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Health of populations is central to sustainable development

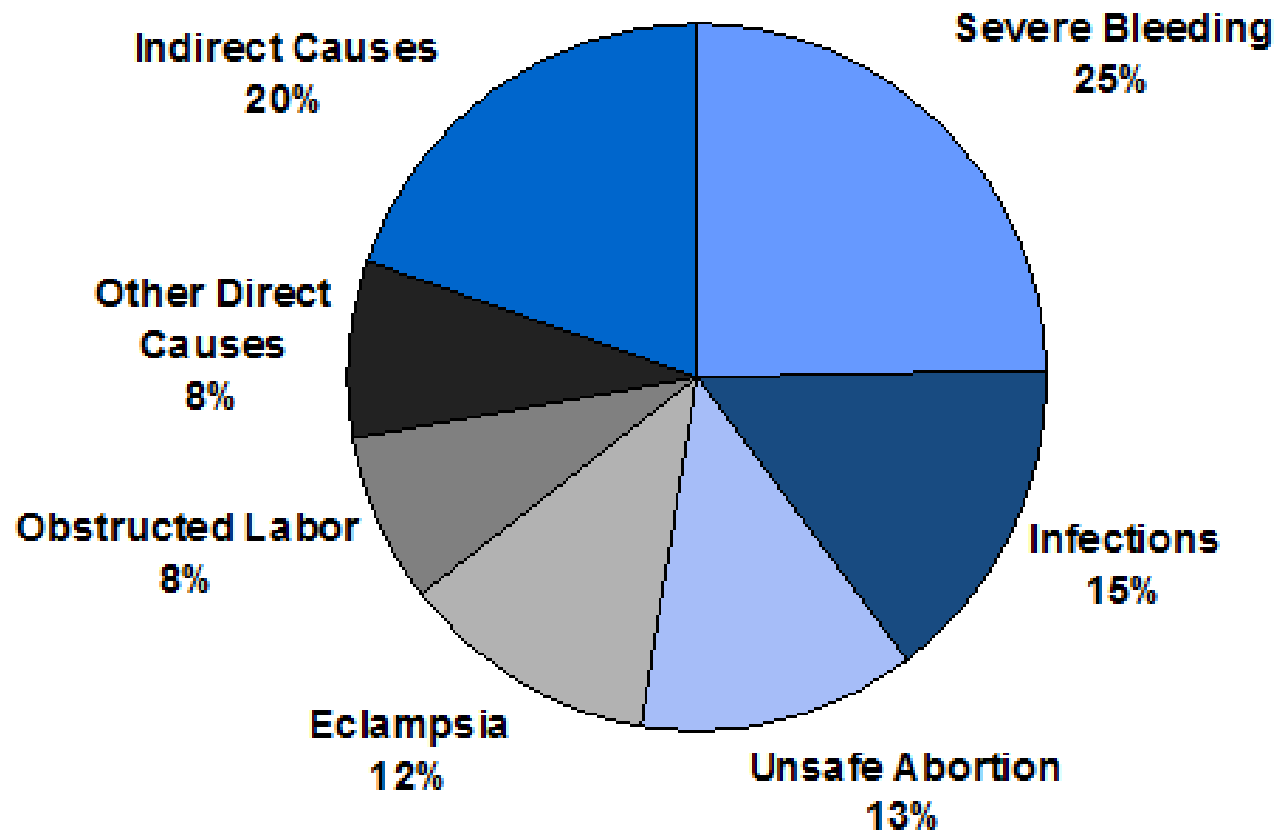
1. Poverty and hunger
4. Child Health
5. Maternal Health
6. HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Environmental Sustainability
8. Global Partnership for development

