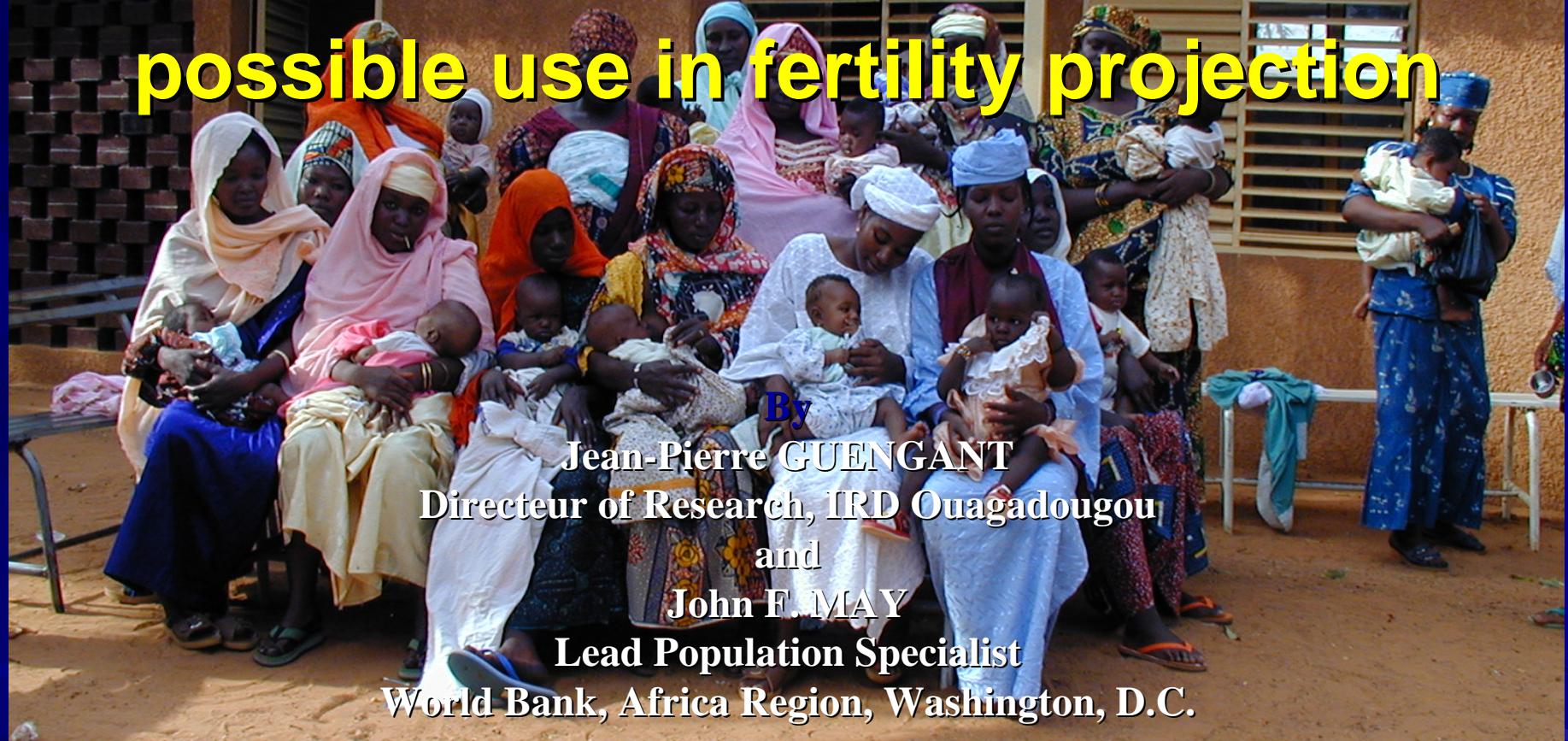


# Proximate determinants of fertility in sub-Saharan Africa and their possible use in fertility projection



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# The fertility transition in sub-Saharan Africa is late, slow and diverse

Four Types of fertility transition can be identified looking at 1975-80/2005-2010 TFRs

