Injectable contraception: Wave of the future or tsunami

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Injectable use among married women of reproductive age in Africa

Source: DHS
In many countries, women in urban areas are more likely to use injectables.
Urban/rural differences in injectable use are even greater in many low prevalence countries.
Demand for injectables is high among women with an unmet need for family planning.
Pill users depend less on clinic-based services compared to injectable users.
Increased use of injectables relies almost exclusively on clinic-based services.

Bangladesh

Source: DHS 2004
In most countries, increased injectable use is not associated with decreased use of other modern methods.
Many women are using injectables for limiting, placing a larger burden on health systems.

Source: EngenderHealth, 2009
12-month all reason discontinuation rates for injectable users are similar to pill users and are inversely related to prevalence rates.

Source: EngenderHealth, 2007 and STATCompiler, 2009