## Fertility estimates from full birth

# Outline Data and mods

# Data and methods

## 104 countries, 424 surveys, 10 HDSS

World Fertility Surveys (WFS)

Standard Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Aids Indicators Surveys (AIS), Malaria Indicators Surveys (MIS), Interim DHS surveys, Special DHS surveys

Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS)

Reproductive Health Surveys (RHS)

PAPFAM and PAPCHILD

Selected HDSS data (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Malawi, Bangladesh) more will be included

#### Surveys by program

297	261	Not needed
30	27	Not needed
11	5	Variable names
27	12	Variable names, file structure
43	35	Variable names, file structure, all-women factors
49	37	Variable names, file structure
32	23	Variable names, all-women factors
41	24	Variable names, file structure, date imputations

#### Methods

Data harmonization, computation of all-women factors if necessary, imputation of dates if necessary

Computation of births and exposure by age and year (or period), fertility rates, and standard errors

Under-15 fertility: DHS « Lexis approach » (Pullum et al. 2018)

y f that will inflate the observed exposure e according to the geometry of the O Pullum et al., 2018, p.10)

Several Stata commands developed

adof11: computation of under-15 fertility from birth histories

singa11: computation of single year ASFR from birth histories

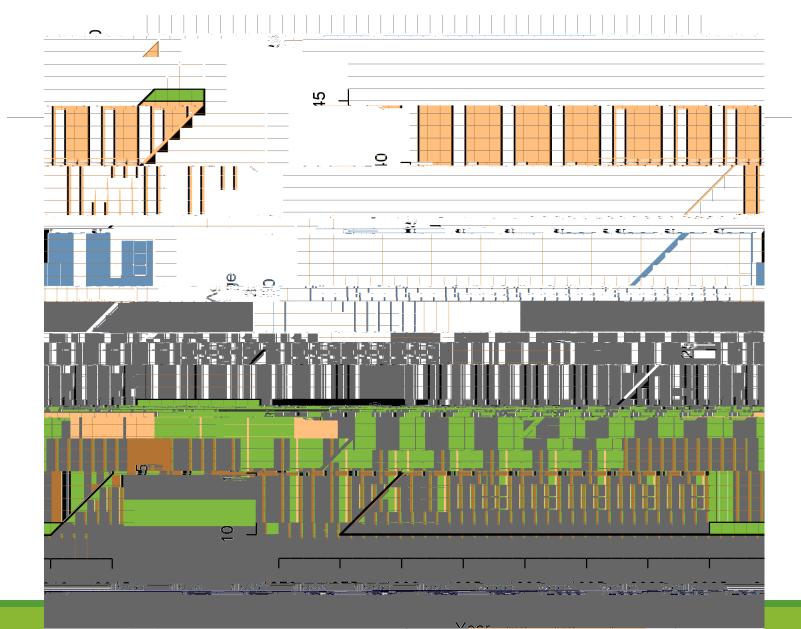
tfr2 and itfr: computation of ASFR and TFRs from surveys and HDSS