**1 – Early transition,**  
*countries with 2005-2010 TFR <3 children per woman*

**2 - Recent transition, well in progress,**  
*countries with 2005-2010 TFR around 3-4 children per woman*

**3 - Slow and irregular transition,**  
*countries with 2005-2010 TFR close to 5 children per woman.*

**4 -Very slow or incipient transition**  
*countries with 2005-2010 TFR around 5-6 children per woman*

# Fertility transitions sub-Saharan Africa



Recent  
transition,  
in progress



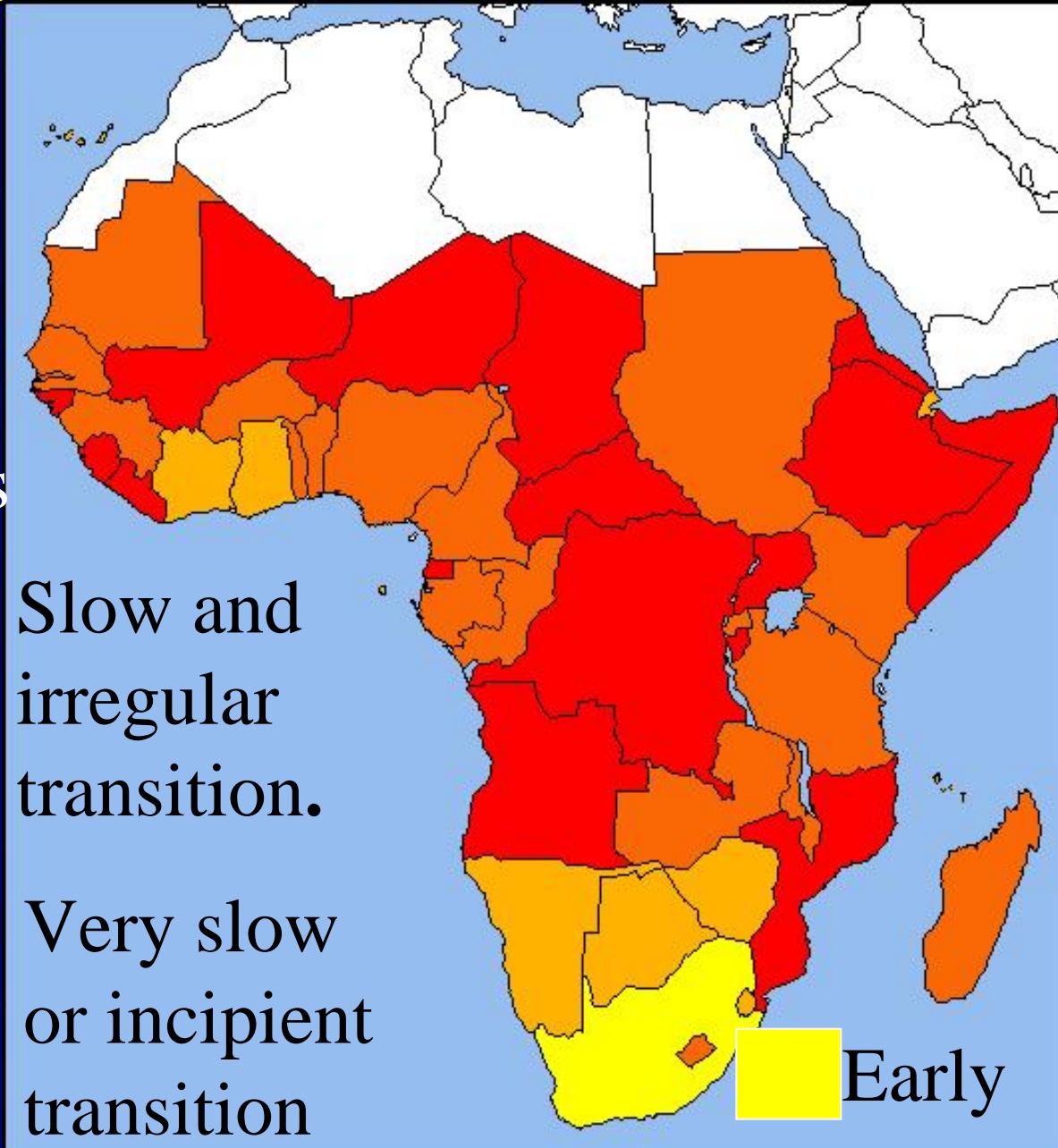
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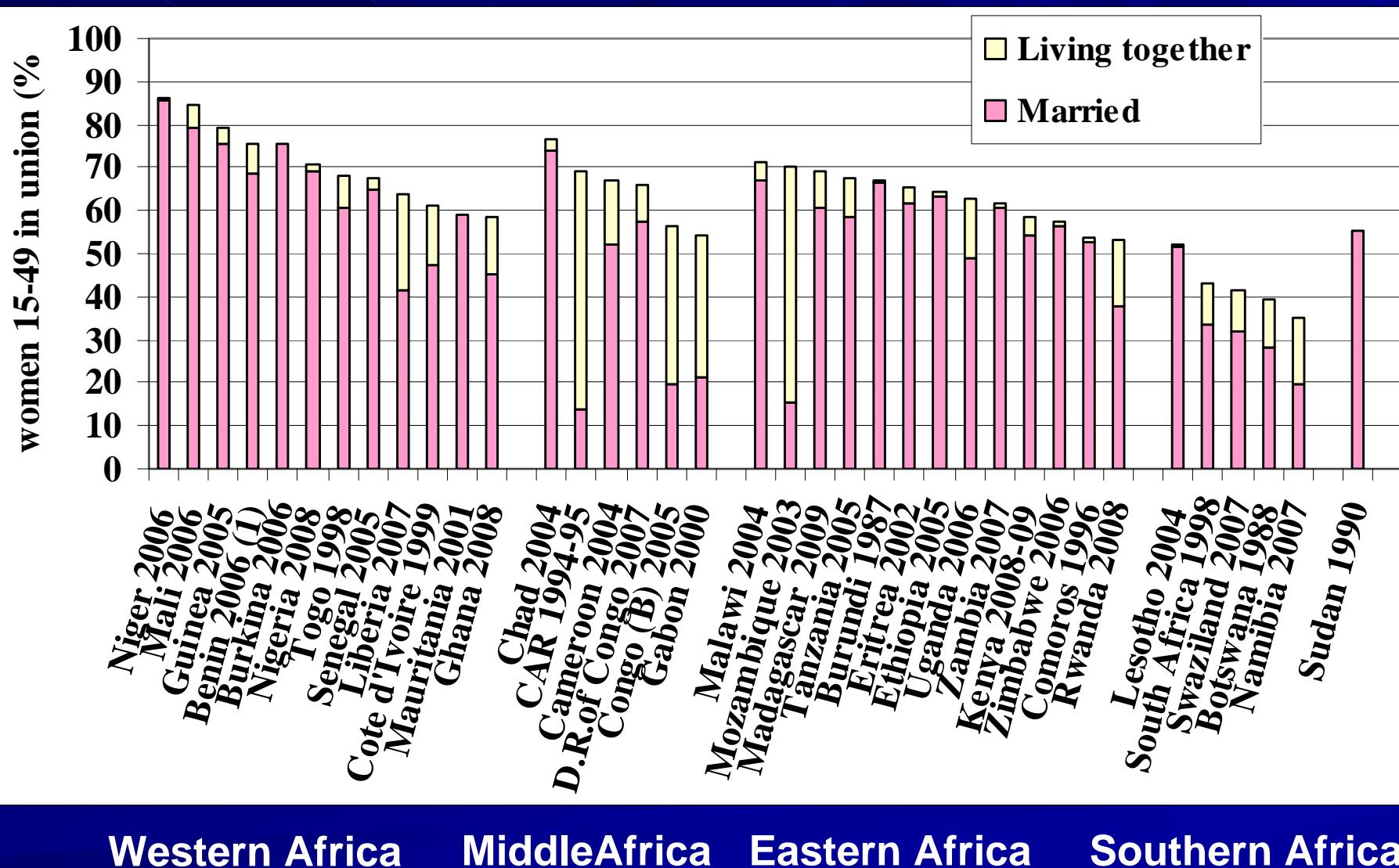
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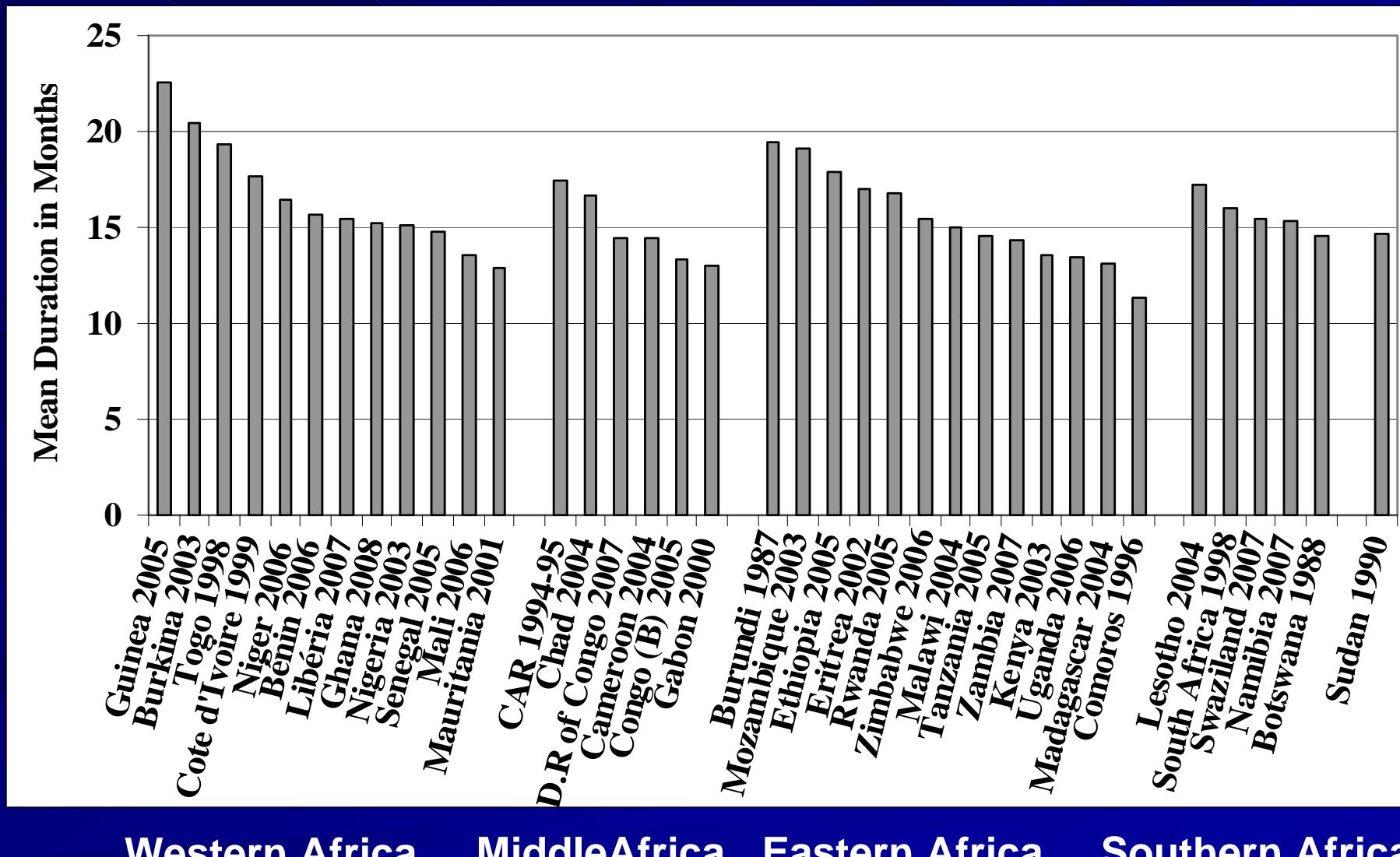
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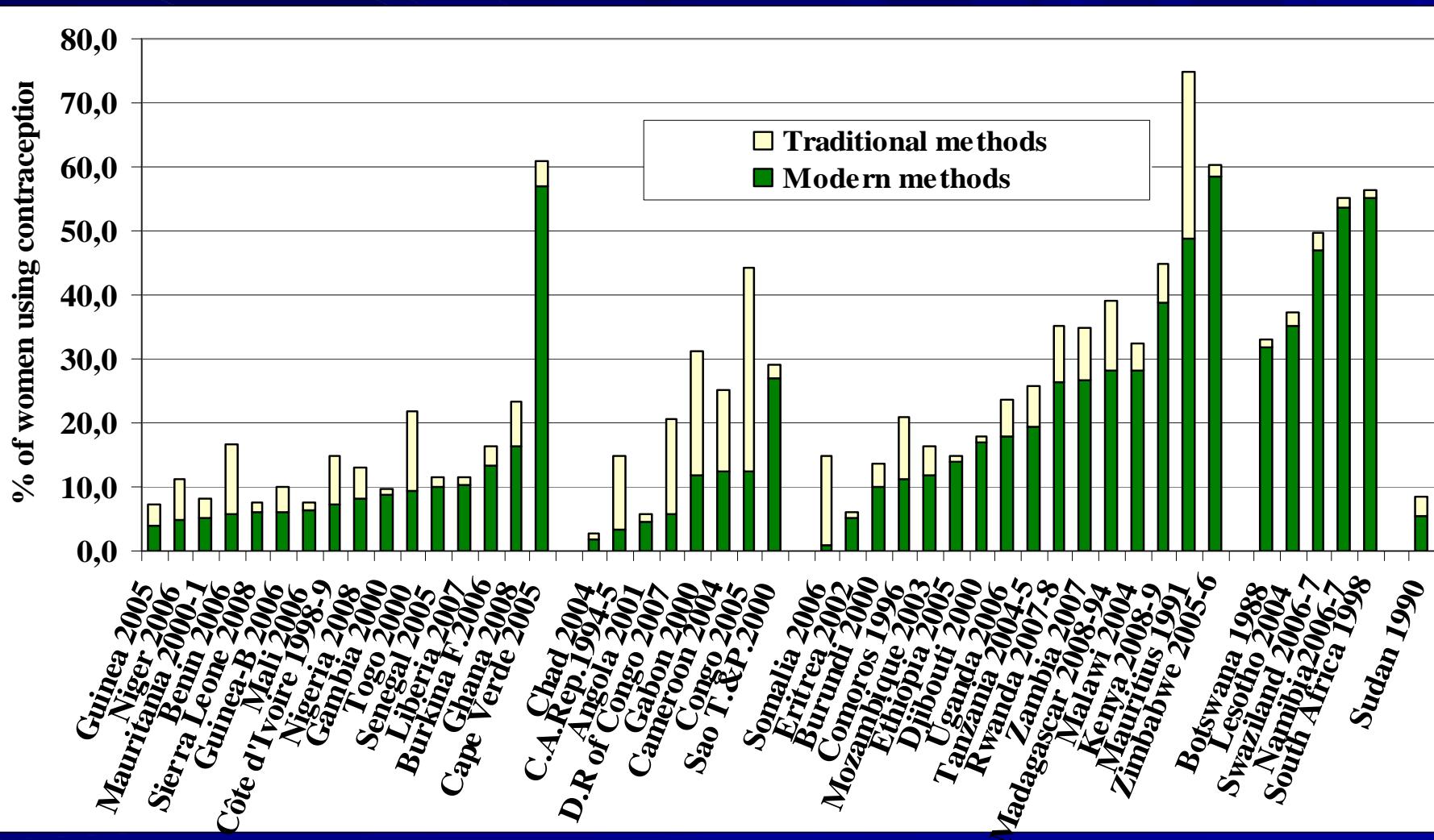
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# The Proximate Determinants: Mean duration of PP Insusceptibility