• *Appreciable gains...but an unfinished business*

Women at risk

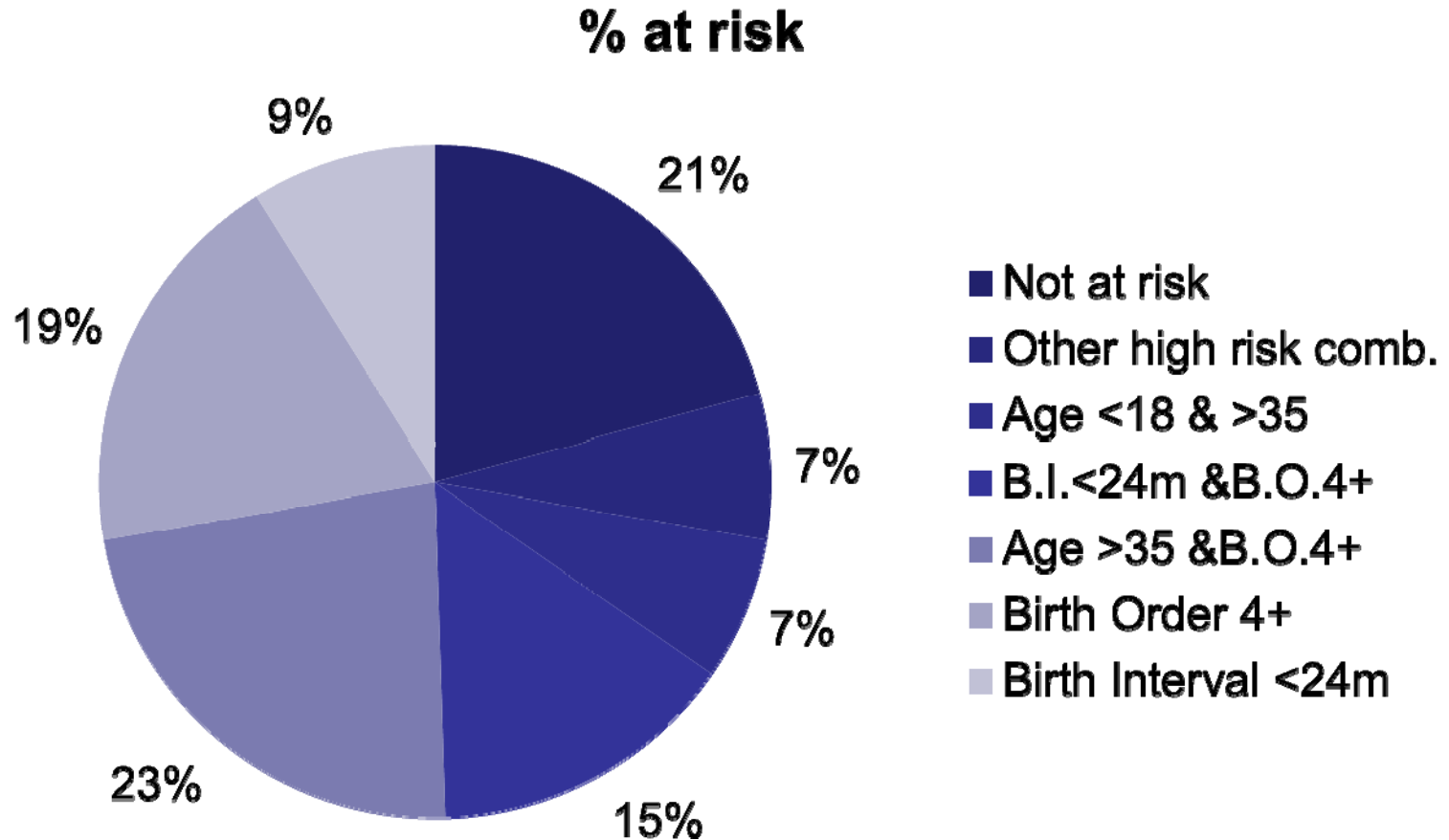
- Women with high parity births
- Women with frequent births
- Women that are too old
- Women that are too young

Causes of maternal death



Note: Total exceeds 100 percent due to rounding.

