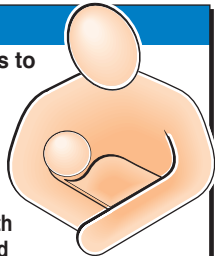


Controlling world population

While praising five countries which have expanded access to family planning services, Population Action International singles out five others for failing to provide adequate resources. Each year, unwanted pregnancies in Russia result in four million abortions – twice the live birth rate



(Population in brackets)

Poland (38.4 million)

Decline in contraception and safe abortion after mounting pressure from Catholic church

Ireland (3.5 million)

Catholic influence severely restricts access to contraception and safe forms of abortion

Russia (149.3 million)

Domestic production of birth control devices has stopped owing to a lack of hard currency to import latex.

No contraceptives have been imported since 1990

Pakistan

(121.7 million)

Poor health services and little political support for family planning

Peru (22.5 million)

Renewed family planning effort has seen surge in use of birth control

Zimbabwe

(10.3 million)

At the forefront of African family planning. Birth control has tripled since 1979

Iraq (18.2 million) Hostile to birth control as leadership encourages large families

Iran (59.7 million)

Government financing of family planning doubled in 1992 to more than \$15million

Bangladesh

(111.4 million)

Contraceptive use has doubled to 40 per cent over last ten years

Indonesia

(184.5 million)

20-year government backed program has seen five-fold increase in use of contraception