# The Proximate Determinants: Contraceptive Prevalence (Mama excluded)



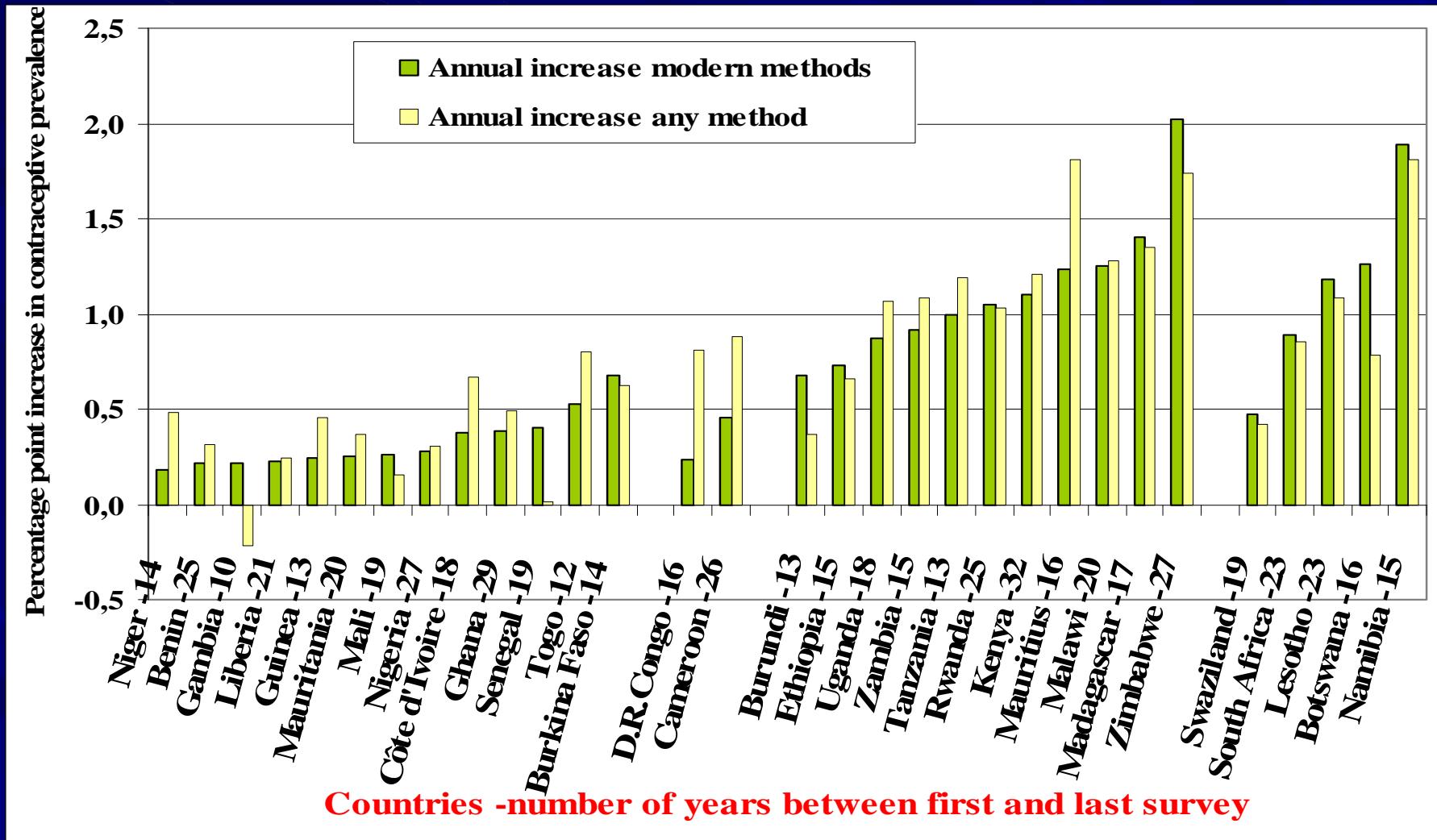
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Middle Africa

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Southern Africa

# Increase in Contraceptive Prevalence: in percentage point per year (Mama excluded)



Western Africa

Middle Africa

Eastern Africa

Southern Africa

# Decrease in Percentage of women in union (countries with at least 3 DHS)

Country	<i>Percentage point per year difference between</i>				
	DHS 2 and DHS 1	DHS 3 and DHS 2	DHS 4 and DHS 3	DHS 5 and DHS 4	<i>The first &amp; last survey</i>
<b>WESTERN AFRICA &amp; CAMEROON</b>					
Bénin	-0,6	0,4			<b>-0,1</b>
Burkina	-0,6	-0,7	-0,7		<b>-0,6</b>
Ghana	0,0	-1,1	-0,5	-0,8	<b>-0,6</b>
Mali	-0,9	-0,2	0,3		<b>-0,4</b>
Niger	-0,2	0,2			<b>0,0</b>
Nigeria	-0,9	0,0	-0,2		<b>-0,4</b>
Senegal	-0,8	-0,7	-0,1		<b>-0,5</b>
Cameroon	-1,0	0,0			<b>-0,5</b>
				Moyenne	<b>-0,4</b>
<b>EASTERN AFRICA</b>					
Kenya	-1,3	0,0	-0,3		<b>-0,5</b>
Madagascar	0,6	0,3	0,9		<b>0,6</b>
Malawi	-0,1	-0,1			<b>-0,1</b>
Rwanda	-1,0	0,0	1,8		<b>-0,3</b>
Tanzania	0,3	-0,3	0,3		<b>0,2</b>
Uganda	0,8	-1,0	-0,9		<b>-0,3</b>
Zambia	-0,5	0,0	0,1		<b>-0,1</b>
Zimbabwe	-0,2	-0,1	-0,5		<b>-0,3</b>
				Moyenne	<b>-0,1</b>

# Decrease in Mean Duration of PP Insusceptibility (countries with at least 3 DHS)

Country	<i>Average difference per year in months between</i>				
	DHS 2 and DHS 1	DHS 3 and DHS 2	DHS 4 and DHS 3	DHS 5 and DHS 4	<i>The first &amp; last survey</i>
<b>WESTERN AFRICA &amp; CAMEROON</b>					
Bénin	-0,5	-0,1			<b>-0,3</b>
Burkina	0,0	-0,4			<b>-0,2</b>
Ghana	-0,1	-0,3	-0,1	-0,2	<b>-0,2</b>
Mali	0,0	-0,2	-0,1		<b>-0,1</b>
Niger	0,0	0,0			<b>0,0</b>
Nigeria	-0,4	-0,1			<b>-0,3</b>
Senegal	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2		<b>-0,2</b>
Cameroon	-0,1	-0,3			<b>-0,2</b>
				Moyenne	<b>-0,2</b>
<b>EASTERN AFRICA</b>					
Kenya	0,4	-0,2	0,0		<b>0,0</b>
Madagascar	-0,1	-0,1			<b>-0,1</b>
Malawi	-0,3				<b>-0,3</b>
Rwanda	-0,1	0,0			<b>-0,1</b>
Tanzania	0,0	-0,4	-0,2		<b>-0,2</b>
Uganda	0,1	-0,1	-0,1		<b>0,0</b>
Zambia	0,2	0,2	-0,4		<b>0,0</b>
Zimbabwe	0,2	0,0	0,0		<b>0,1</b>
				Moyenne	<b>-0,1</b>

