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MEXICO: UNFPA HELPS PREGNANT TEENAGERS

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NARRATION

MEXICO CITY VIEWS

Mexico – a country of over 100 million people is growing steadily. (4.25")

MARIACHI BAND/SQUARE

Many young girls here are sexually active by age 15. With little or no access to

YOUNG PEOPLE IN

information and reproductive health

STREET/MARKET

supplies – including contraceptives, some 40 to 60 percent of adolescent pregnancies are unplanned. (13.25")

HEALTH CENTRE/ROOM OF
CONTRACEPTIVES

In partnership with the UN Population Fund, UNFPA, the Government of Mexico is able to purchase contraceptives at fair market prices. (7.5")

YOUNG PEOPLE

Although stocks are available, the problem is getting it into the hands of those who need it most – like the country's 22 million adolescents, says Marco Antonio Olaya,

INTRO TO OLAYA

Director of Family Planning in Mexico.
(11.25")

OLAYA ON CAMERA

OLAYA: (Spanish) **M**

"That's another issue...which is an obstacle...we cannot reach them the way we would like. Coverage is low, only 39.4 percent". (8")

EDITH AT CLINIC

NARRATION

Seventeen-year-old Edith Ibarra is seven months pregnant. She had to drop out of school because of her unexpected pregnancy. Today she is visiting her doctor to check on her health. (10")

EDITH ON-CAMERA

EDITH: (Spanish) **F**

"A month ago I came and they gave me medication. I had an infection. Since then, I have not had problems." (8")

EDITH LISTENS TO DOCTOR

NARRATION

The next step for Edith is to get as much information as she can about sexually transmitted diseases and also on how to avoid unwanted pregnancies. This will give her a chance to have her next child at her own pace. (13")

ROBLES WITH EDITH

Dr. Jacqueline Robles treats about 15 to 20 young girls every day at this centre. She shows Edith the various methods of contraception that she could use after her

delivery. (10.5")

ROBLES ON CAMERA

ROBLES: (Spanish) **F**

"She is going to have an IUD. It will be inserted after the baby is born. We will do the procedure here in the health centre." (8")

EDITH AT HOME

NARRATION

Edith now lives with her boyfriend, Paco, in this one-bedroom apartment along with his mother and brother. It is going to be difficult to take care of the baby since Paco is still studying. After his internship with a large oil company, he will only get a stipend. Besides his pet iguana, he will now have a baby that he was not expecting. (20")

PACO ON CAMERA

PACO: (Spanish) **M**

"We didn't want it now. It happened...I am not well informed about the different methods of family planning..." (6")

INTRO TO DOMINGUEZ

NARRATION

Dr. Javier Dominguez works with UNFPA and he thinks more needs to be done to reach Mexico's young people. (6")

DOMINGUEZ ON CAMERA

DR. DOMINGUEZ: (Spanish) **M**

"We cannot speak about effective services ...if we don't guarantee that a young boy or girl has access to

*reproductive health supplies and
contraceptives when and as often as they
need it.” (10.25”)*

GENERAL VIEWS OF MEXICO
MAN WITH CHILD ON
SHOULDER

NARRATION

The Government of Mexico recently passed legislation to ensure that Mexicans who need contraceptives get them. Providing adequate reproductive health supplies gives people a chance – especially the young – to decide freely and responsibly when and when not to have children.
(17.5”)

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