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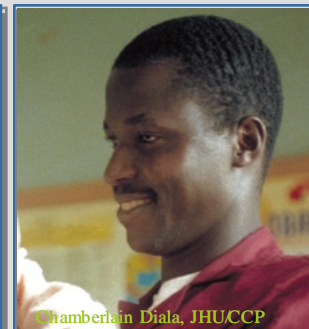
# Family planning and its contribution to meeting the *Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)*



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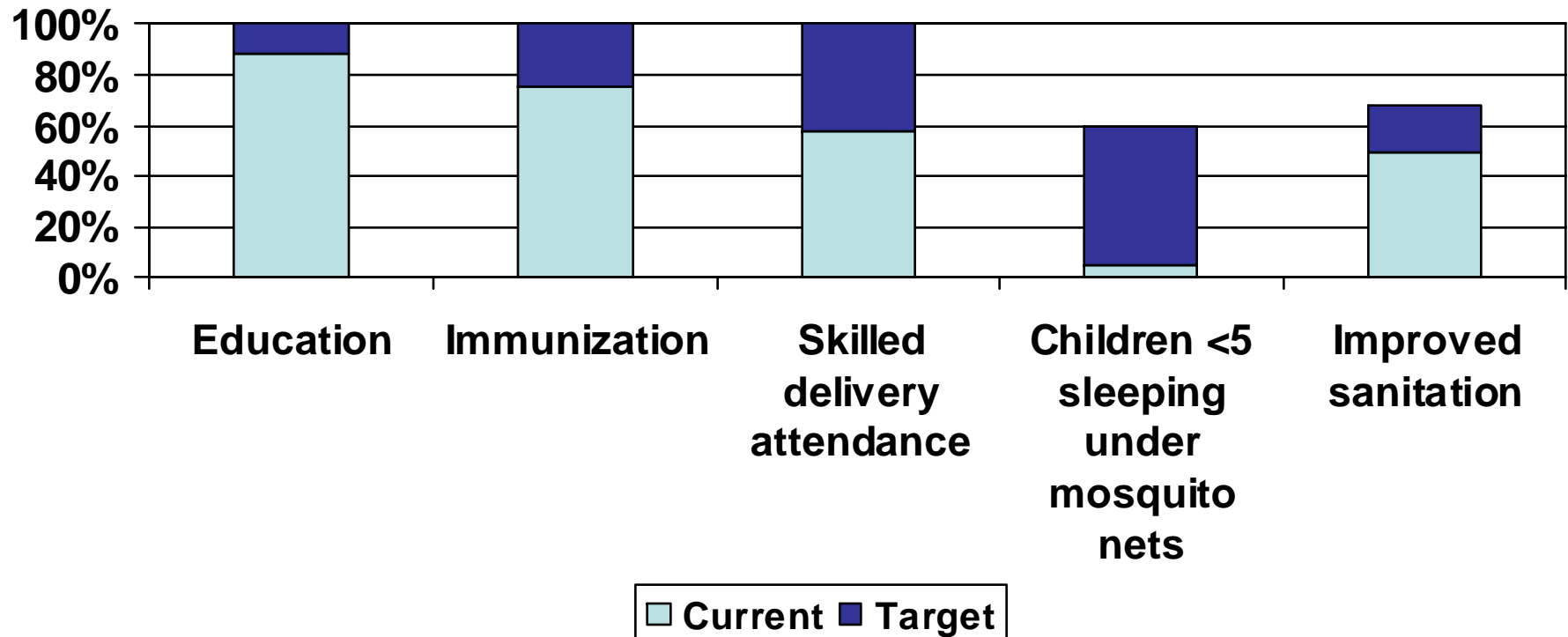
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# Progress towards the MDGs has been uneven