Maternal risk factors

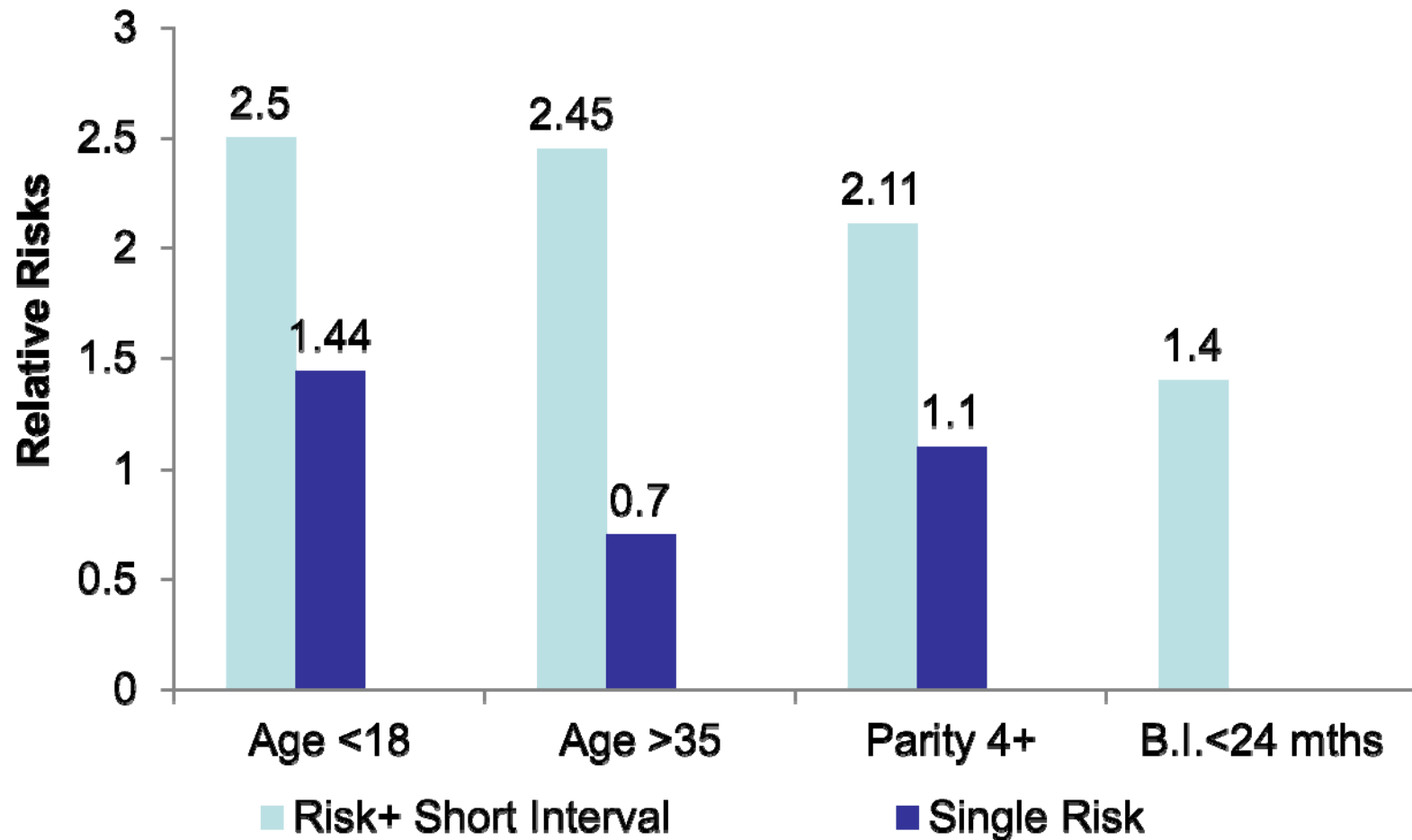


High risk births

Babies born to

- teenage mothers
- mothers who frequently give birth
- mothers who have had >4 children
- older mothers (risk from mothers' old age + high parity)

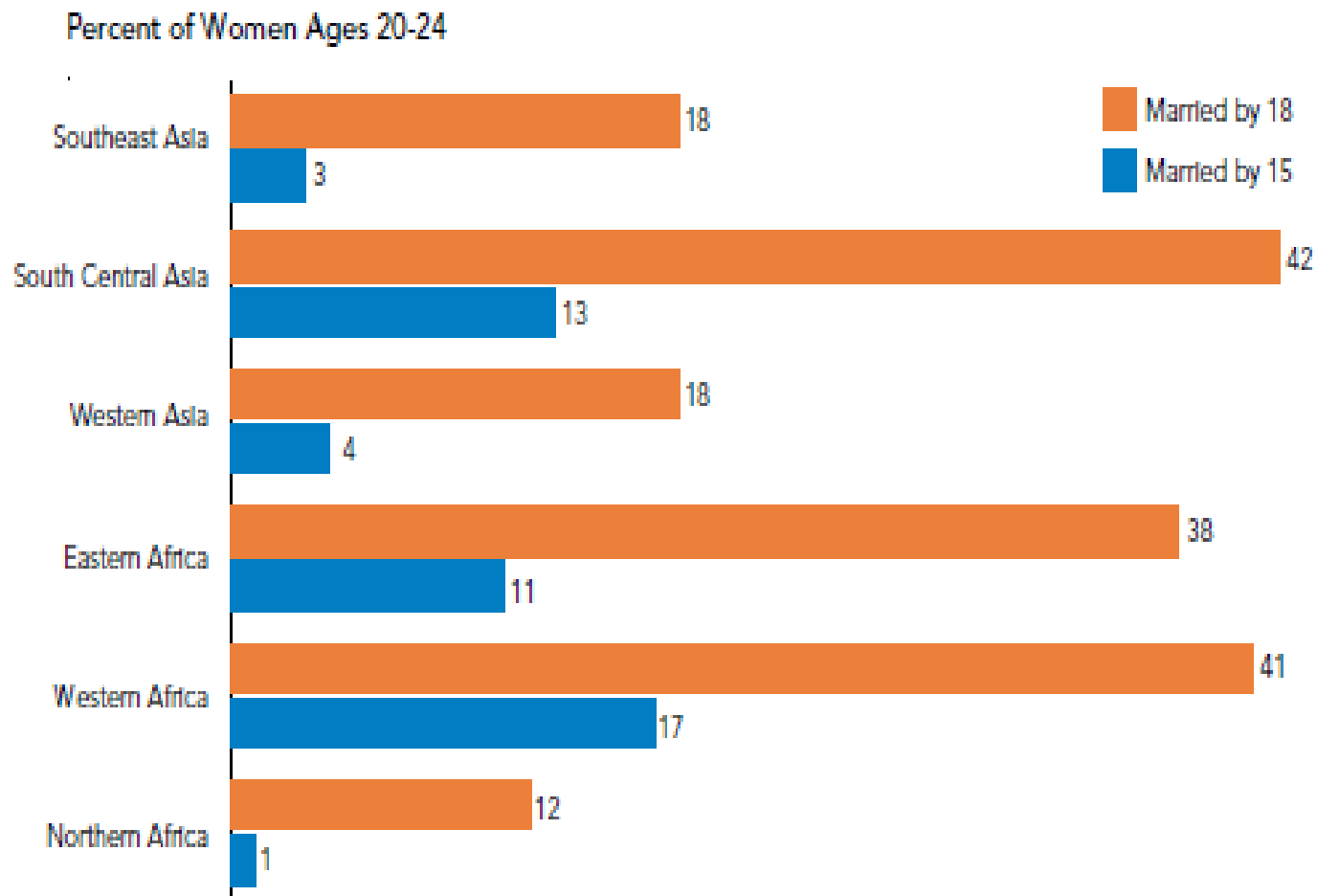
Short birth interval + any other risk factor more than doubles risk of baby's morbidity & death