# Increase in Contraceptive Prevalence modern methods (countries with at least 3 DHS)

Country	<i>Percentage point per year difference between</i>				
	DHS 1	DHS 2	DHS 3	DHS 4	The first & last survey
<b>WESTERN AFRICA &amp; CAMEROON</b>					
Bénin	0,7	-0,2			<b>0,2</b>
Burkina	0,1	0,8	1,6		<b>0,7</b>
Ghana	1,2	0,5	1,1	-0,4	<b>0,6</b>
Mali	0,4	0,2	0,1		<b>0,3</b>
Niger	0,4	0,0			<b>0,2</b>
Nigeria	0,6	-0,5	0,3		<b>0,3</b>
Senegal	0,3	1,0	0,2		<b>0,4</b>
Cameroon	0,4	0,9			<b>0,6</b>
			Moyenne		<b>0,4</b>
<b>EASTERN AFRICA</b>					
Kenya	2,4	0,8	0,0	1,3	<b>1,1</b>
Madagascar	1,0	1,0	2,3		<b>1,4</b>
Malawi	2,3	0,6			<b>1,7</b>
Rwanda	-0,9	1,0	6,8		<b>0,9</b>
Tanzania	1,7	1,2	0,5		<b>1,1</b>
Uganda	0,8	1,1	0,7		<b>0,9</b>
Zambia	1,3	1,5	0,8		<b>1,2</b>
Zimbabwe	1,0	1,4	1,4		<b>1,3</b>
			Moyenne		<b>1,2</b>

# The Proximate Determinants: Main findings

Patterns identified in Western, Middle Africa

## 1 - Pourcentages of women in union decline

*About – 0.5 percentage point per year*

## 2 - Mean durations of PPI decline,

*About – 0.2 month per year*

## 3 - Increases in Contraceptive Prevalence

*Between 0.5 to 1.5 percentage point per year.*

## 4 - High percentages of traditionnal methods

*Especially when Contraceptive Prevalence is low*

## 5 - Recourse to abortion

*With Total Abortion Rates around 0.6 / 0.7 in Western Africa*

# PARAMETERS USED FOR RUNNING THE FAMPLAN MODEL: values in 2010

<i>Country</i>	<i>Burkina</i>	<i>Ghana</i>	<i>Niger</i>	<i>Nigeria</i>
<i>Total fertility rate 2010</i>	5,8	4,2	7,0	5,1
<i>Contraceptive prevalence rate 2000</i>				
- Any method.....	18,3	24,3	13,2	13,5
- Modern methods.....	15	17,5	6,6	8,4
<i>Percentage of modern methods</i>	82	72	50	62
<i>Method mix (2006 or 2008)</i>				
- Sterilization (Female)	1	7	3	3
- Pill.....	28	20	27	13
- Injectables.....	31	27	13	20
- I U D.....	1	1	1	8
- Implant	12	4	0	0
- Condoms.....	9	10	0	19
- Vaginal barrier methods.....	1	2	0	0
- Traditional, folk and other methods..	18	30	56	38
Total.....	100	100	100	100
<b>Average effectiveness .....</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>
<i>Other proximate determinants</i>				
- Percent of women in union.....	73	58	85	70
- Postpartum insusceptibility (in mo)	19	15	16	14
- Total abortion rate.....	0	0	0	0
- Sterility (percent).....	3	3	3	3

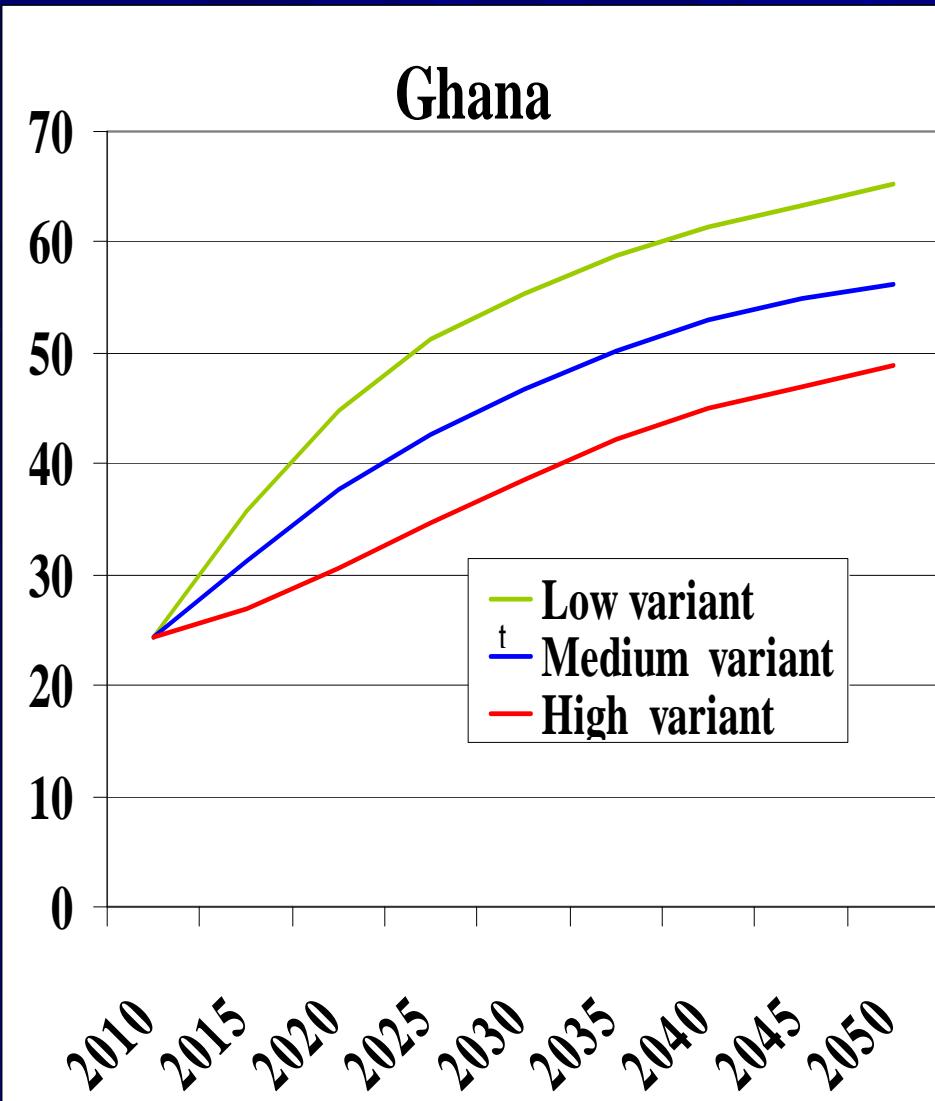
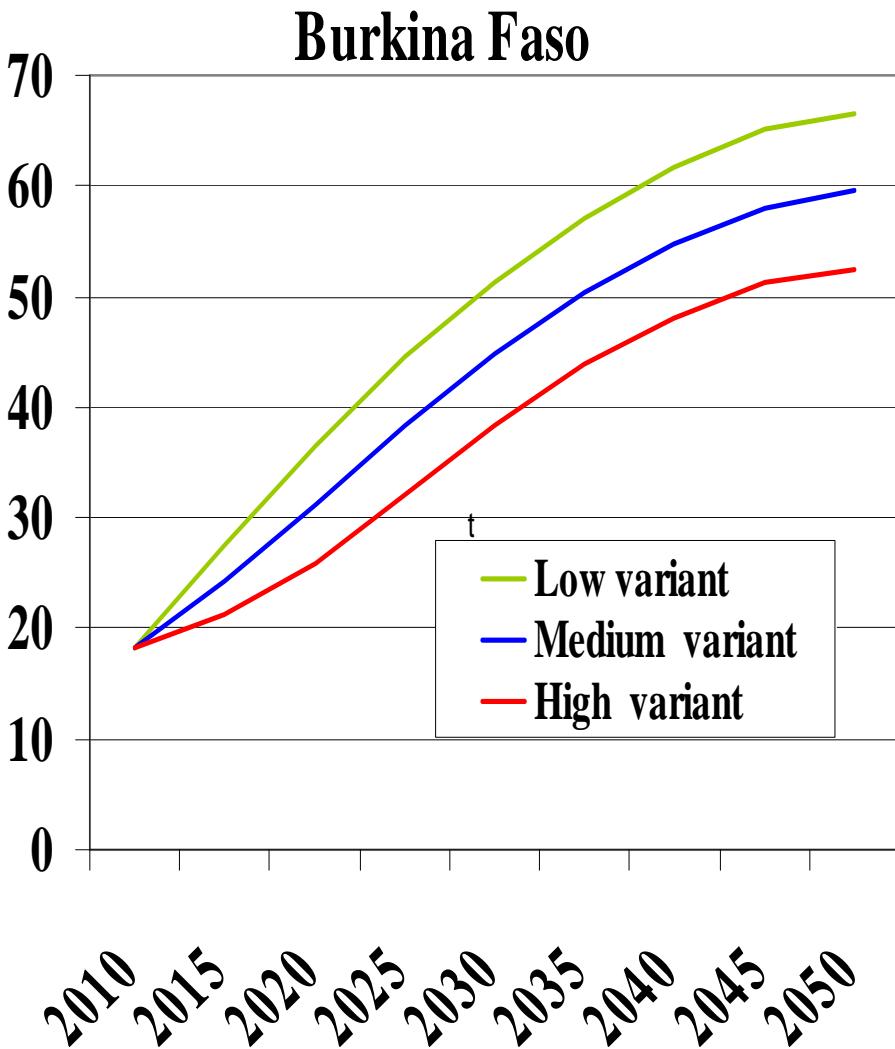
# **Assumtions made to run FamPlan**