## Developing country progress towards MDGs



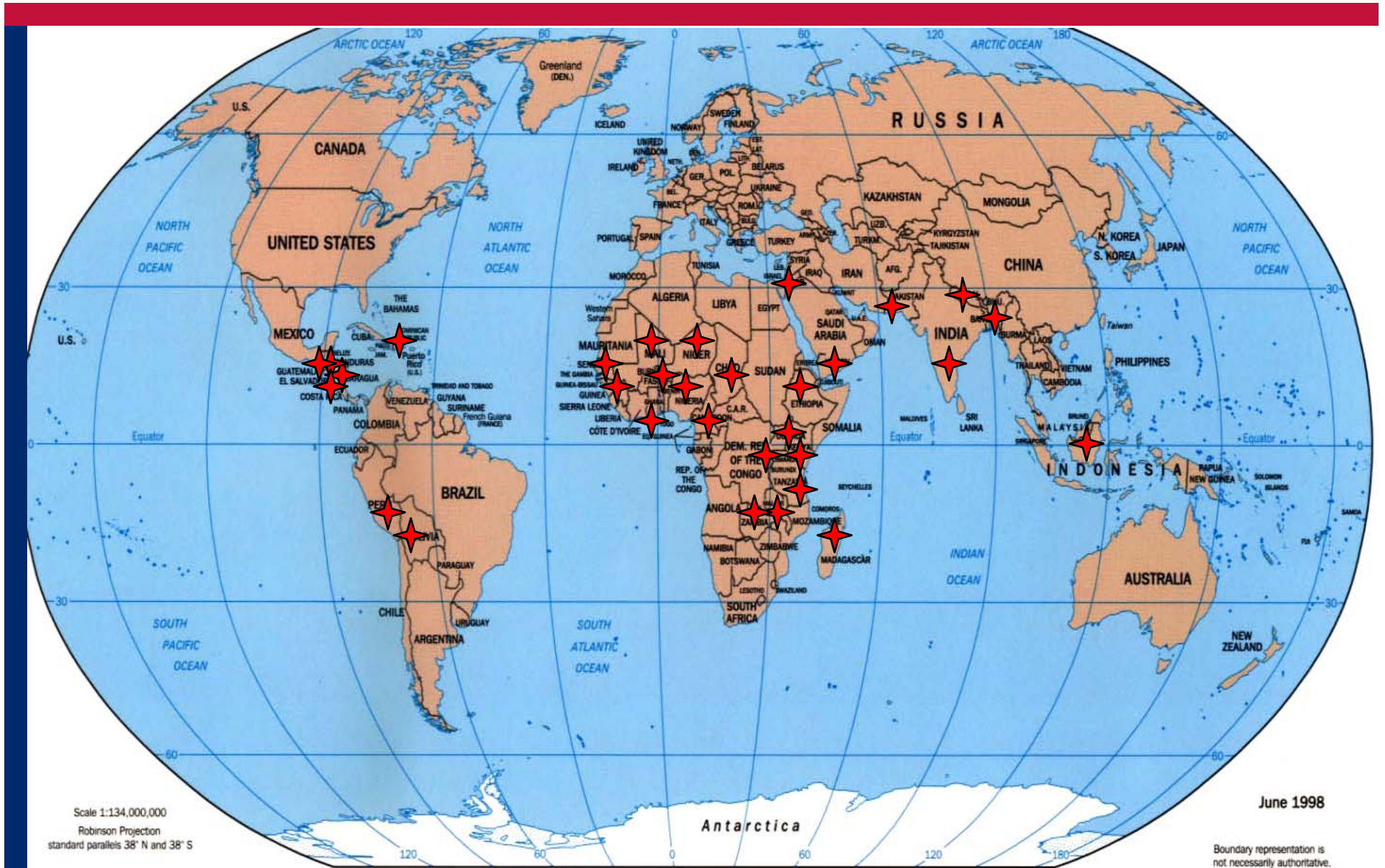
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# FP could help meet the MDGs

- ❖ Achieving the MDGs is a challenge
- ❖ Reaching the MDGs will be easier and less expensive if unmet need is met
- ❖ There are also significant health benefits to reducing unmet need for family planning