Two-stage sample design taken into account

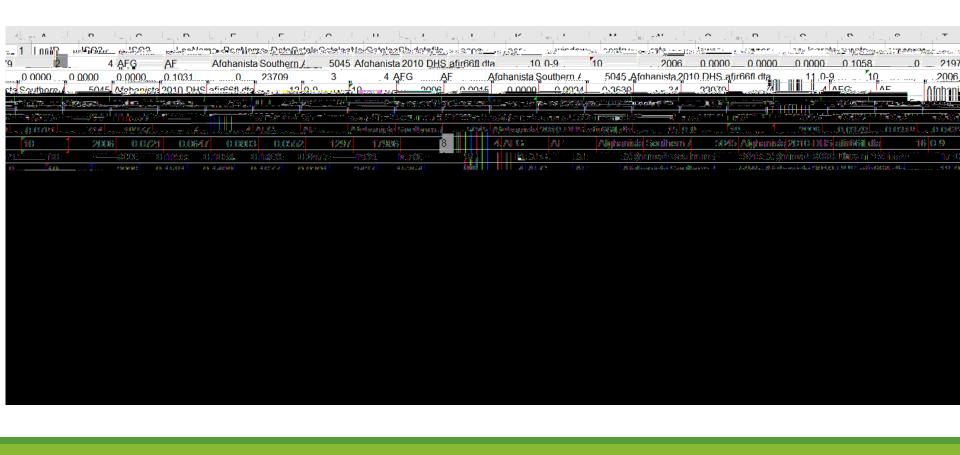
## Single year ASFRs

FROM SURVEY DATA

Single year ASFRs 10 years preceding the survey

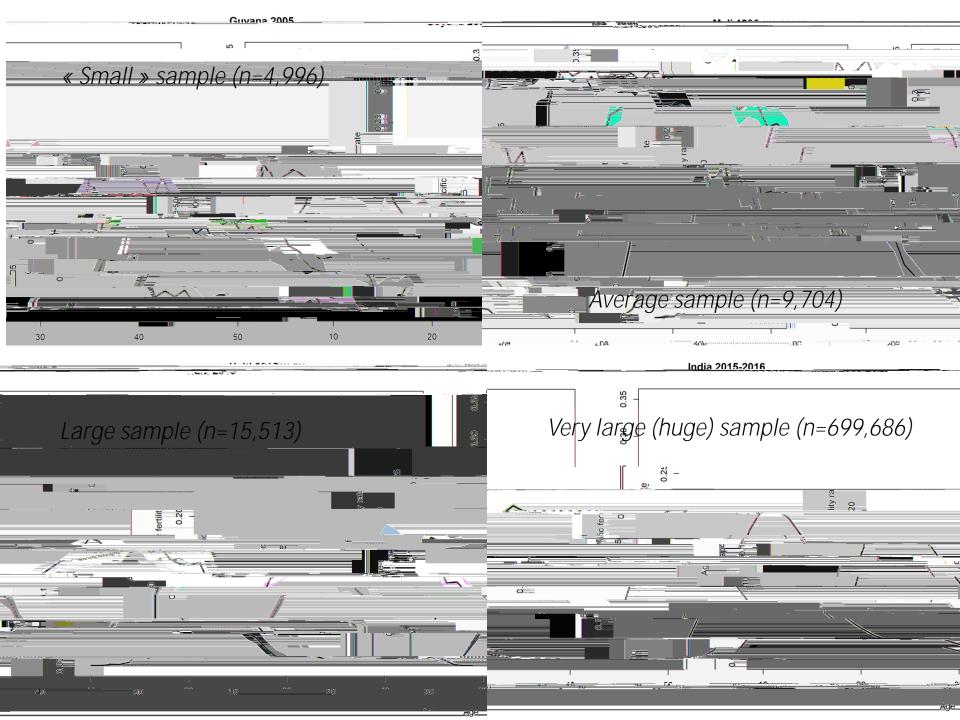


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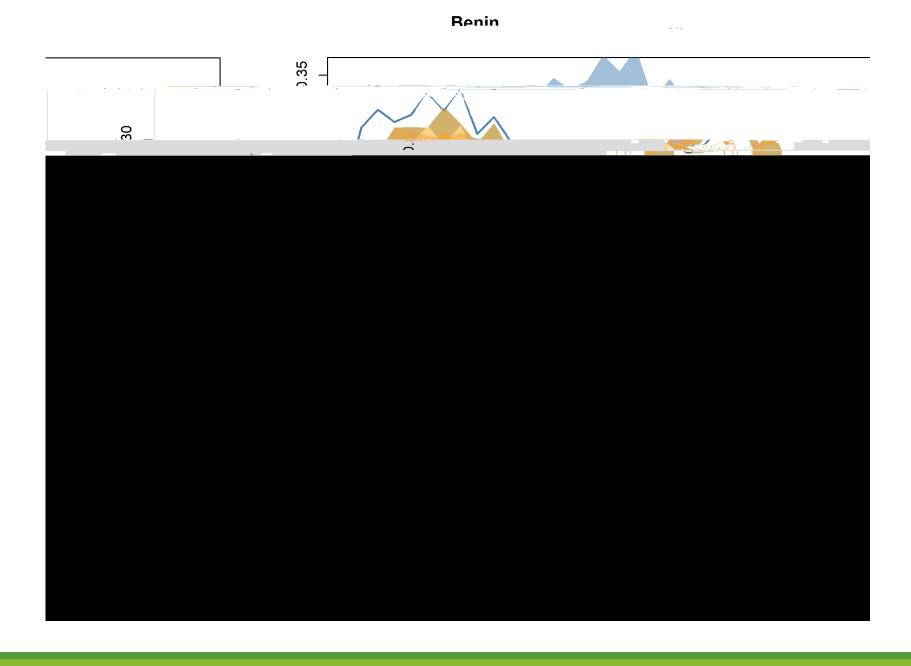


## Sampling errors

95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS 10-YEAR ESTIMATES



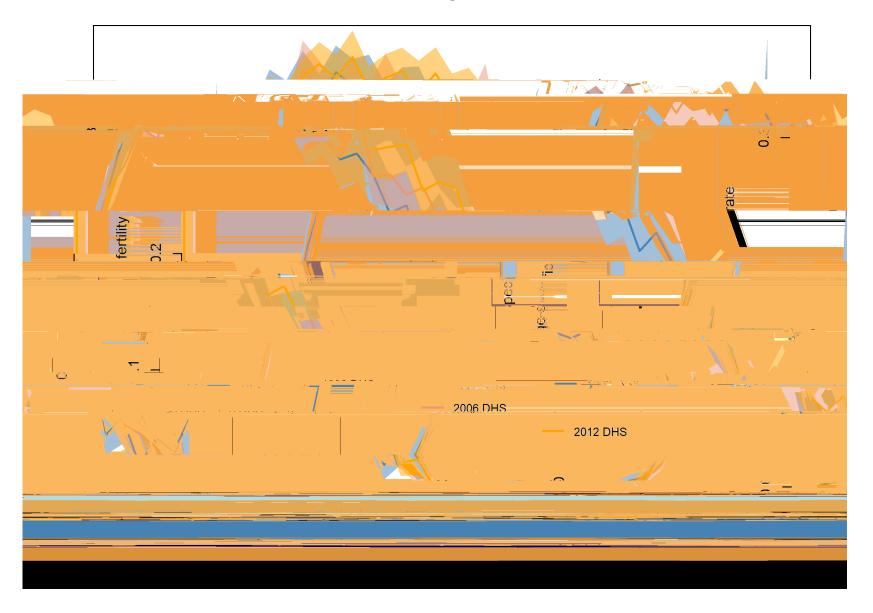
# Consistency of age patterns within countries