**1 – Three Variants Increases in Contraceptive Prevalence: +0.5 /+1.0/+1.5 Pct Pts per year**

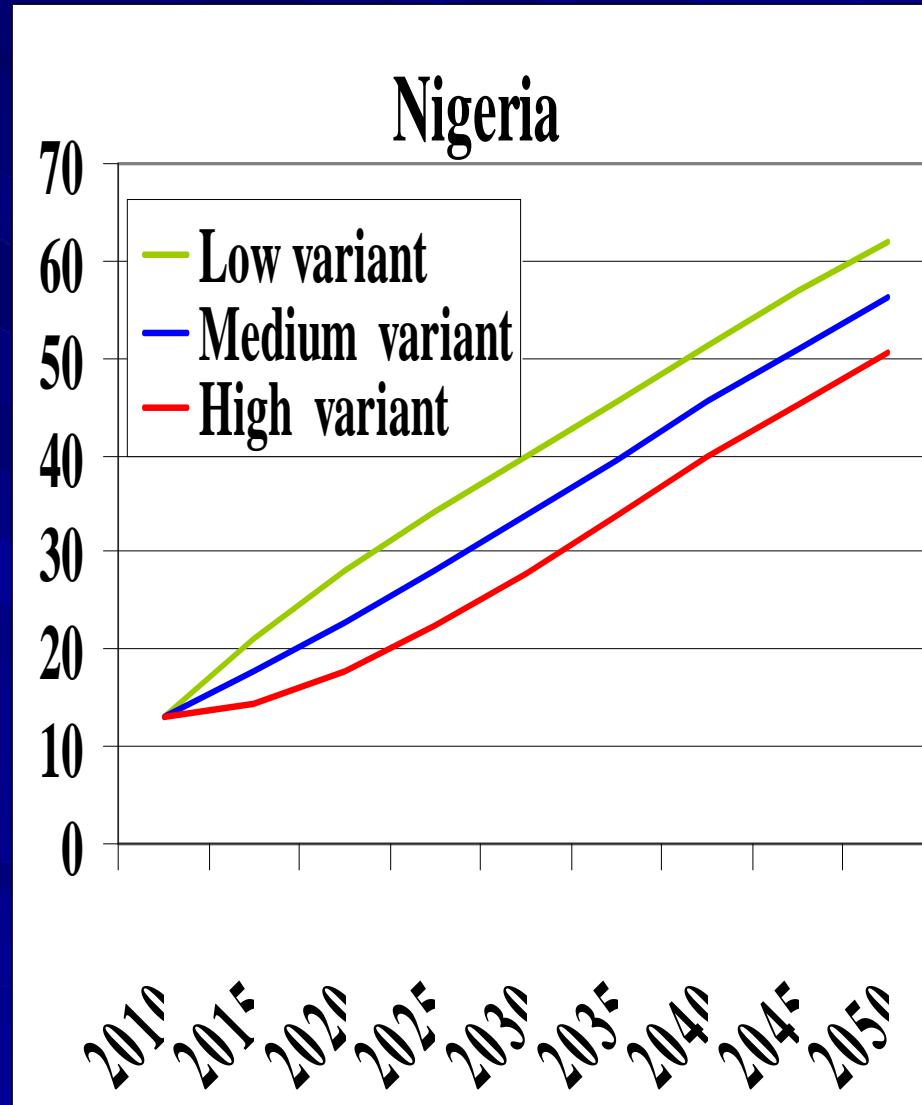
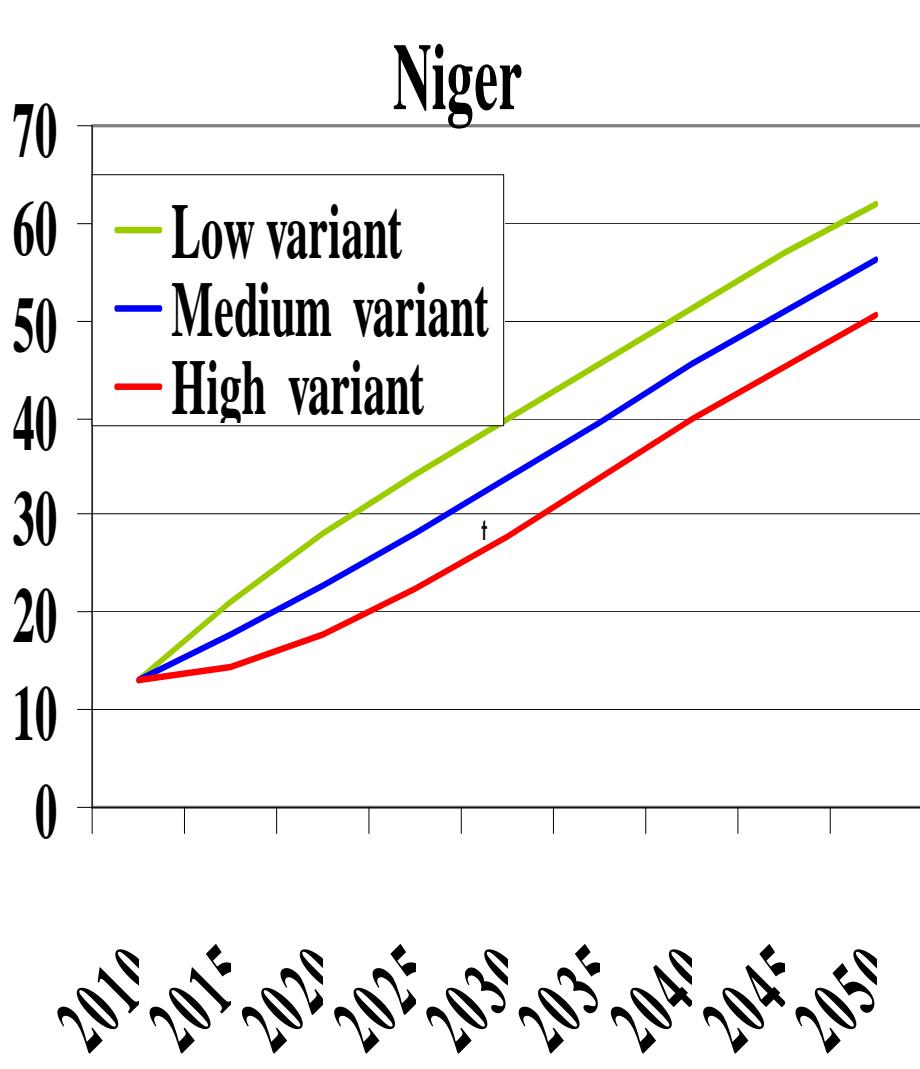
**2 – For scenarios on the Method Mix and on the Proximate Determinants**

- A. Increases in Contraceptive Prevalence only :**
- B. A + More efficient Method Mix**
- C. B + reduced percentage of women in union and reduced duration of PPI**
- D. C+Constant Total abortion Rate:0.5 per woman**