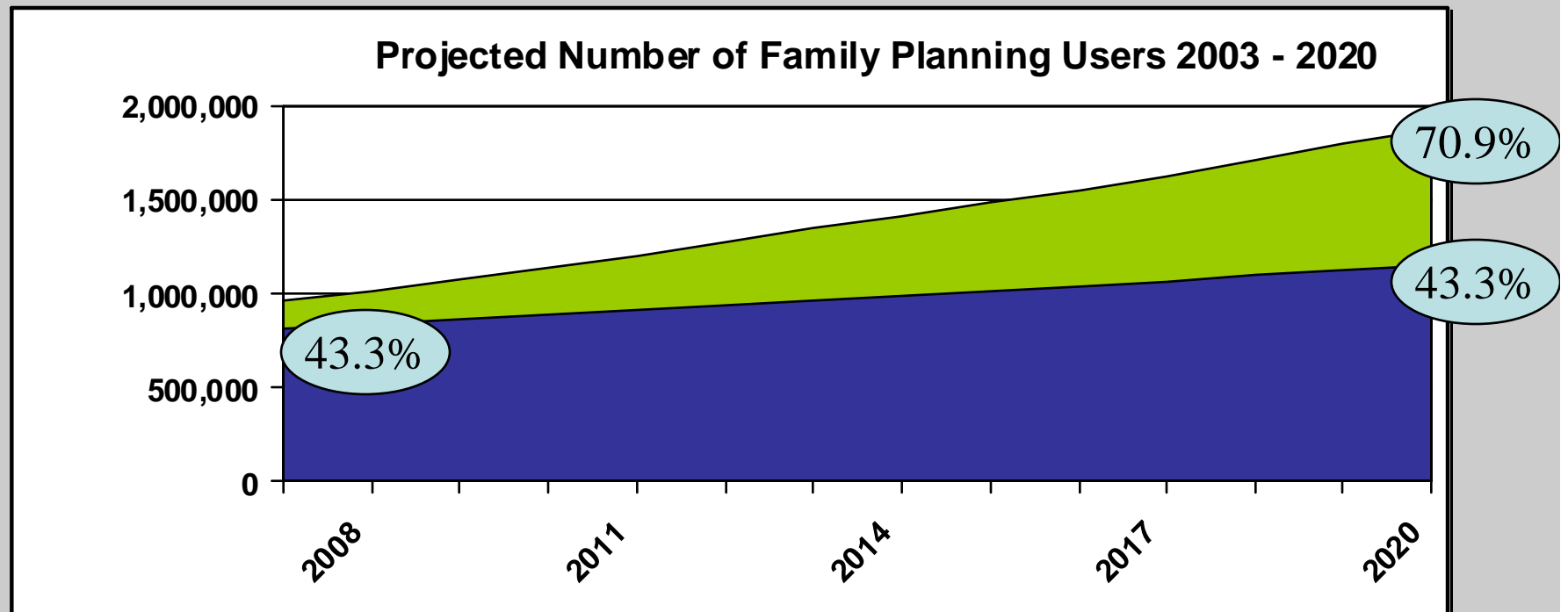


# Analyses have been completed in 31 countries

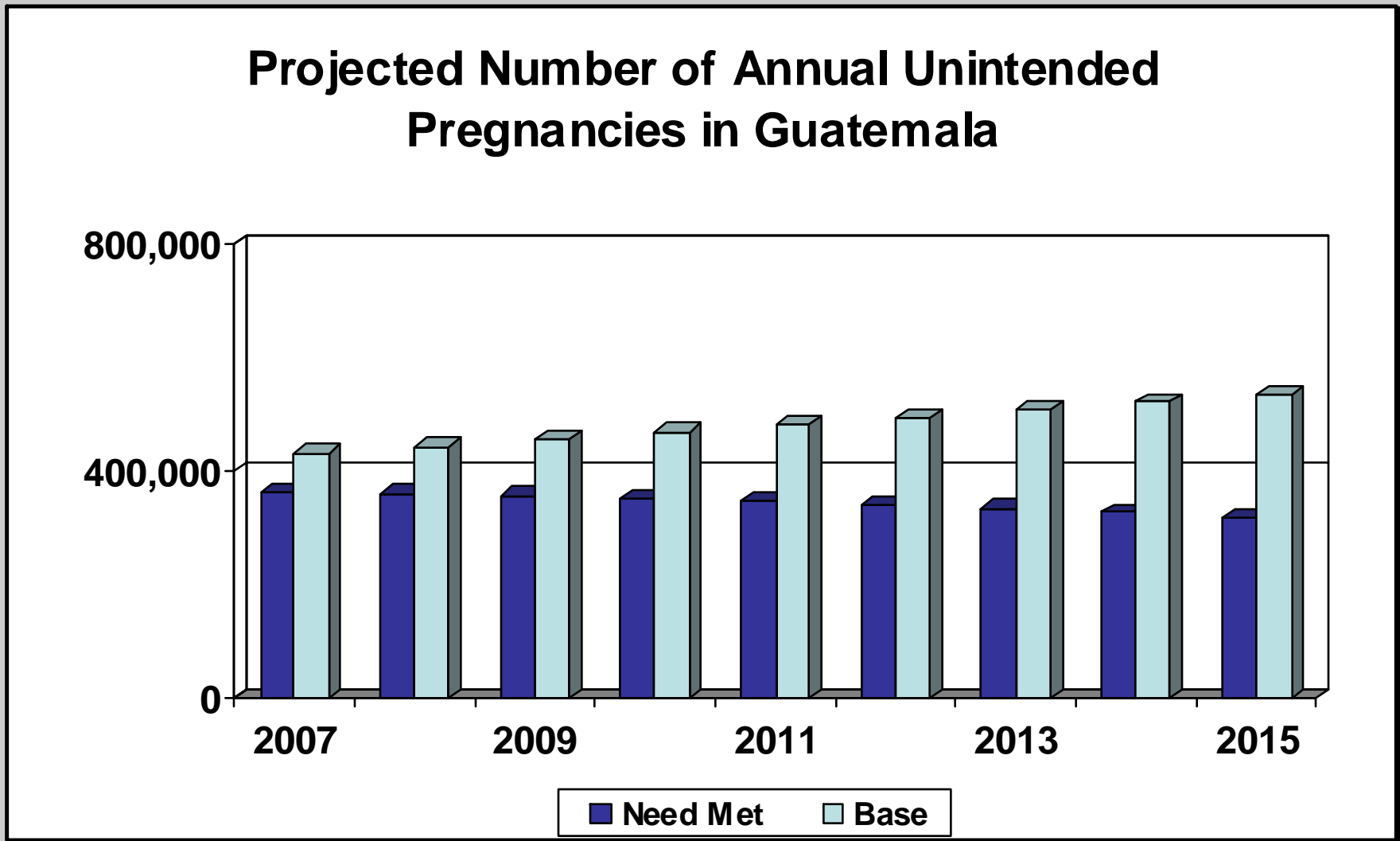


# Methodology

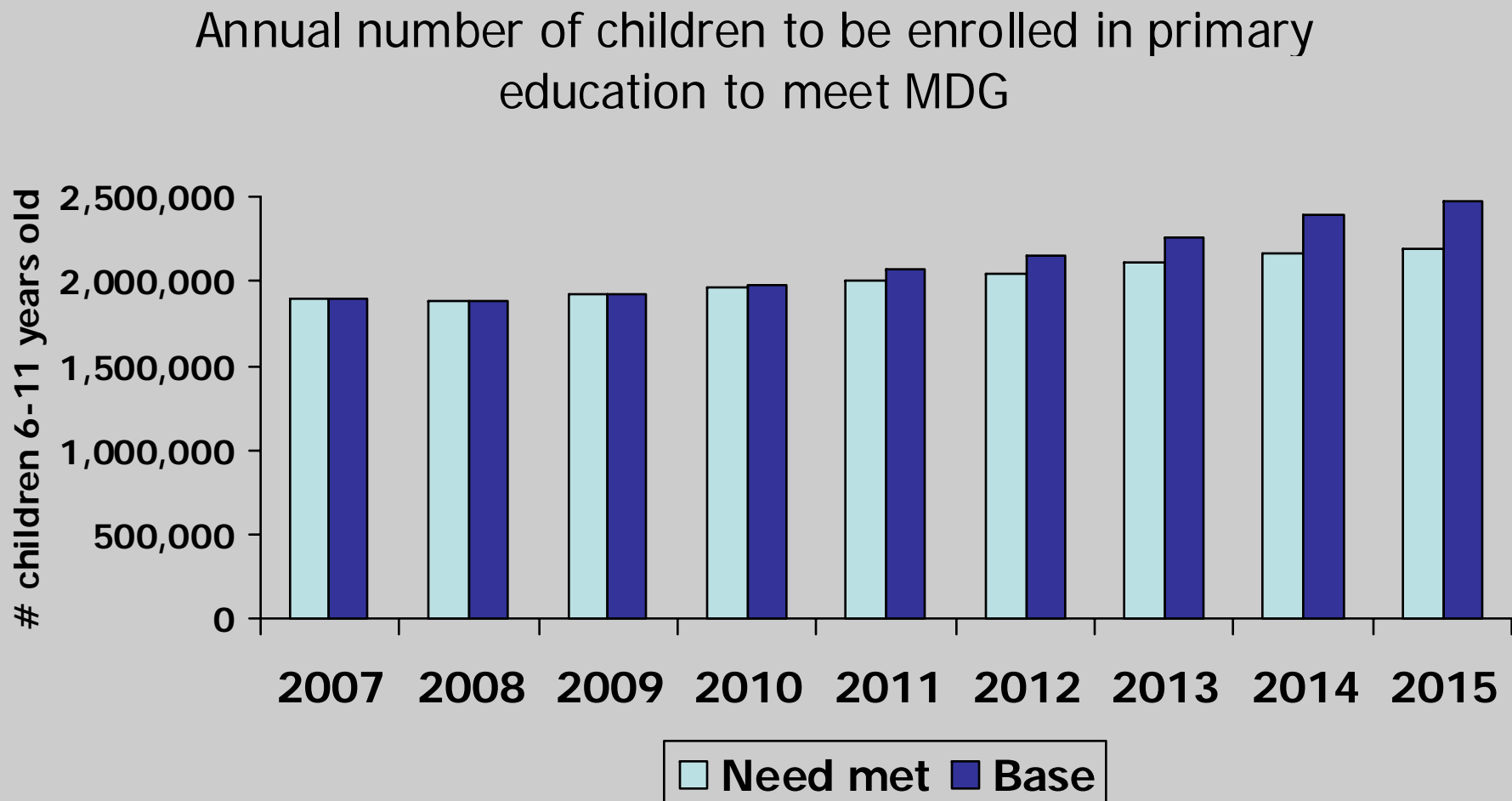
- ❖ Project the population with no change in unmet need and with unmet need fulfilled
- ❖ Calculate the costs of meeting the MDGs for each projection
- ❖ Compare the cost projections and calculate the difference



