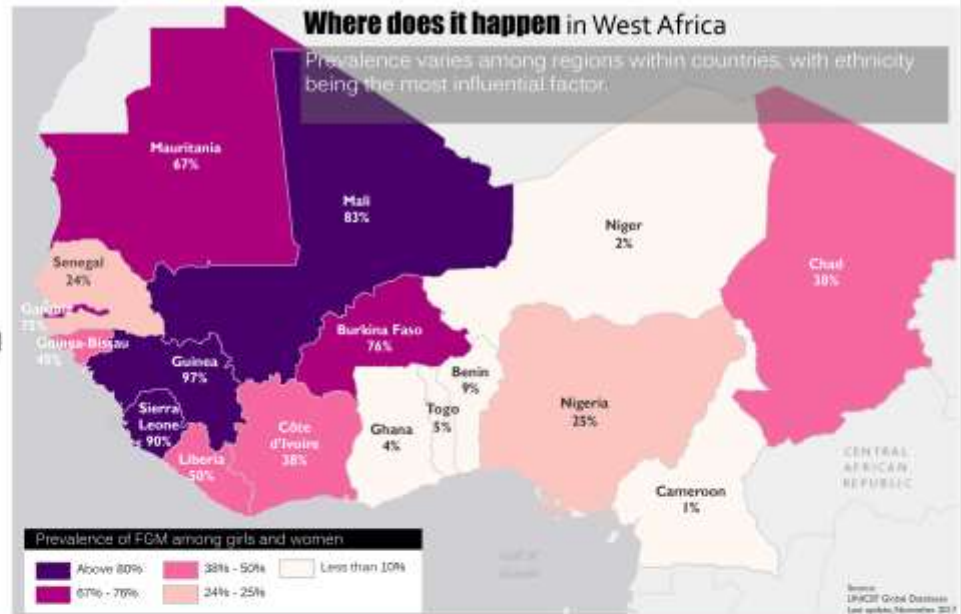
Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS Executive Director



At least
200 MILLION
girls and women alive today
have undergone FGM

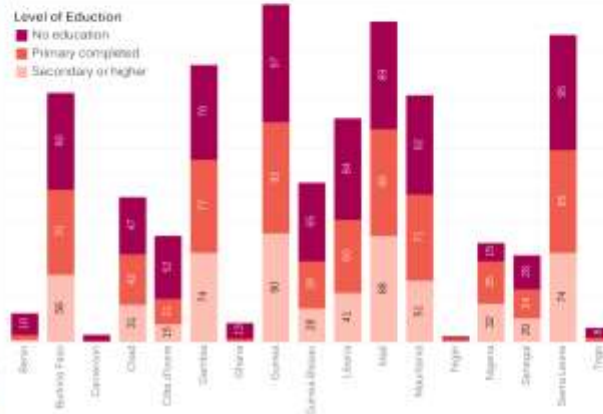
An estimated
3 MILLION GIRLS
are at risk of undergoing FGM

The majority of girls are cut
before **15 YEARS**



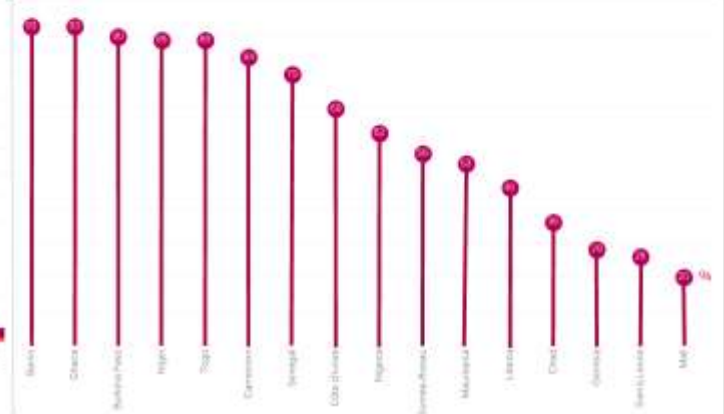
Education & FGM

FGM prevalence among girls and women, by education background (%).



Ending FGM

In most countries where FGM is practiced, the majority of girls and women think it should end.



WORLD HEALTH DAY

Universal Health Coverage

Everyone, Everywhere

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) means that all people can obtain the health services they need without suffering financial hardship.