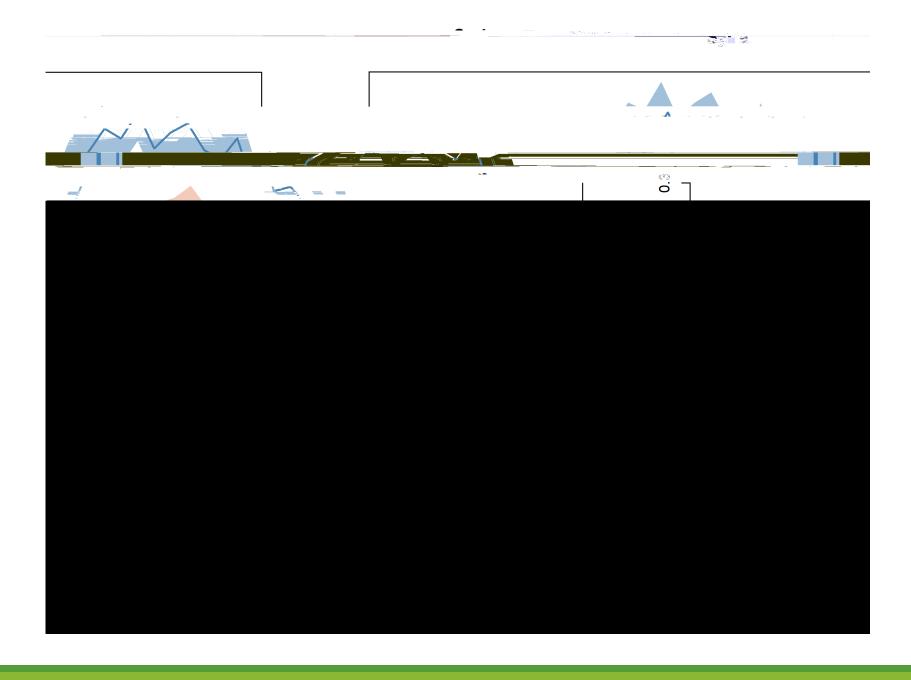






#### Niger





## Single year ASFRs

FROM SELECTED HDSS

### Comparisons HDSS DHS

IN SELECTED HDSS, DHS REGION AND DHS COUNTRY

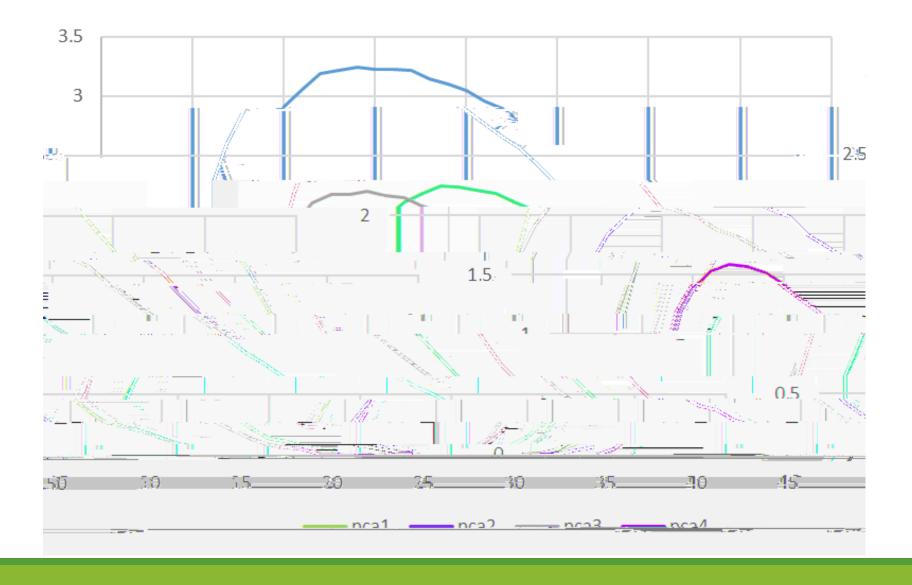


# Modelling and smoothing

## Principal component analysis of fertility rates

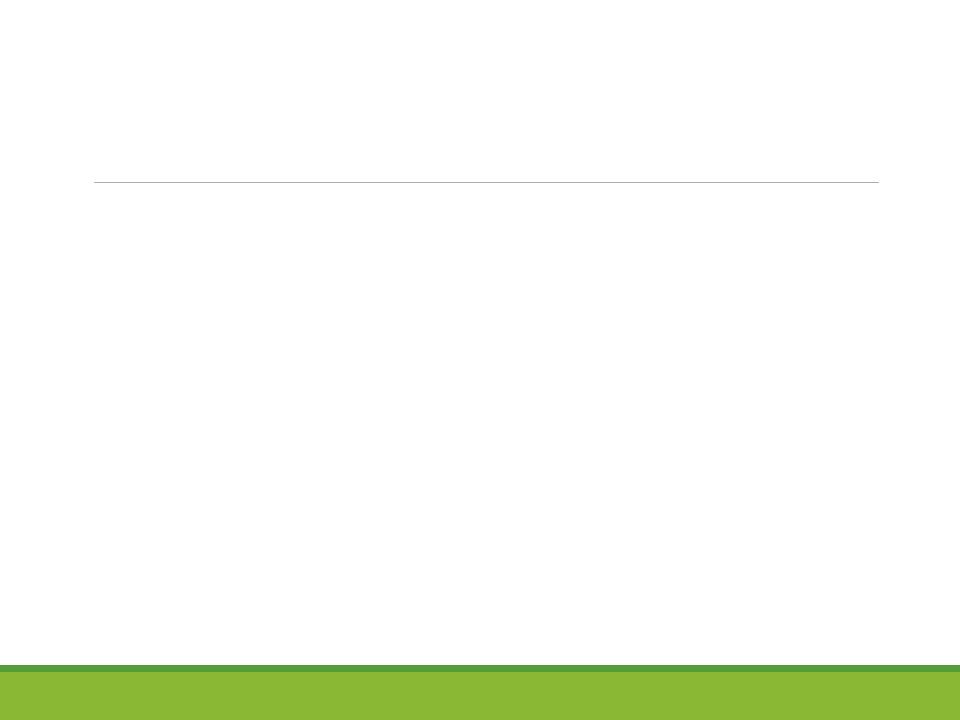
- Work very much in progress inspired by Pantazis and Clark (2018)
- Around 400 series of single year age fertility rates
- 4 components represent 99% of the variance
- For each survey, weights for each of the 4 components
- Smoothed rates obtained as the linear combination of the 4 components and survey-specific weights