# Unintended pregnancies will fall when unmet need is met...



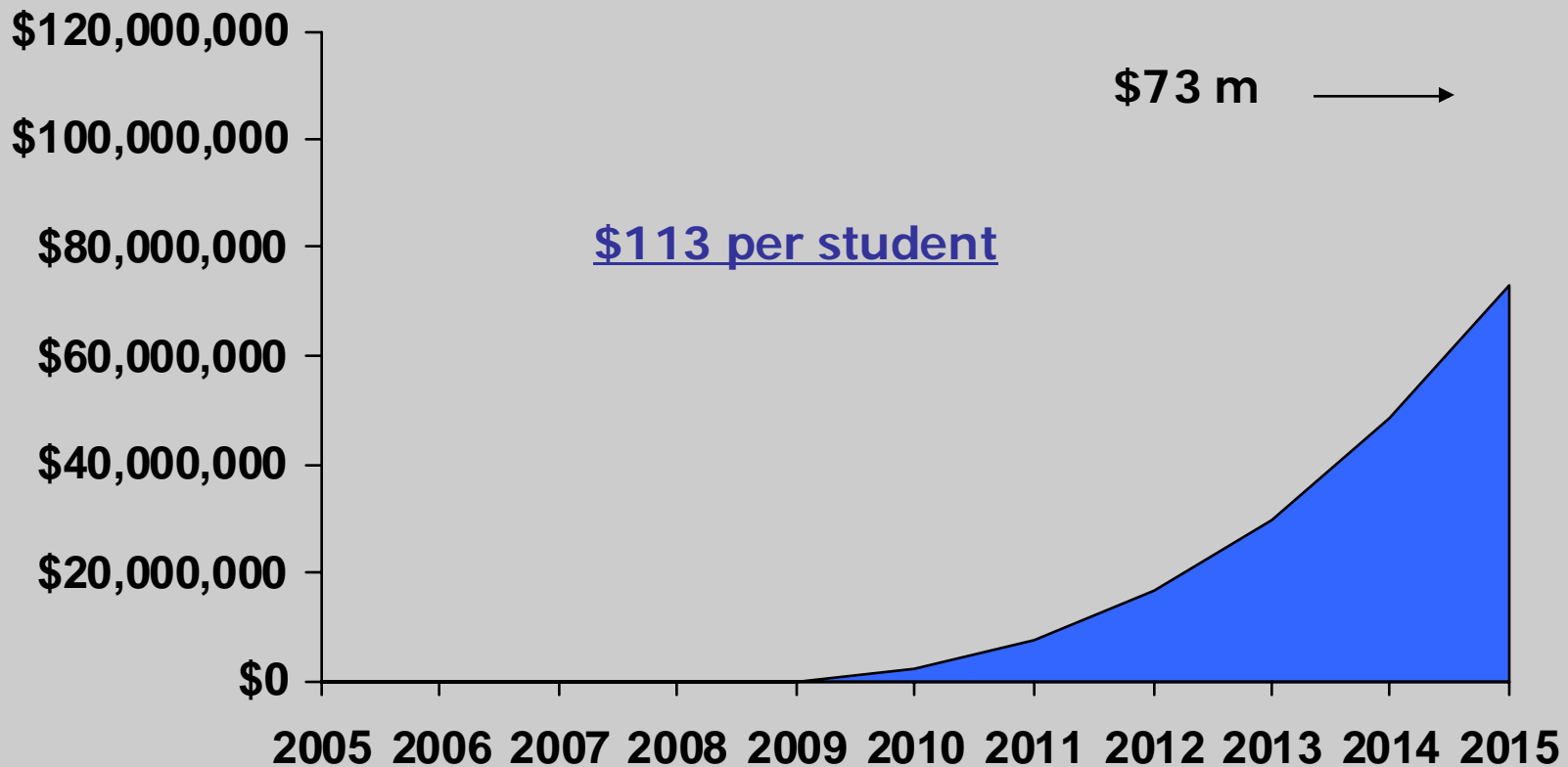
... which reduces the number of school aged children