Infant & maternal deaths are preventable

- If child-bearing can be restricted to the most favourable period of women's reproductive lives so that mothers are neither too young nor too old,
 - if children are well-spaced and
 - if higher order births are avoided,
- the rate of infant and maternal deaths can be substantially reduced.***

Prevalence of Child Marriages

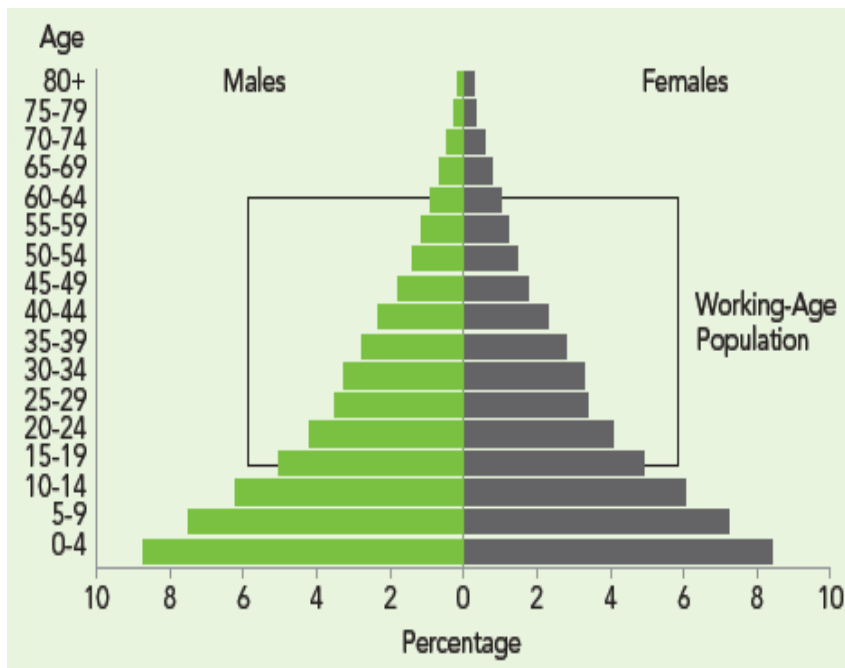


Higher levels of education for girls

“Girls with higher levels of education on average marry later, have smaller families, survive childbirth at higher rates, experience reduced incidences of HIV/AIDS, have children more likely to survive to age five, earn more, and contribute to higher rates of economic growth at the national level.”

Age structure of population

Thailand 1970



Thailand 2010



Demographic Dividend?

Accelerated economic growth can happen in countries when there are

- Changes in age structure of population
- Investments in health- children & women
- Education - children and youth; **girls**
- Good governance

SDG: A healthy life expectancy

- End preventable deaths among women and children
- Ensure affordable access to health care (RH) for adolescents
- Ensure girls remain in school –Sec. +
- Invest in family planning
- Promote good governance