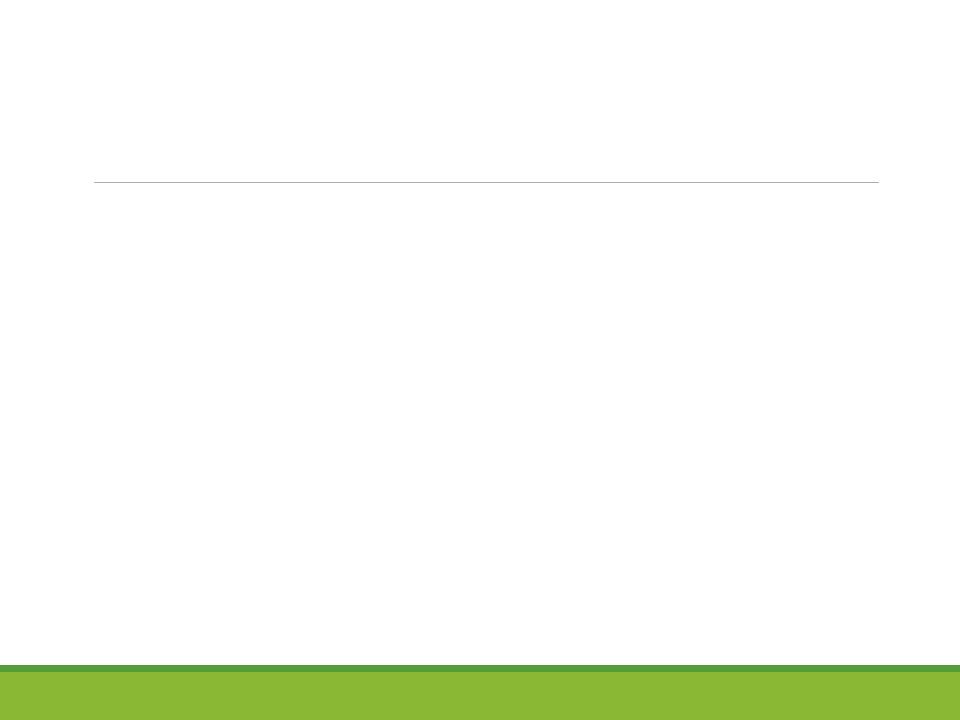
#### 4 components (rotated)



#### Observed and PCA smoothed







#### Key results

A lot of trustworthy information on single year ASFRS in developing countries

Age patterns are highly

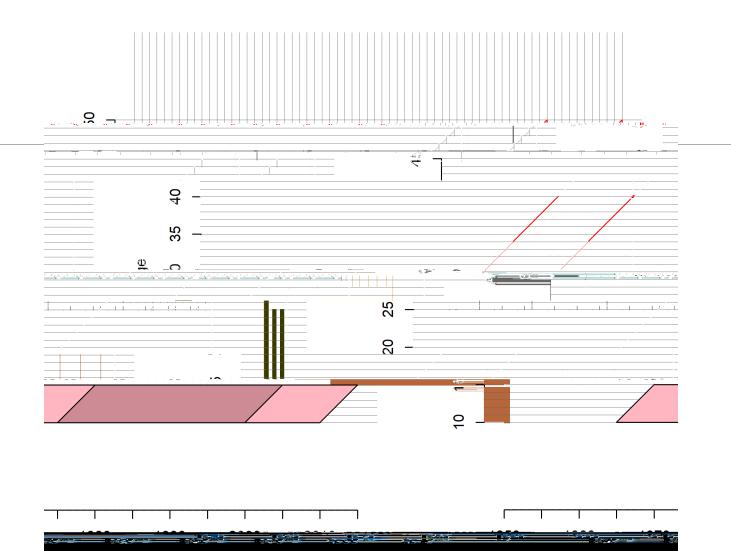
## Trends in under-15 fertility

FROM SURVEYS

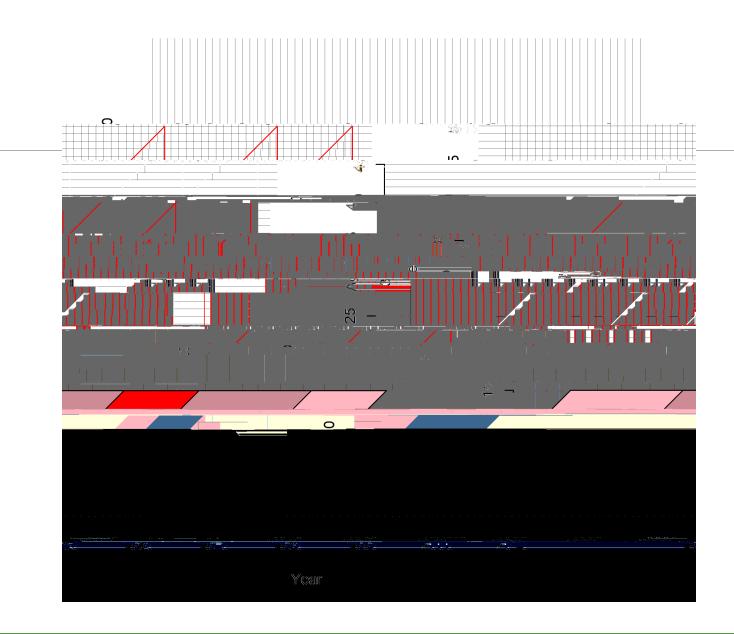
## Available estimates of 10-14 fertility rates - developing countries

