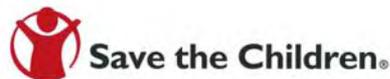


Adolescent Reproductive Health in Georgia

Nana Kvirtia *Healthy Women in Georgia*
Koba Sopromadze *Healthy Women in Georgia*
30 October-10 November 2006, Ankara, Turkey



How Close Are We?



Demographic Trends

Total Population	Year	Millions
	1975	4.9
	2000	5.3
	2015	4.8

Urban Population	Year	As % of total
	1975	49.5
	2000	56.3
	2015	61.4

Demographic Trends

Population under age 15 (as % of total)

2000	20.5
2015	14.8

Population aged 65 and above (as % of total)

2000	12.9
2015	15.0

Fertility Rate

Reproductive Health Survey, Georgia, 2005

Total Fertility Rate (Births per woman)

Year	Fertility Rate
1970 - 1975	2.6
2003 - 2005	1.6

Fertility Rate

Reproductive Health Survey, Georgia 2005

Age-Specific Fertility Rate (per 1,000)

Age	Fertility Rate
15-19	47
20-24	109
25-29	85
30-34	47

Survival: Progress and Setbacks

**Under-five mortality rate
(per 1000 live births)**

1970	46
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2000	29
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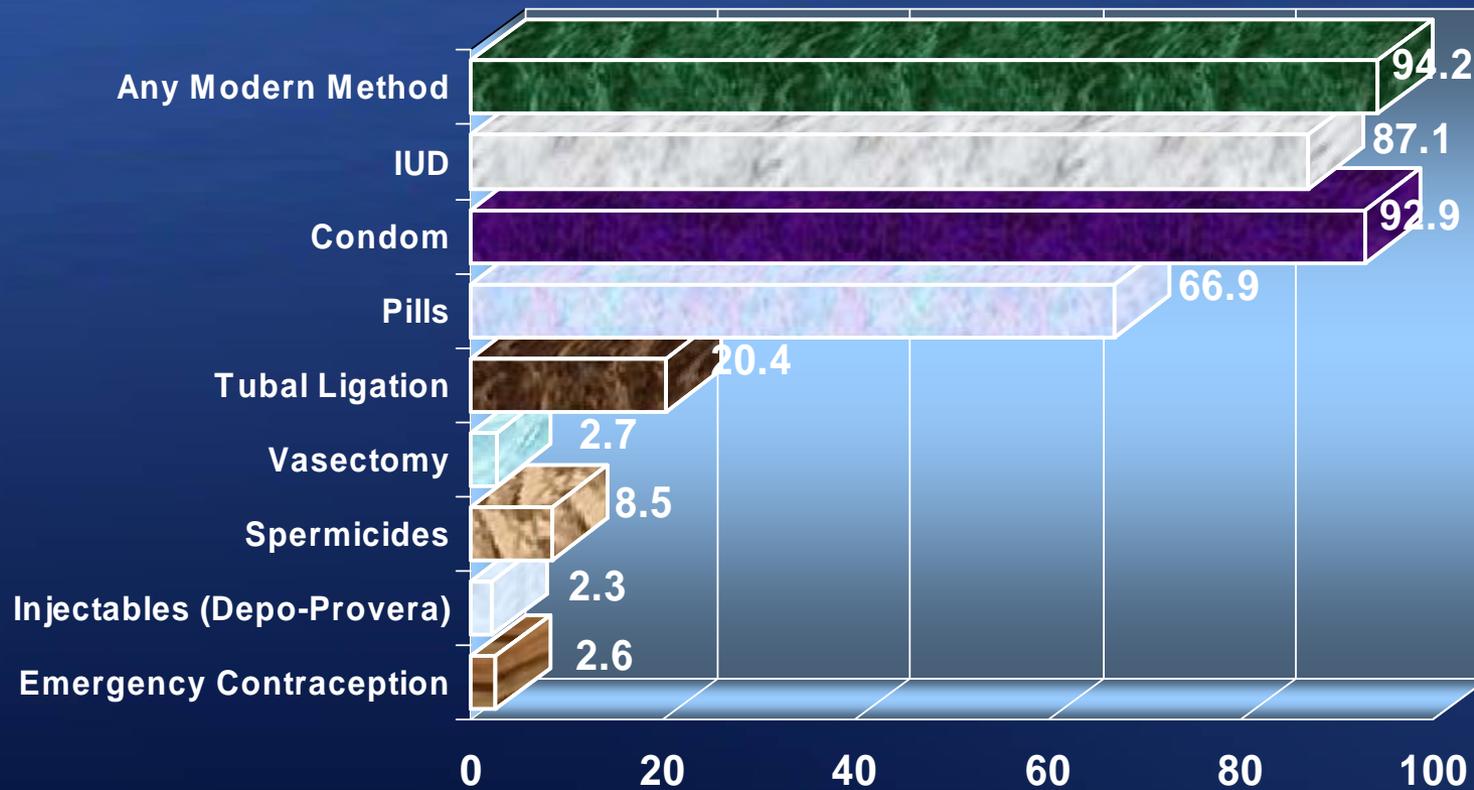
Abortion Levels