IF WE DON'T ENSURE
QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH SERVICES,
IT WILL BE HARD TO OBTAIN SDG 1

#HealthForAll

- The common global goal of ending poverty



At least **half of the world's population** still do not have full coverage of essential health services



About **100 million people** are still being pushed into "extreme poverty" (living on \$ 1.90 (1) or less a day) because they have to pay for health care



Over **800 million people** spent at least 10 percent of their household budgets to pay for health care

 **USAID** | **WEST AFRICA** Our UHC Efforts

Supporting the Governments of Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger and Togo to strengthen their health commodity supply chains in order to realize universal health coverage

Supporting the Government of Cameroon to identify and cost its essential health package for universal health coverage

Supporting Government of Togo to develop its roadmap to include the informal sector in its national health insurance scheme

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APRIL
24 - 30

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

PROTECTED TOGETHER,
#VaccinesWork

\$2.3 billion USG Investment in Gavi

In 2015, USAID pledged \$1 billion to immunize 300 million additional children by 2020

86% of infants vaccinated

During 2016, about 116.5 million infants received 3 doses of DTP3 vaccine worldwide

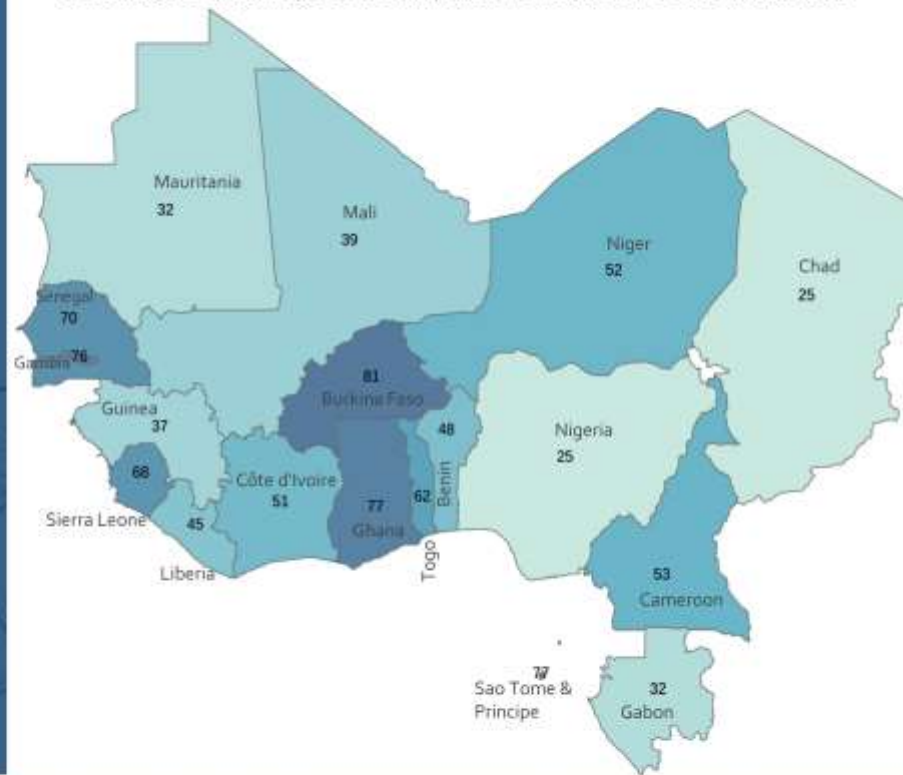
84% drop

Measles deaths between 2000 and 2016 worldwide, dropped due to measles vaccination

West Africa is almost polio-free

Today, only Nigeria remains polio-endemic

Percentage of children (12-23 months) who had received all 8 basic vaccinations



If we increase vaccine coverage in low- and middle-income countries by 2030, we could prevent **24 million** people from falling into poverty due to health expenses

- Chang AY "The Equity Impact Vaccines May Have On Averting Deaths And Medical Impoverishment In Developing Countries," 2018



World Population Day

The world population will reach **9.8 billion** in 2050, up 31 % from an estimated **7.5 billion** now



Niger, Chad and Somalia have the highest total fertility rates in the world. The worldwide average is **2.5**



Populations will **double in 30 countries** by 2050, nearly half are in Africa

West Africa's population is **the fastest growing in the world**, with a five-fold increase since 1950.



The Demographic Dividend agenda:

Putting theory into action in West Africa



The ECOWAS Resolution

In June 2022, the 35th Assembly of Health Ministers of the ECOWAS adopted a resolution to promote good practices in task shifting in family planning and reproductive health programs.

Parliamentarians of ECOWAS, Mauritania and Chad Commit to Financing Health

In July 2022, the Speakers of the National Parliaments of ECOWAS Member States, Mauritania and Chad committed to a demographic transition that will reduce the negative impact of high fertility on individual health and national development.

African First Ladies Platform

In July 2022, Africa's First Ladies pledged to champion adolescent girls and women's empowerment on the margins of the 25th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

Transformational Faith-based Partnership

In July 2022, more than 1,000 Muslim leaders attended an inspirational symposium in Chad, supported by UNFPA, WICARD and the World Bank, on how Islamic leaders can partner to share knowledge with their followers and improve acceptance of family planning.

Private Sector adding Momentum

Increased engagement with the private sector on the demographic dividend agenda which calls for more total private sector involvement with governments and emphasizing on the importance of innovation and human capital investment.

Investments in Family Planning today are investments in the health and well-being of millions of women for generations to come. - Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director

DATA SOURCE:

2022 World Population Data Sheet from the Population Reference Bureau (PRB)
2022 UNFPA Regional Office for West and Central Africa Annual Report
2022 United Nations World Population Prospects

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