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Article **The KAP-Gap in Nepal: Reasons for Non-use of Contraception Among Couples with an Unmet Need for Family Planning**

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Abstract The reasons for the discrepancy between Nepali women's stated preference to have no more children and their non-use of contraception -- the "KAP-Gap" -- are explored in this article. It is based on a two-phase study of over 5,000 women. It finds that if contraceptive use is to be increased, the family planning programme would have to balance its emphasis on and its provision of temporary and permanent methods of contraception. Currently, sterilization accounts for 86 per cent of current users of contraception in the Nepal programme.

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