Source: SPECTRUM 2.41 Projections

## ...which reduces the costs of meeting the primary education MDG

**Cumulative Primary Education Cost Savings  
(2005 - 2015) in Guatemala**

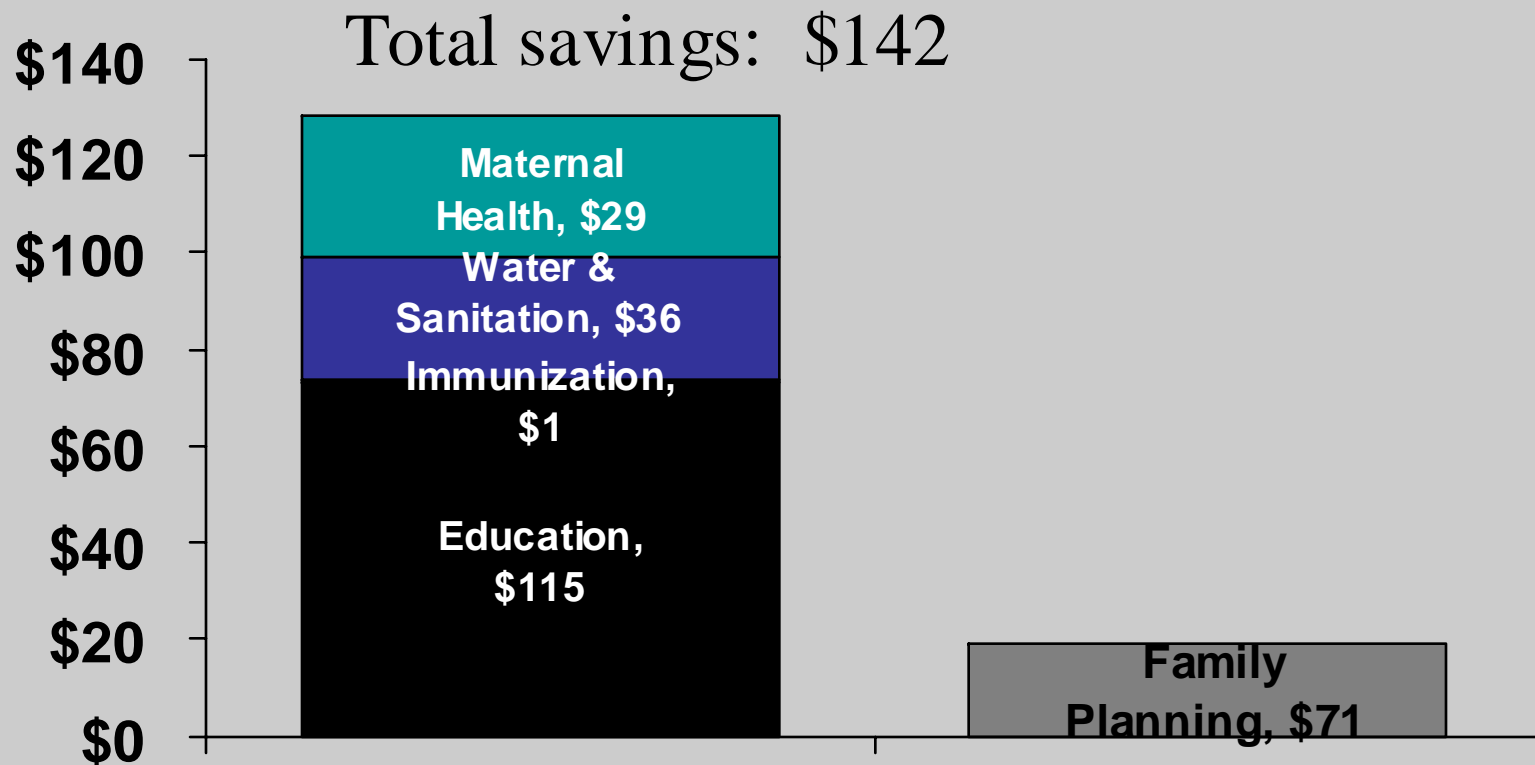