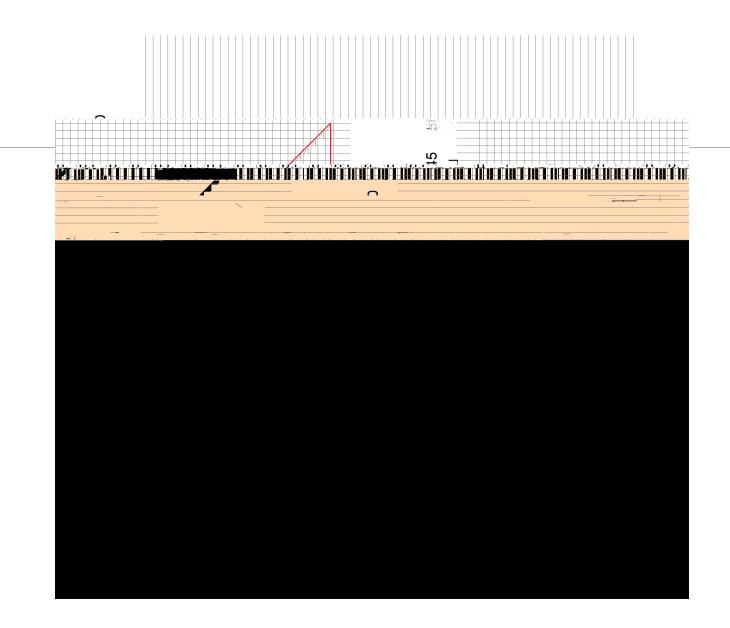
- Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Reports and StatCompiler
  - Estimates for the 3 years preceding the survey
    - Recent addition to StatCompiler: recent estimates from all the DHS
- United Nations Demographic Yearbooks, Human fertility database (HFD) and Human fertility collection (HFC)
  - Rates often not available (only numbers of births) and age-groups not well defined
  - Limited data in developing countries
- Global Burden of Disease (GBD) (2018)
  - u *first annual time series of fertility rates* in these age groups. [10-14 and 15-
    - Largely relies on modelling

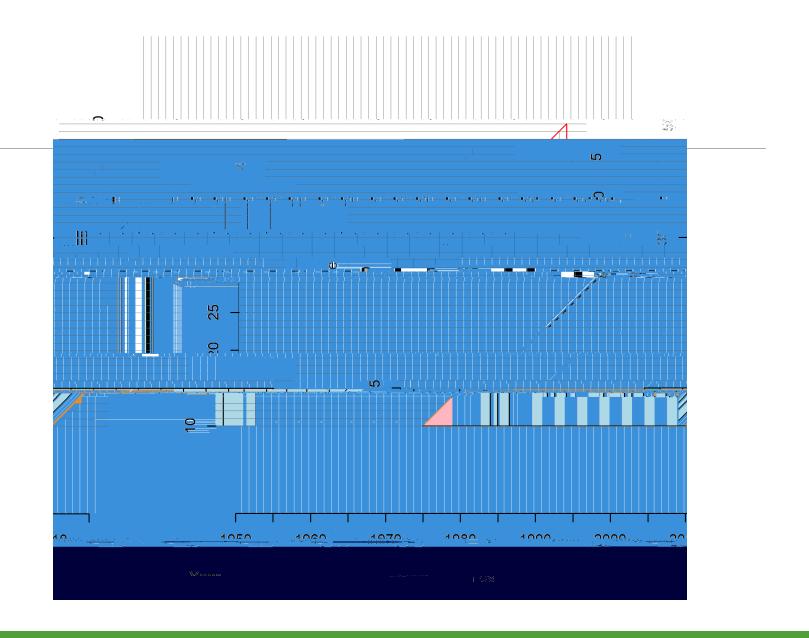




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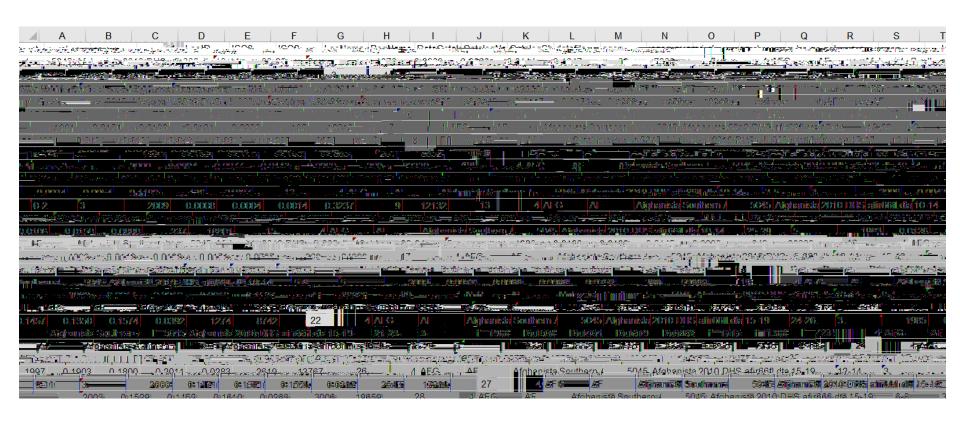