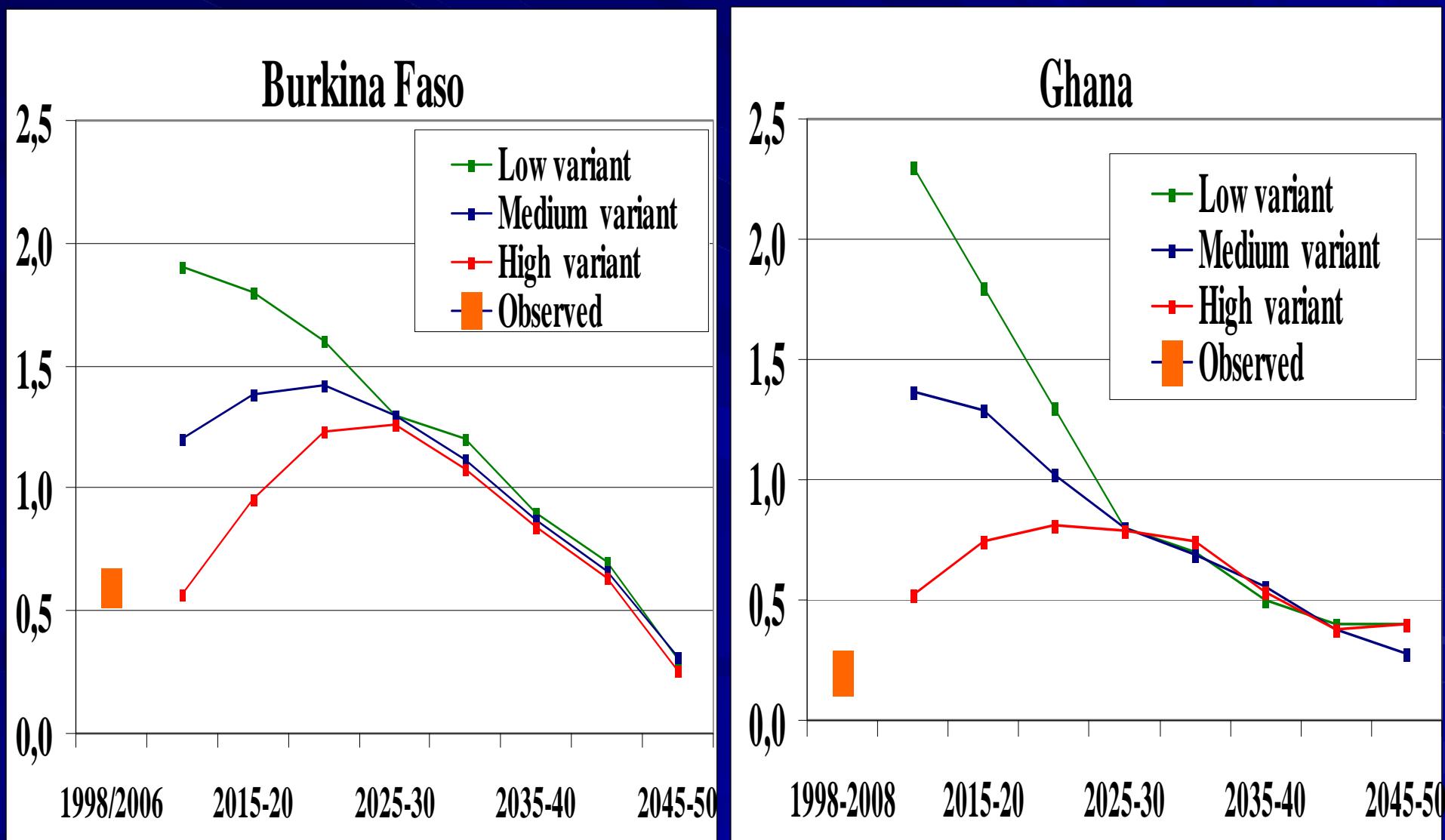
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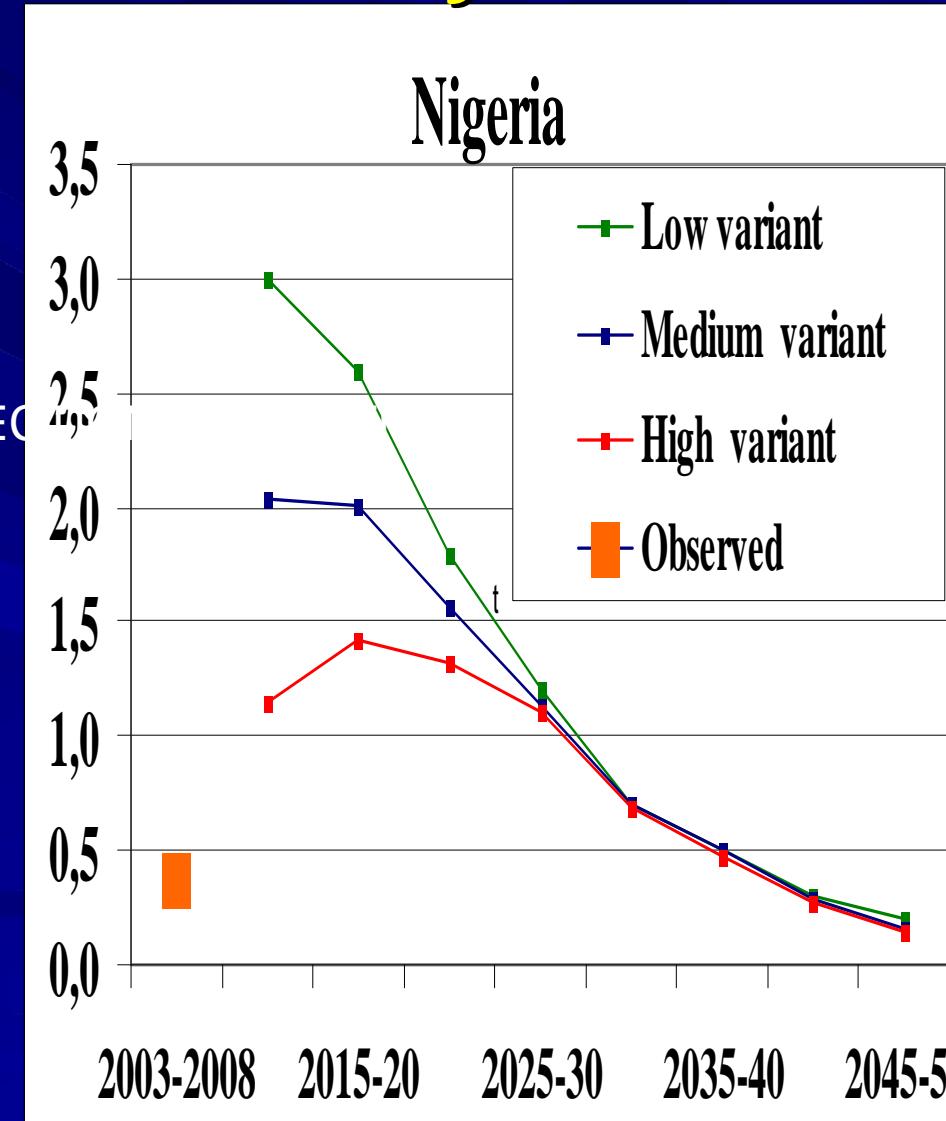
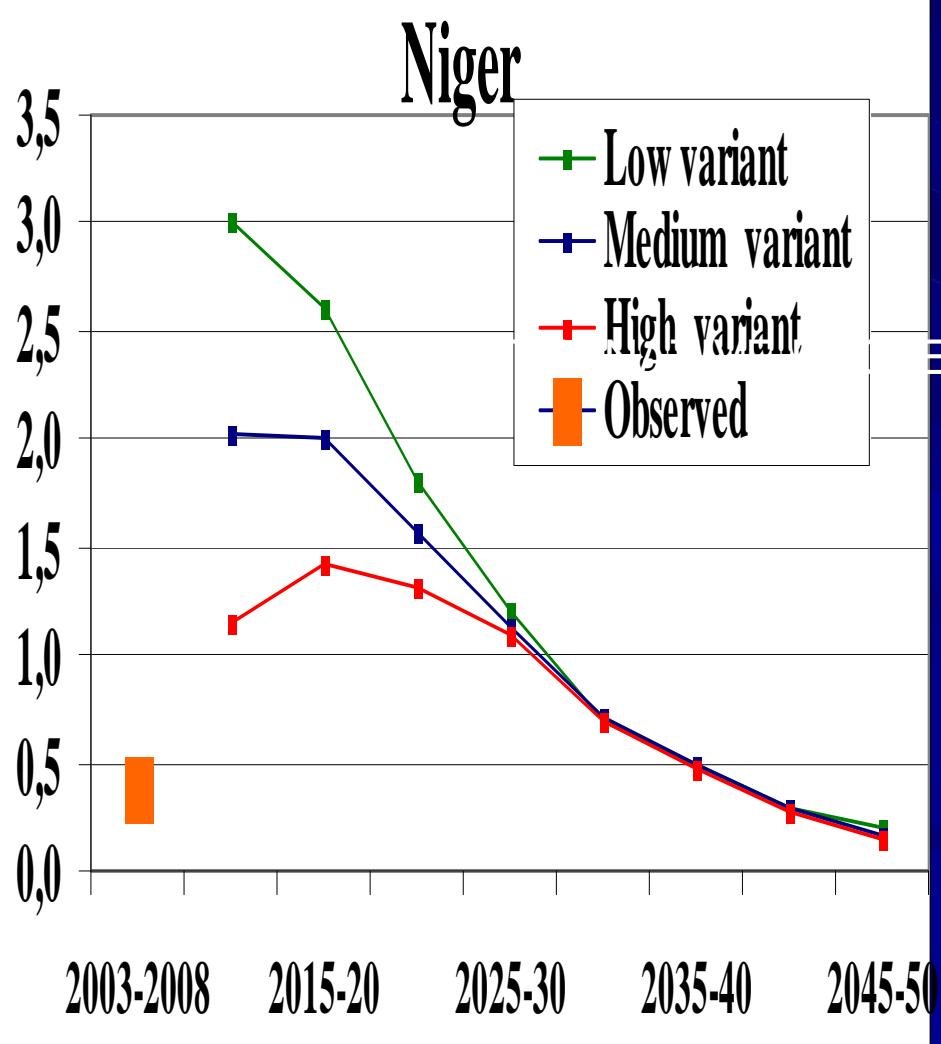
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# 1 - Increase in Contraceptive Prevalence needed to meet the UN fertility variants