Cost source: Data and EFA Financing Simulation Models, World Bank EdStats website,  
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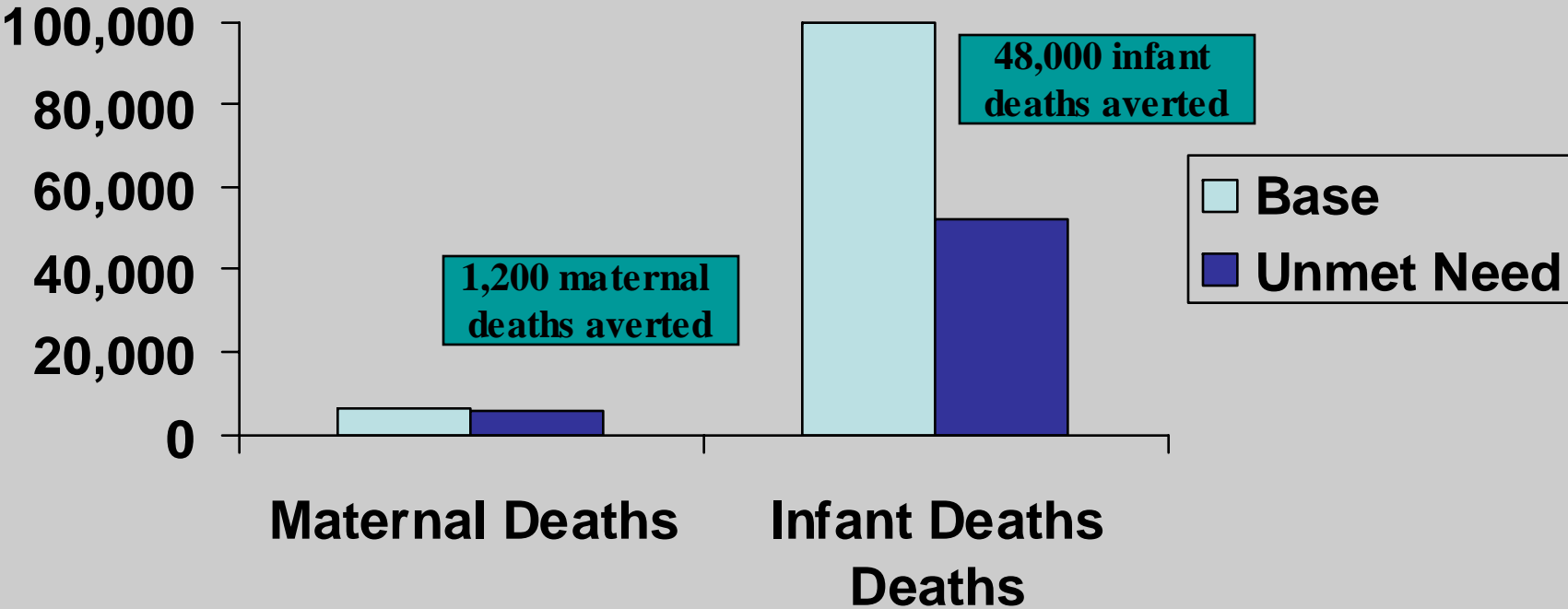
# The savings resulting from reducing unmet need are greater than the costs