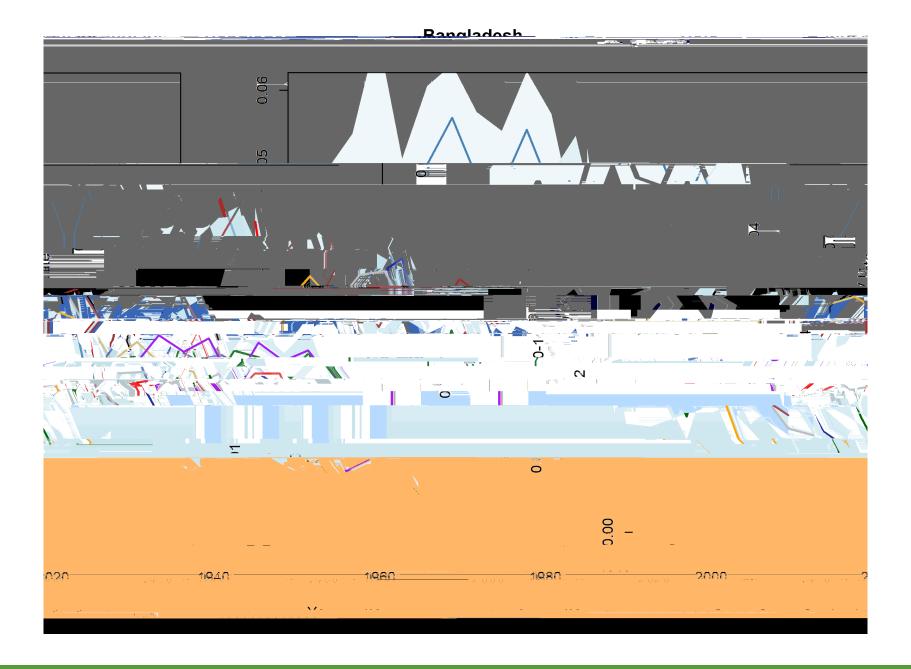




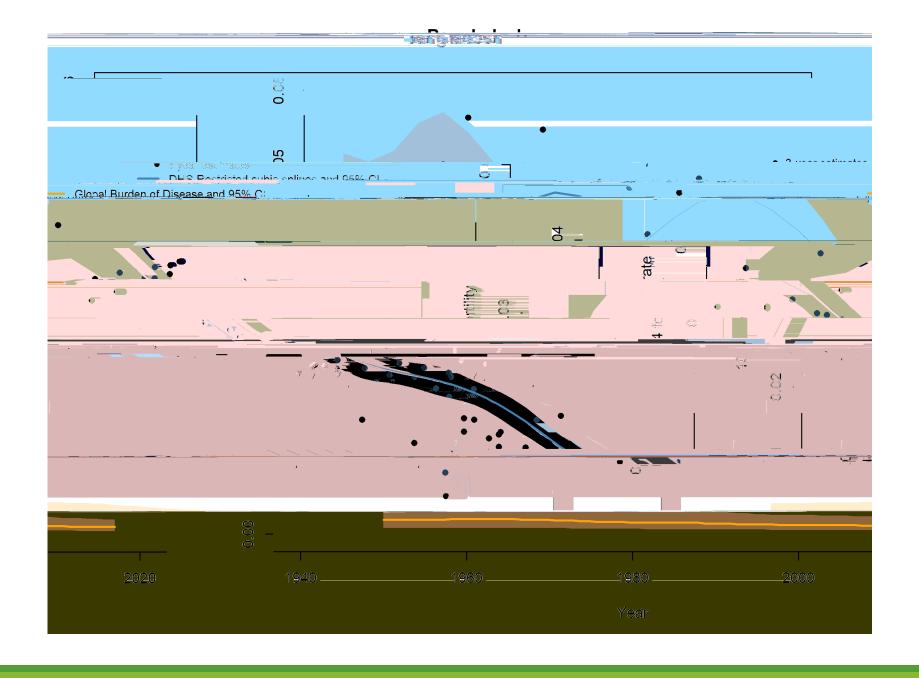
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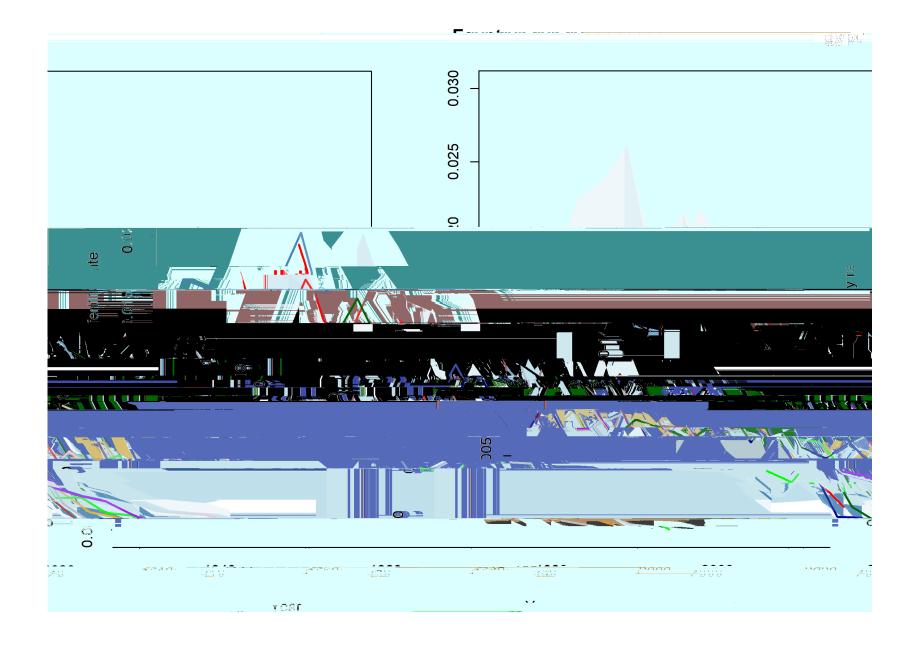
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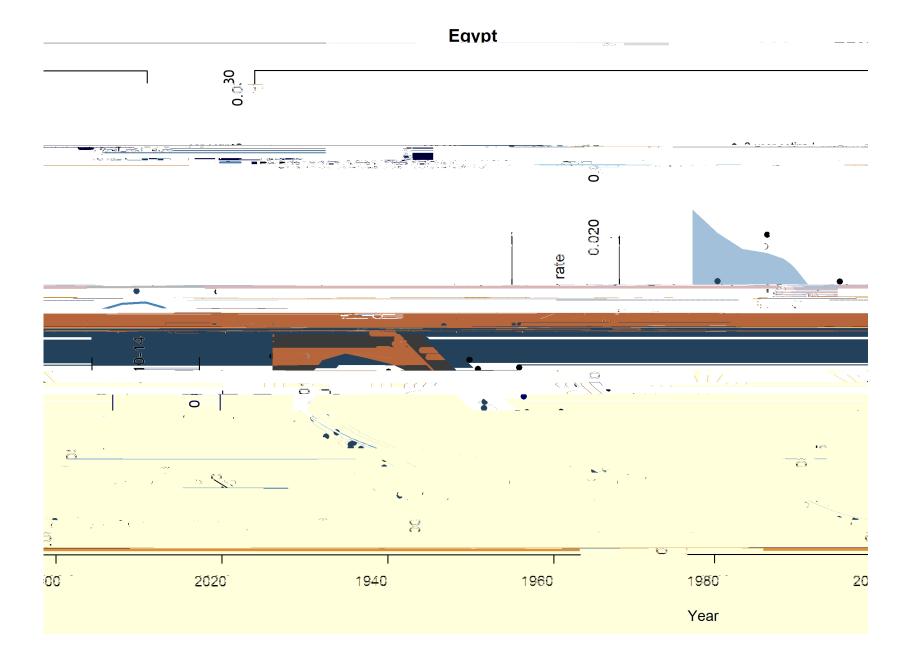