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# 2 - ALTERNATIVE PROJECTION OF FERTILITY USING FAMPLAN-2050 TFR

		Scenarios			Difference
	A	B	C	D	Sc.D- Sc.A
<b>BURKINA FASO</b>					
<i>Total Fertility Rate in 2010:</i>		A, Estimated Total Fertility Rate by FAMPLAN			
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	4,5	4,3	4,0	3,9	-0,5
<b>2010: 18,3, 2050: 38,3</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	3,1	3,0	2,8	2,6	-0,6
<b>2010: 18,3, 2050: 58,3</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	2,7	2,5	2,3	2,1	-0,6
<b>2010: 18,3, 2050: 65,8</b>					
	B, Difference between the FAMPLAN variants				
<b>Between the 1,0 and 0,5 point</b>	-1,3	-1,4	-1,3	-1,3	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 1,0 point</b>	-0,5	-0,5	-0,5	-0,5	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 0,5 point</b>	-1,8	-1,9	-1,7	-1,9	
	C, Difference with the UN 2008 fertility variant in 2050				
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	1,3	1,2	0,8	0,7	
<b>- High Variant : 3,19</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	0,5	0,3	0,1	-0,1	
<b>- Medium Variant : 2,69</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	0,5	0,3	0,1	-0,1	
<b>- Low Variant : 2,19</b>					

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	Scenarios				Difference Sc,D- Sc,A
	A	B	C	D	
<b>GHANA</b>					
<i>Total Fertility Rate in</i>	A. Estimated Total Fertility Rate by FAMPLAN				
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	3,3	3,1	3,2	3,1	-0,3
<b>2010: 24,3, 2050: 44,3</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	2,4	2,1	2,1	1,9	-0,5
<b>2010: 24,3, 2050: 64,3</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	2,0	1,7	1,7	1,4	-0,6
<b>2010: 24,3, 2050: 71,8</b>					
	B. Difference between the FAMPLAN variants				
<b>Between the 1,0 and 0,5 point</b>	-1,0	-1,1	-1,1	-1,2	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 1,0 point</b>	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 0,5 point p</b>	-1,3	-1,5	-1,5	-1,6	
	C. Difference with the United Nations 2008 fertility variant in 2050				
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,1	
<b>- High Variant : 2,93</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	-0,1	-0,4	-0,4	-0,6	
<b>- Medium Variant : 2,43</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	0,1	-0,3	-0,3	-0,5	
<b>- Low Variant : 1,93</b>					

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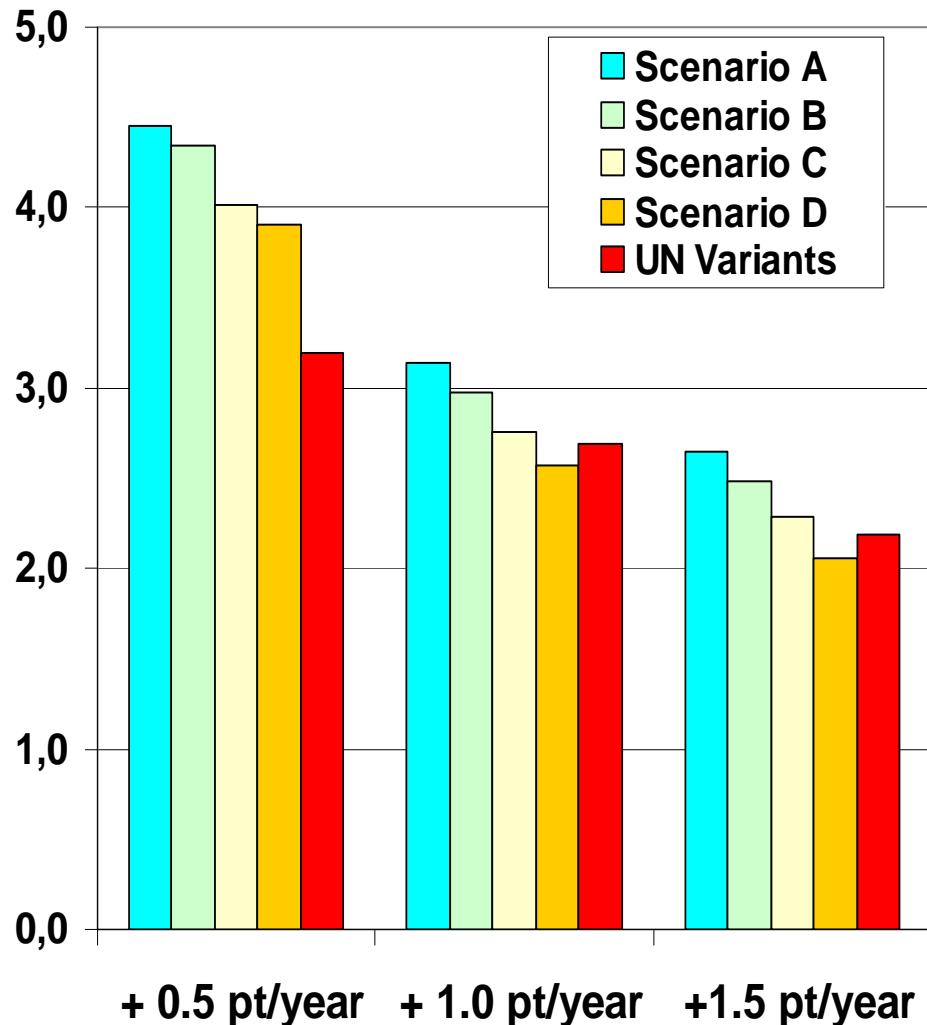
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	A	B	C	D	Sc,D- Sc,A
<b>NIGER</b>					
<i>Total Fertility Rate in 2010:</i>	A, Estimated Total Fertility Rate by FAMPLAN				
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	5,8	5,3	5,3	5,2	-0,6
<b>2010: 13,2, 2050: 33,2</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	4,6	3,8	3,8	3,6	-1,0
<b>2010: 13,2, 2050: 53,2</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	4,1	3,2	3,2	3,0	-1,1
<b>2010: 13,2, 2050: 60,7</b>					
	B, Difference between the FAMPLAN variants				
<b>Between the 1,0 and 0,5 point</b>	-0,6	0,3	0,3	0,4	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 1,0 point</b>	-0,5	-0,6	-0,6	-0,6	
<b>Between the 1,5 and 0,5 point p</b>	-1,7	-2,1	-2,1	-2,2	
	C, Difference with the UN 2008 fertility variant in 2050				
<b>0,5 point per year</b>	1,8	1,3	1,3	1,2	
<b>- High Variant : 4,01</b>					
<b>1,0 point per year</b>	1,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	
<b>- Medium Variant : 3,51</b>					
<b>1,5 point per year</b>	1,1	0,2	0,2	-0,1	
<b>- Low Variant : 3,01</b>					

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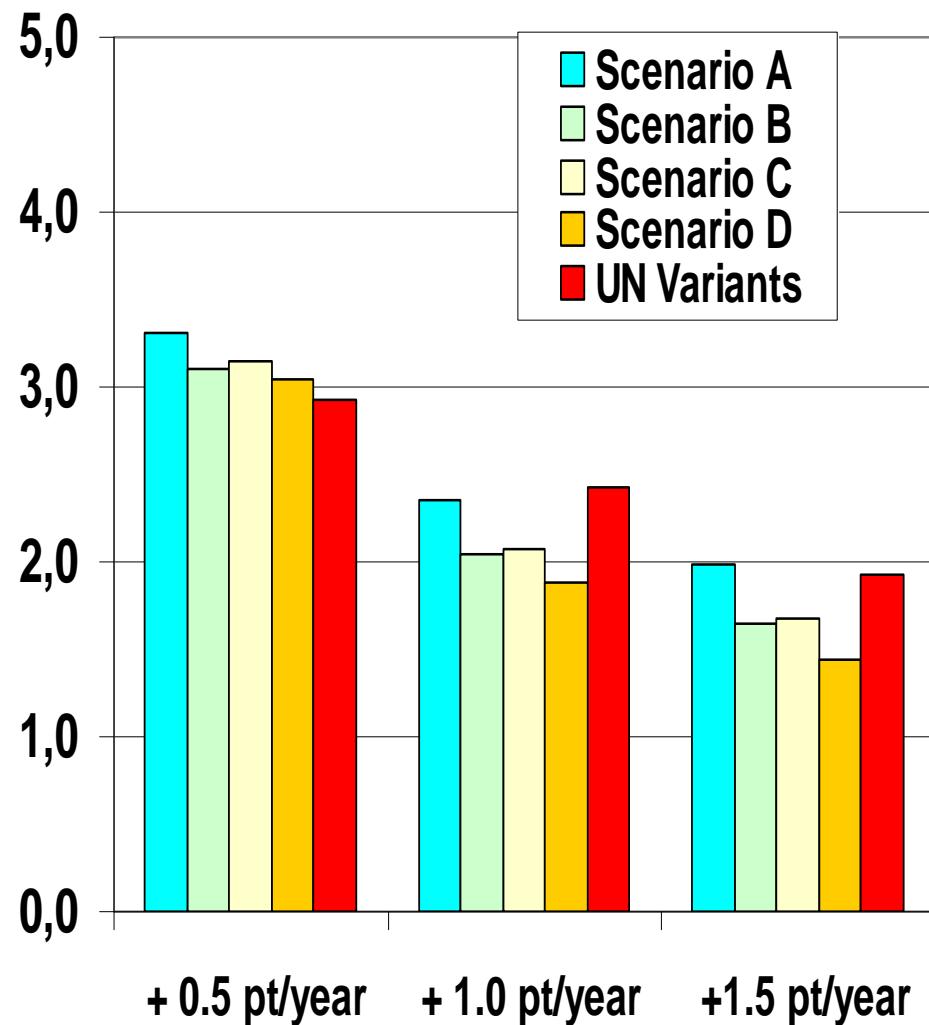
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	A	B	C	D	Sc,D- Sc,A
<b>NIGERIA</b>					
<i>Total Fertility Rate in 2010:</i>					
0,5 point per year 2010: 13,5, 2050: 33,5	4,1	3,9	3,4	3,3	-0,8
1,0 point per year 2010: 13,5, 2050: 53,5	3,2	2,8	2,5	2,3	-0,9
1,5 point per year 2010: 13,5, 2050: 61,0	2,8	2,4	2,1	1,9	-1,0
B, Difference between the FAMPLAN variants					
Between the 1,0 and 0,5 point	-0,9	-1,1	-0,9	-1,0	
Between the 1,5 and 1,0 point	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	
Between the 1,5 and 0,5 point	-1,3	-1,5	-1,3	-1,4	
C, Difference with the UN 2008 fertility variant in 2050					
0,5 point per year - High Variant : 2,86	1,3	1,0	0,5	0,4	
1,0 point per year - Medium Variant : 2,36	0,8	0,4	0,1	-0,1	
1,5 point per year - Low Variant : 1,86	1,0	0,5	0,2	0,0	

