



Population Footprints

Population Footprints, the UCL–Leverhulme Trust symposium on human population growth and global carrying capacity, took place in London on 25–26 May 2011. A satellite meeting was hosted simultaneously in Nairobi, Kenya, by the African Institute for Development Policy.

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Family planning

- Each year there are 75 million unintended pregnancies, 300,000 maternal deaths, and 21.6 million unsafe abortions.
- Every day 1,000 women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.
- An estimated 215 million women in developing countries have an unmet need for contraception.

4. Family planning is a crucial priority in its own right, yet there is insufficient funding to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, one of the Millennium Development Goals.

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Fertility rates

- Today women on average are having half as many children as they did 50 years ago. The world total fertility rate has declined from 5 children per woman in 1950 to 2.5 children per woman today, with wide country variations.
- Fertility rates in Japan, most European nations, Singapore and Russia are 1.5 children per woman or lower. In Afghanistan and many African countries, fertility rates are 5 children per woman or higher.

Understanding population growth and dynamics

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