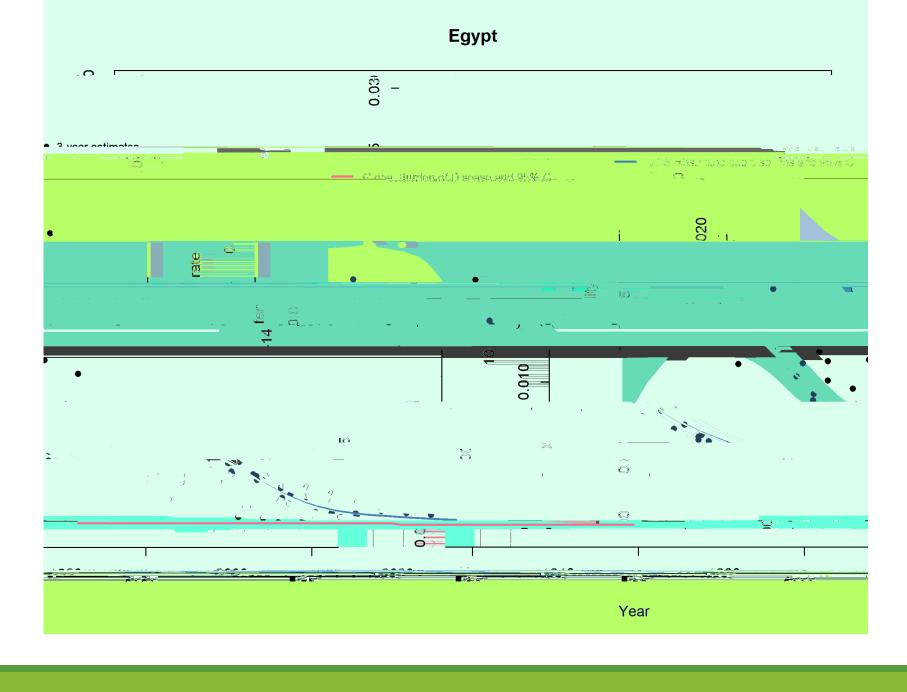




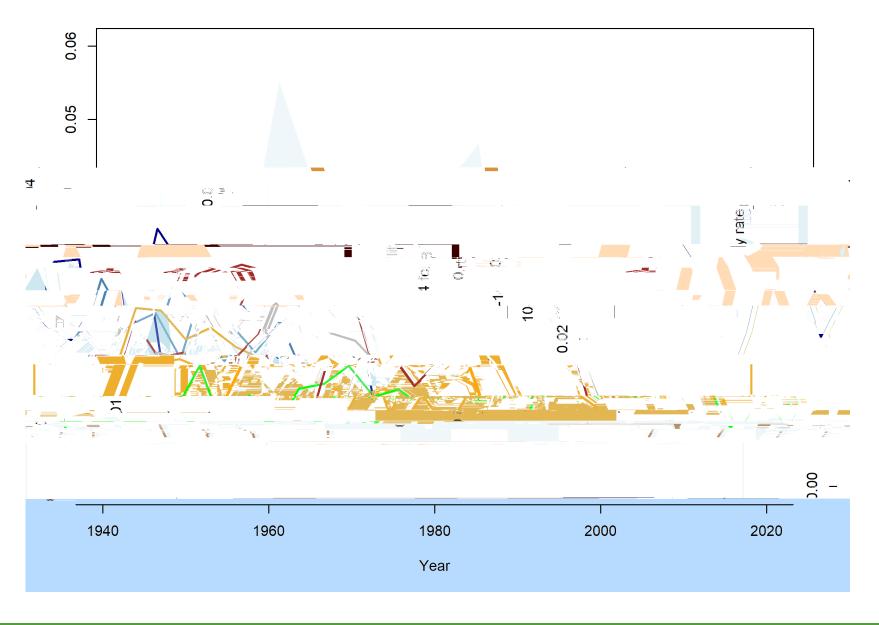




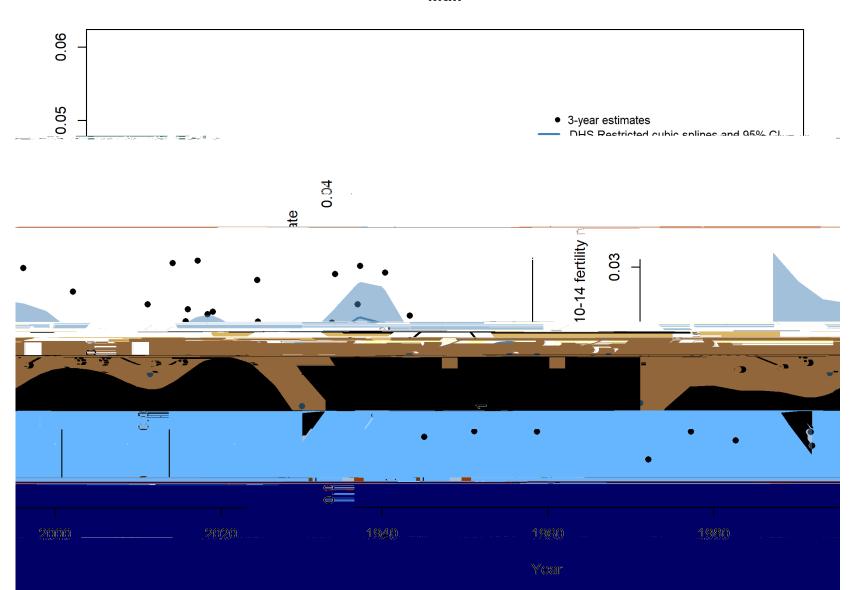
Pooled surveys (events and exposure). Negative binomial regression with restricted cubic splines (knots spaced by 10 years)



Mali



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Year

## Key results

- Possible to estimate long-term trends in under-15 fertility Data on young adolescents fertility widely available and largely untapped
  - Fairly consistent estimates across surveys
  - Reasonable confidence intervals