## Costs and Savings in Guatemala



# Meeting unmet need also has significant health benefits, too.

## Deaths averted by meeting unmet need in Guatemala

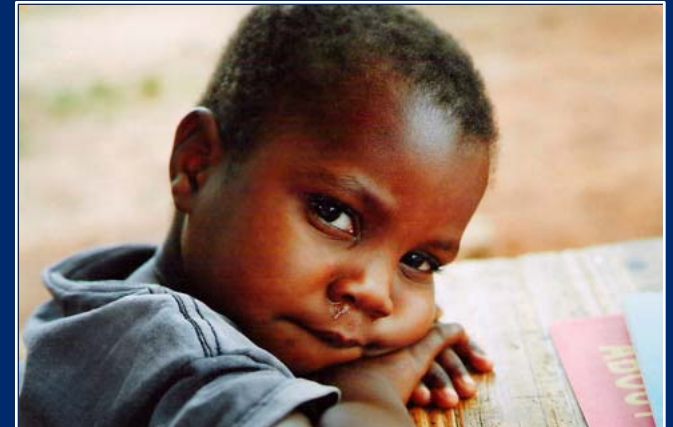
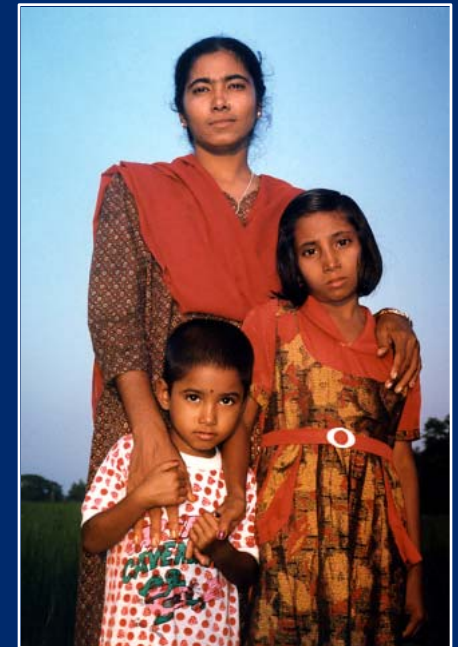


## All countries analyzed show high savings ratios

Region	Range of ratios
Asia and Near East	4-13
Latin America and Caribbean	8-20
Sub-Saharan Africa	2-6.2

## How have these analyses been used?

- CS committees in 4 LAC countries have used them for FP advocacy
- Presented to countries in Africa Union Ministers of Health meeting
- Used in budget negotiations in 2 ANE countries



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