(Reproductive Health Survey, Georgia 2005)

Age-Specific Induced Abortion Rate		(per 1,000)	
Age	2002-2005	1999-2002	1996-1999
15-19	12	19	29
20-24	123	126	162
25-29	164	174	191
Total Abortion Rate (per women)	3.1	3.3	3.7

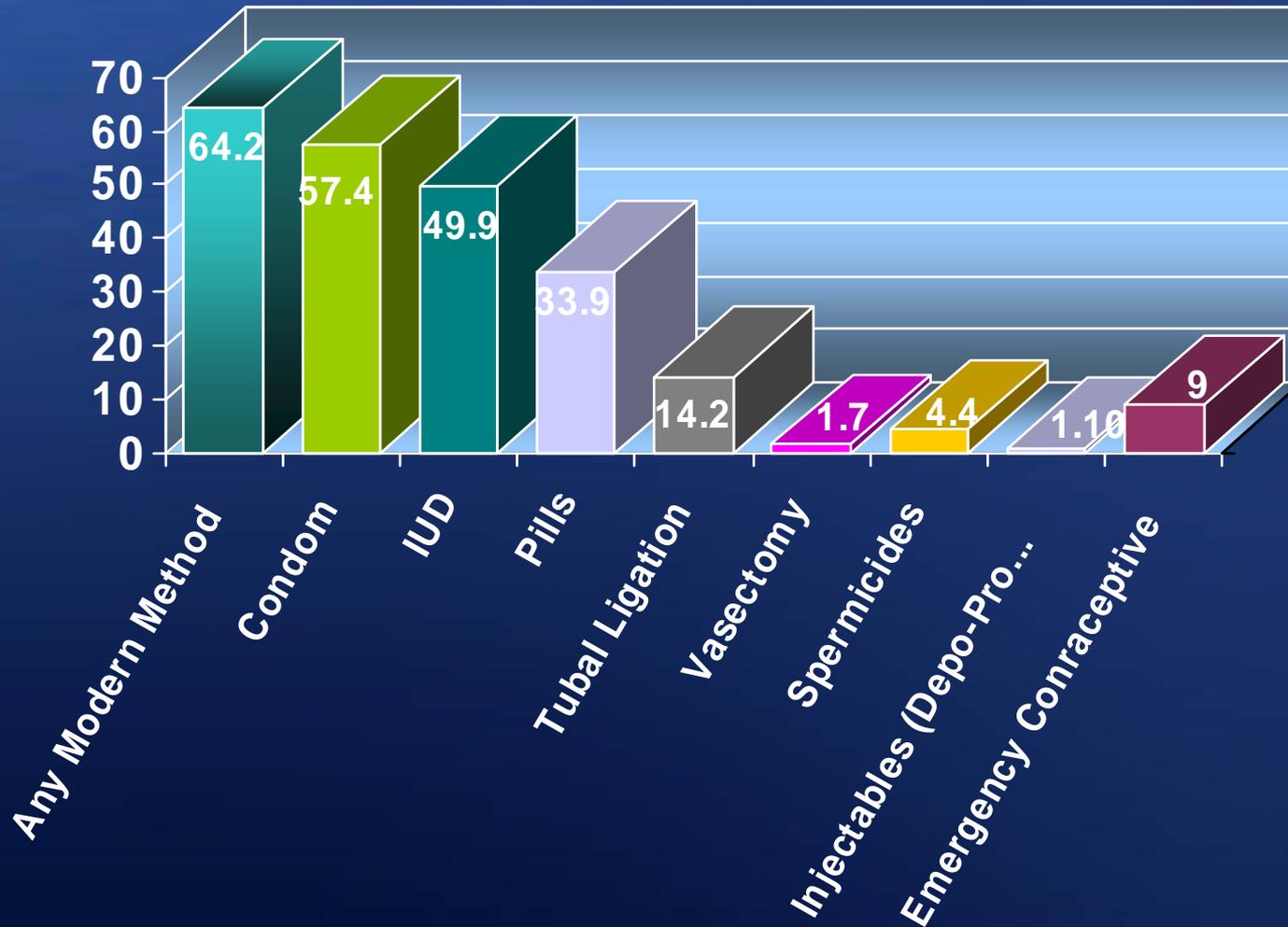
Percentage of Women Aged 15-24 Who Have Heard about Specific Contraceptive Methods

