Results from the 2014 Kigoma, Tanzania Reproductive Health Survey
Among women ages 15 to 49

**TOTAL FERTILITY RATES**

**KIGOMA** 6.7 children per woman

**TANZANIA** 5.4 children per woman

**FAMILY PLANNING** in Kigoma

**DESIRE FOR MORE CHILDREN**
Among married women

- **19%** want no more births
- **52%** of women want to delay birth at least 2 years
- **18%** want a birth soon or not sure when
- **8%** God’s will/fate
- **3%** other

**CONTRACEPTIVE USE**
Among married women

- **9%** use injectable contraceptives
- **7%** use other modern methods
- **5%** use traditional methods
- **79%** use no methods

**CONTRACEPTIVE EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY:**
Many women in Kigoma do not realize that modern contraceptive methods are **safe for almost all women**. Modern methods are also **very effective**, as they can prevent pregnancy 82% (condom) to 99% (IUD and implant) of the time.*

**Percentage of All Women Who Think Modern Methods are EFFECTIVE or somewhat effective**

- **Injectable**: 42%
- **Implant + IUD**: 33%
- **Pills**: 33%
- **Condom**: 32%

**Percentage of All Women Who Think Modern Methods are SAFE or somewhat safe**

- **Injectable**: 40%
- **Implant + IUD**: 30%
- **Pills**: 32%
- **Condom**: 34%


**FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING:**
For the health of both women and child, pregnancies should be spaced at least two years apart. Women should be informed about the contraceptive choices that are available to them. All women should receive counseling about family planning during pregnancy or postpartum.

Of women who received family planning counseling:
(Some received counseling at more than one time)

- **2%** Received Family Planning Counseling at Delivery
- **22%** Postpartum
- **82%** During Antenatal Care

**74%** of women in Kigoma received family planning counseling during the pregnancy for their most recent birth.
OPINIONS ON FAMILY PLANNING, AMONG ALL WOMEN IN KIGOMA:

- 86% Feel family planning is important for the welfare of the family
- 45% Feel families should have many children because some will die

PREGNANCY AND BIRTH in Kigoma

ANTENATAL CARE VISITS:

- 42% of births since 2009 received at least 4 antenatal care visits.

LOCATION OF DELIVERY:

- 50% of births were delivered at home and 3% en route to a health facility
- 47% of births were delivered in a health facility

CESAREAN SECTION:

Cesarean sections are sometimes necessary for a safe birth. The World Health Organization recommends that 5-15% of births be delivered by C-section, but in Kigoma only 3.5% are delivered by C-section.

- WHO Recommends 5-15% of births be delivered by C-section
- 3.5% of births in Kigoma are delivered by C-Section

POSTNATAL CHECKUP:

- 86% of infants receive postnatal checkups within 2 months of birth
- 12.5% of mothers receive postnatal checkups within 6 weeks of delivery

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is difficult for many women to deliver their babies in health facilities because facilities are often far away, and transportation is expensive. Transport voucher programs and community transport funds could reduce these barriers.

Many pregnant women attend only one antenatal care visit. Because the first antenatal care visit may be the woman’s only contact with the health system during her pregnancy, this first visit should educate her about important maternal health issues such as:

- The need to develop a birth plan
- Warning signs of pregnancy complications
- The health advantages of delivering in a facility
- The benefits and availability of family planning

SOURCE: Kigoma 2014 Reproductive Health Survey