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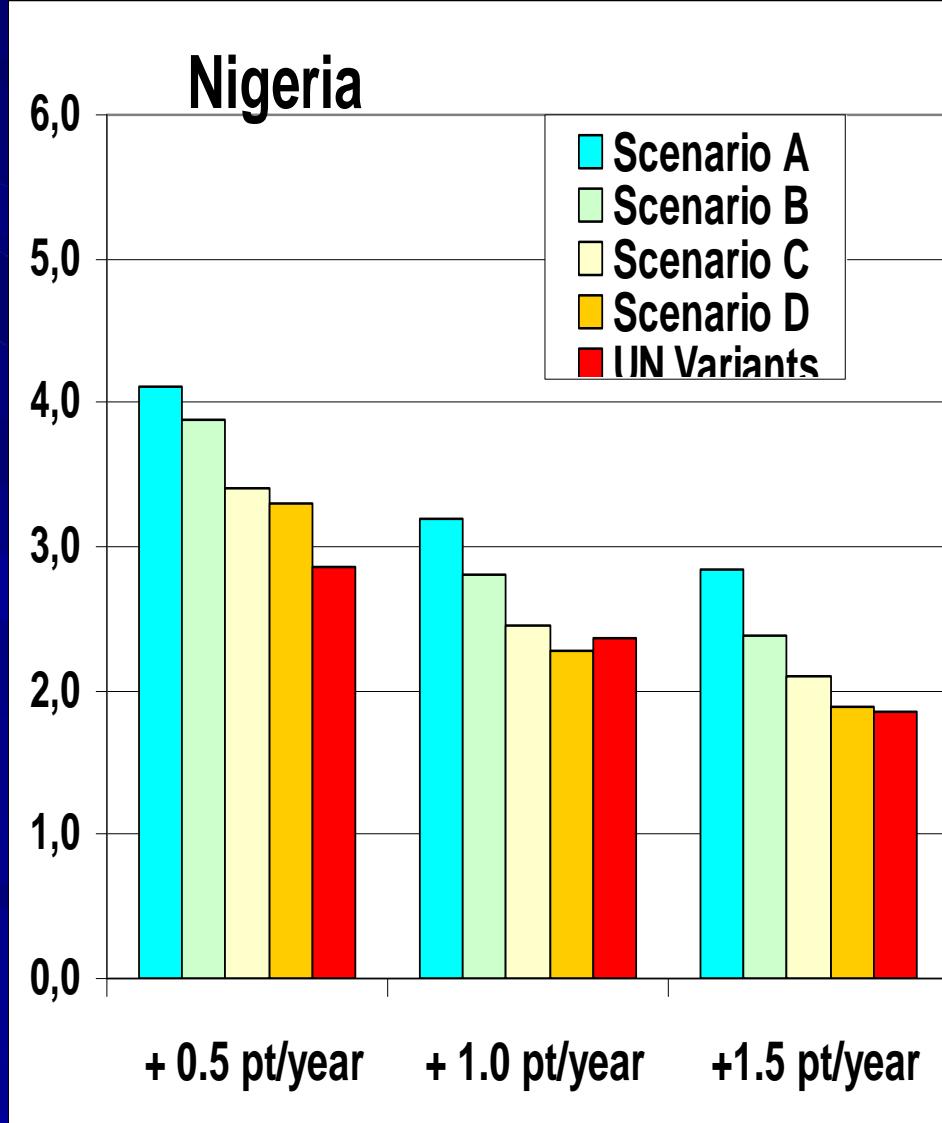
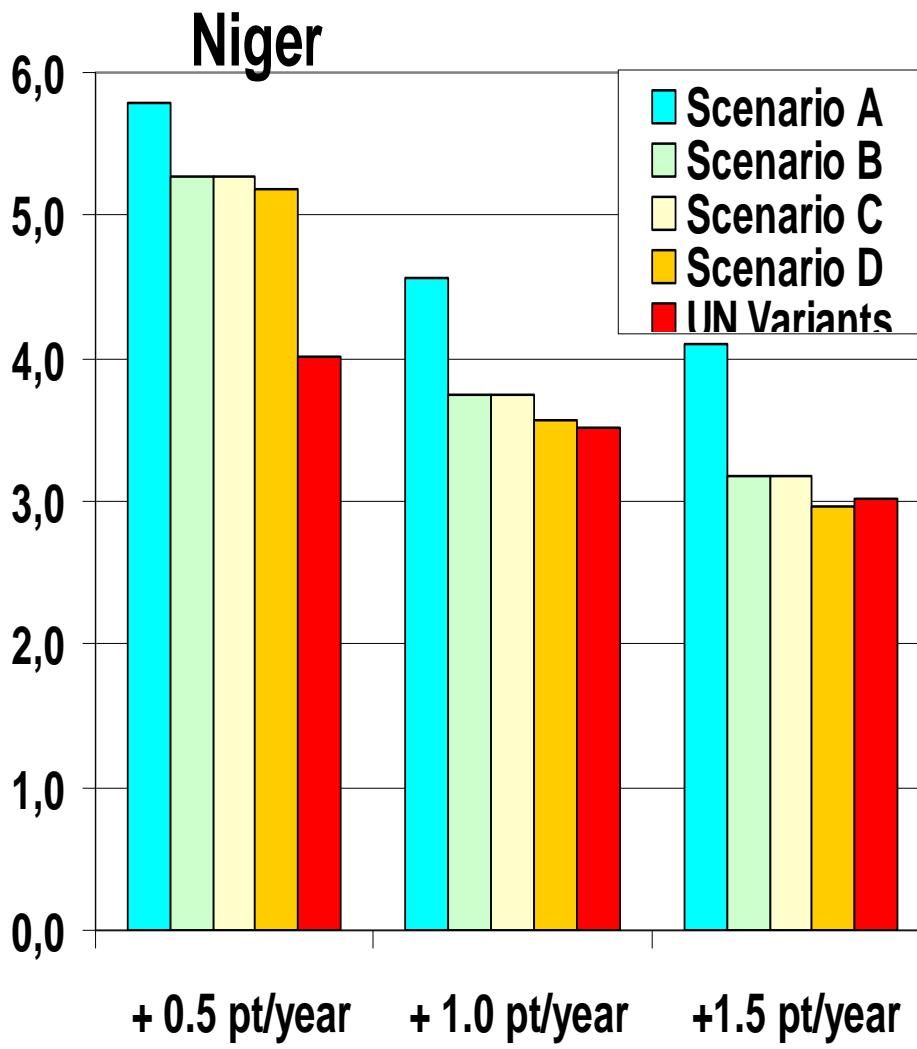
Burkina Faso



Ghana



## 2 - ALTERNATIVE PROJECTION OF FERTILITY USING FAMPLAN-2050 TFR



# **DISCUSSION**

- 1 – Limits to the two exercises  
(quality of data, assumptions)**
- 2 – There are still questions about**
  - a. the models (1950-2010) of fertility decline used**
  - b. the acceleration of increases in C.Prevalence**
  - c. fertility stalls, contraceptive use stalls**
  - d. projecting fertility using the FamPlan model  
(limited to high fertility countries?, how to justify  
the assumptions made, especially on abortion ?**

# **CONCLUSION**

- 1 - Population projections are (also) needed to have some sense of future challenges**
- 2 - Users should look at all scenarios**
- 3 - Users should be more aware of the importance of the proximate determinants: future TFR will depend on CPR but also on the other PD.**
- 4 - There is a need to verify the consistency between projected TFR the Method Mix and the Proximate Determinants**