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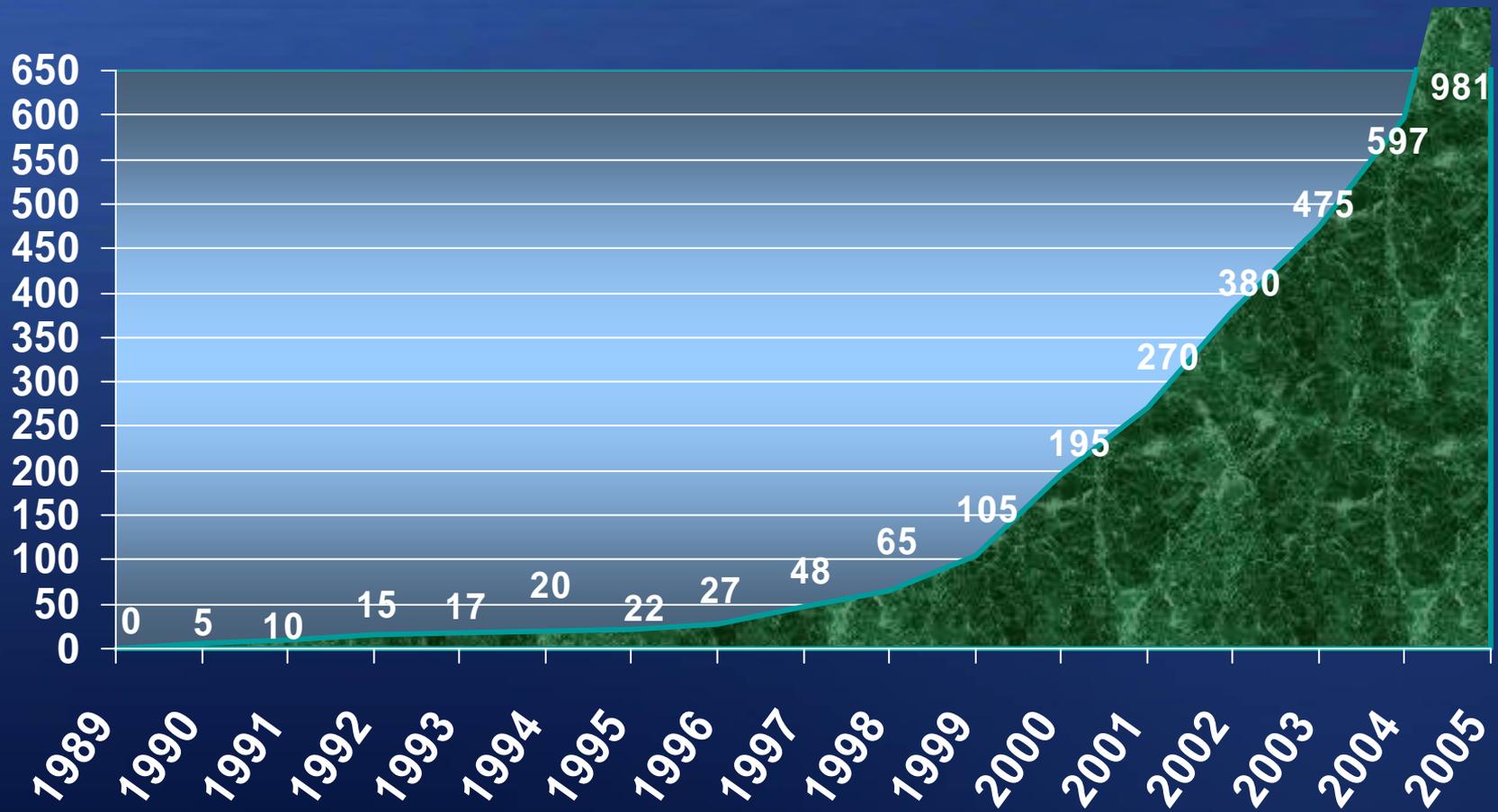
Percentage of Women 15-24 Who Say They Know How Specific Contraceptive Methods are Used