  - Seems consistent with HDSS, but more comparisons needed

### Compared to existing estimates

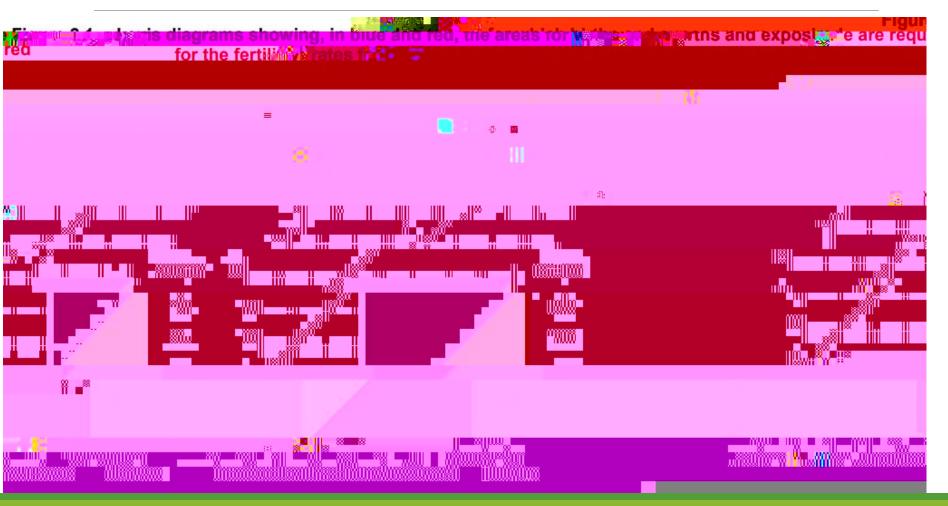
- Longer trends than published DHS
- Much larger set of countries than in Human Fertility Collection
- Much more realistic estimates than GBD estimates

Very limited impact on TFR (usually << 1%)

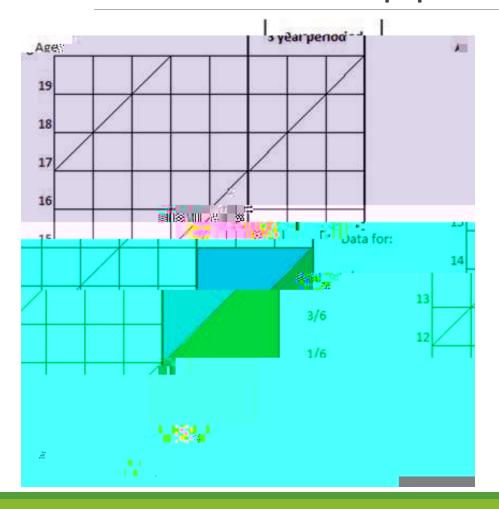
# Thank you

# Appendix

## Recent estimates: truncated data



## The Lexis Approach



$$12 = \frac{\frac{6}{1}}{12}$$

$$13 = \frac{\frac{6}{3}}{13}$$

$$14 = \frac{\frac{6}{5}}{14}$$