*Note: This PIRS reflects an Accelerator Behavior indicator for which data are readily available through The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program. The Accelerator Behavior that can be measured using this indicator is shown in the "Name of Result Measured" field below, and can be updated as needed. Data for this indicator are displayed for maternal and child survival priority countries at* [*acceleratorbehaviors.usaid.gov*](https://acceleratorbehaviors.org/index)*. Should a USAID Mission wish to adopt this indicator for its performance monitoring plan, this PIRS should be updated according to the needs of each Mission*.

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| **USAID Performance Indicator Reference Sheet** |
| **Name of Indicator: Met need for family planning (currently using) for spacing** |
| **Name of Result Measured (DO, IR, sub-IR, Project Purpose, Project Outcome, Project Output, etc.):****After a live birth, women or their partners use a modern contraceptive method to avoid pregnancy for at least 24 months** |
| **Is This a Performance Plan and Report Indicator?** No [x]  Yes [ ]  for Reporting Year(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_**If yes, link to Foreign Assistance Framework:** |
| **DESCRIPTION** |
| **Precise Definition(s):** Percentage of currently married or in union women using family planning for spacingCalculated:* Numerator: Number of currently married or in union women using family planning for spacing
* Denominator: Total number of married or in union women
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| **Unit of Measure:** Percentage of women |
| **Data Type:** Percentage |
| **Disaggregated by:**  |
| **Rationale for Indicator** *(optional):*This indicator represents a key behavior known to accelerate reduction of maternal and child mortality (<https://acceleratorbehaviors.org/birth_spacing>). Using a modern contraceptive method to space pregnancies at least 24 months apart could reduce maternal mortality by up to 40% (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17027735>) and child mortality by 26% (<https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/AS37/AS37.pdf>). This is a preventive behavior that can be successfully carried out using a number of different modern contraceptive methods. This indicator would ideally specify *modern contraception* rather than any type of contraception, as modern contraception is more reliable. However, this specification is not readily available from DHS and MICS data aggregators. |
| **PLAN FOR DATA COLLECTION BY USAID** |
| **Data Source:** Demographic and Health Survey Program (DHS), indicator ID: FP\_NADM\_W\_MNS. Data are readily available through the DHS Stat Compiler website: <https://www.statcompiler.com/en/>. Secondary source: UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS).  |
| **Method of Data Collection and Construction:** DHS Household survey, Woman’s Questionnaire. Available here: <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsq7-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm> |
| **Reporting Frequency:** Approximately every 5 years |
| **Individual(s) Responsible at USAID:**  |
| **TARGETS AND BASELINE** |
| **Baseline Timeframe** |
| **Rationale for Targets** *(optional):* |
| **DATA QUALITY ISSUES** |
| **Date of Previous Data Quality Assessments and Name(s) of Reviewer(s):**  |
| **Date of Future Data Quality Assessments** *(optional)****:***  |
| **Known Data Limitations***:* Validity: This indicator does not capture contraception use of unmarried women and therefore misses a segment of the at-risk population. It also includes traditional contraception methods known to be less effective at preventing pregnancy.Timeliness: DHS survey timing may not align with program cycles and may be too infrequent for planning. However, data from MICS and DHS surveys combined may sufficiently bridge data gaps, as their timing alternates to provide more consistent data. USAID Missions may also wish to incorporate the same DHS questions and methodology into their own population-based surveys to ensure timeliness, though results may not be fully comparable to DHS and MICS. |
| **CHANGES TO INDICATOR** |
| **Changes to Indicator:** |
| **Other Notes** *(optional)***:**  |
| **This Sheet Last Updated On:** December 22, 2017 |