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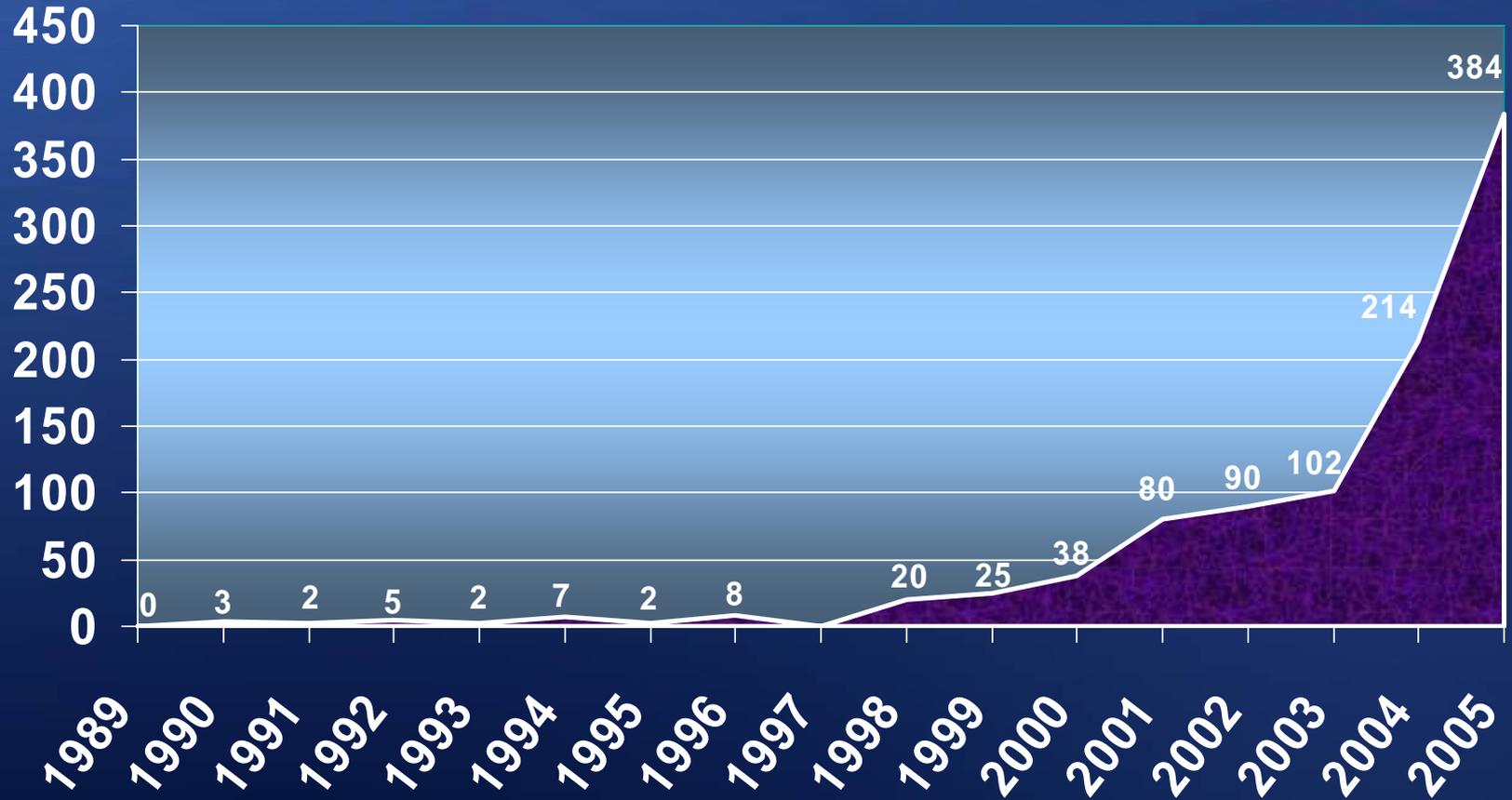
The number of cumulative HIV cases by years

(National AIDS Center 2005)



The number of new HIV cases by years

(National AIDS Center)



Adolescent Reproductive Health Projects in Georgia

- ❑ **Reproductive Health initiative for youth of South Caucasus (UNFPA, 2006-2009)**
- ❑ **Guria Adolescent Health Project (CARE International)**
to achieve improvements in reproductive health through improving better access to youth-friendly information and services, and through raising community awareness of gender power differences
- ❑ **Healthy Women in Georgia Project (Funded by USAID)**
The goal of project is to improve access to evidence based reproductive health services (family planning, safe motherhood, adolescent reproductive health) for Georgian women and youth.

Health Promotion Center for Adolescence, Students and Education System Professionals

- ❑ Is only one medical centre in Georgia, oriented on health assessment, monitoring, rehabilitation, treatment, promotion and implementation prevention programs among Preschool, Secondary and High school students and teachers;
- ❑ The main priority of HPC is also conducting training courses of CME (Continue Medical Education), delivering lectures, organizing workshops for medical staff of Preschools, Secondary and High schools; development of training materials and guidelines for Healthy Policy promotion and implementation, according to special needs.

**IEC/BCC Campaign
For
Healthy Women In Georgia Project**

Youth Reproductive Health Barriers in Georgia

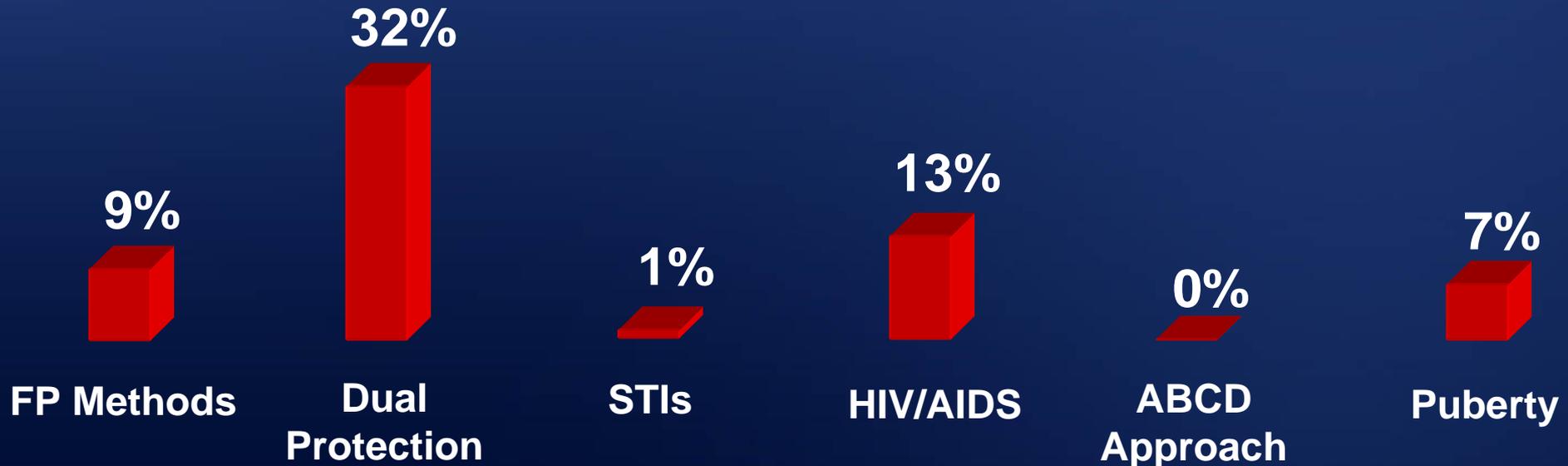
- ❑ Lack of RH information**
- ❑ Religious and cultural barriers**
- ❑ Lack of knowledge on RH issues**
- ❑ Low access to RH services**
- ❑ Lack of youth friendly services**

Adolescents Reproductive Health Survey Results

November, 2004

Low Knowledge !

High Interest !



**Classical model
of IEC/BCC intervention**

**Health
Awareness
Activities**

**Healthy
Lifestyle
Course**

**Peer
Education**

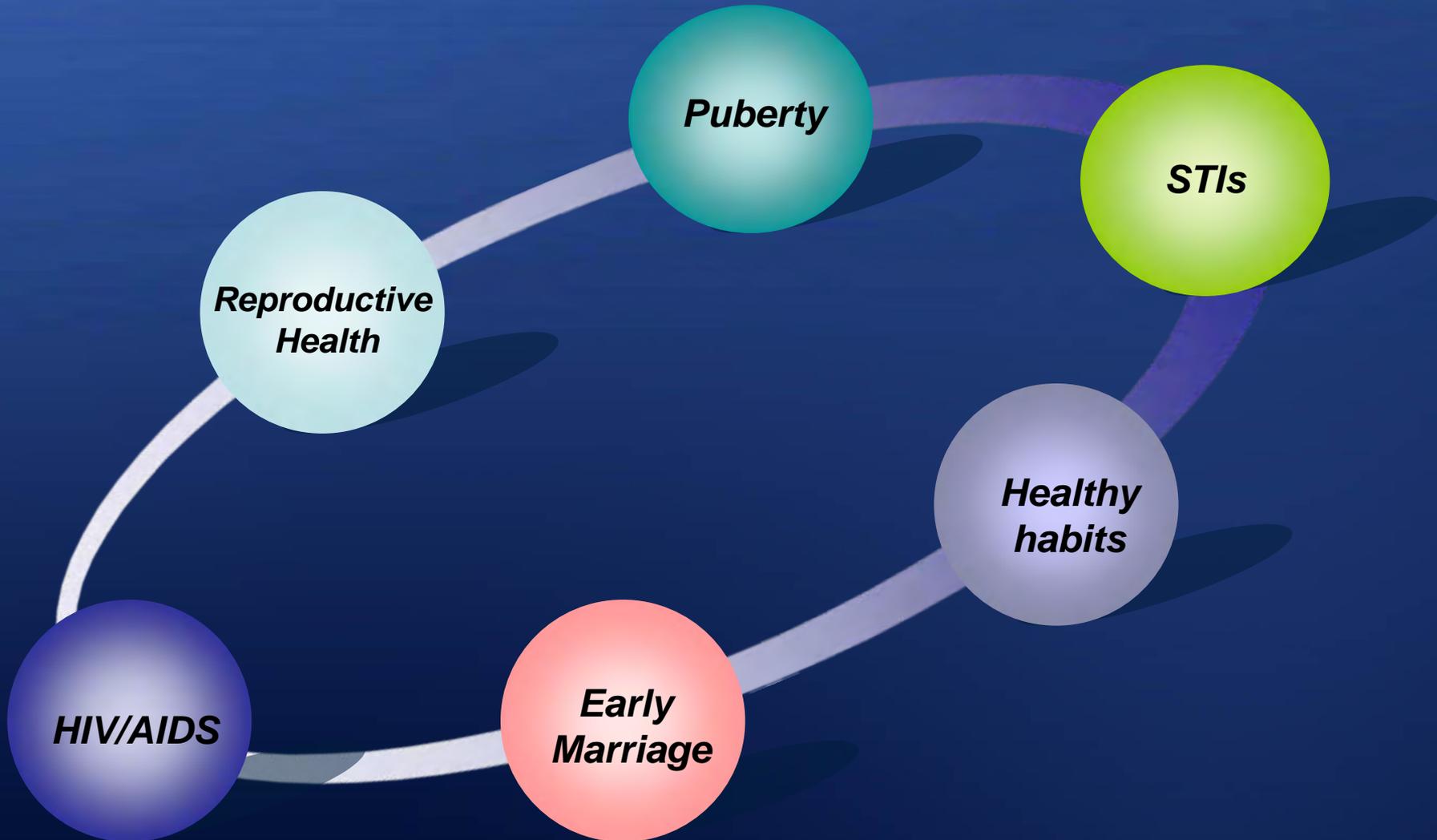
**Theatre
Based
Techniques**

Mass Media

Hotline

**Youth
Friendly
Pharmacy**

Topics for Healthy Lifestyle Course



Peer Education

- ❑ Peers are traditional providers of information to their peers
- ❑ Peer education program provides strong benefits to peer educators themselves
- ❑ Peer education is economical



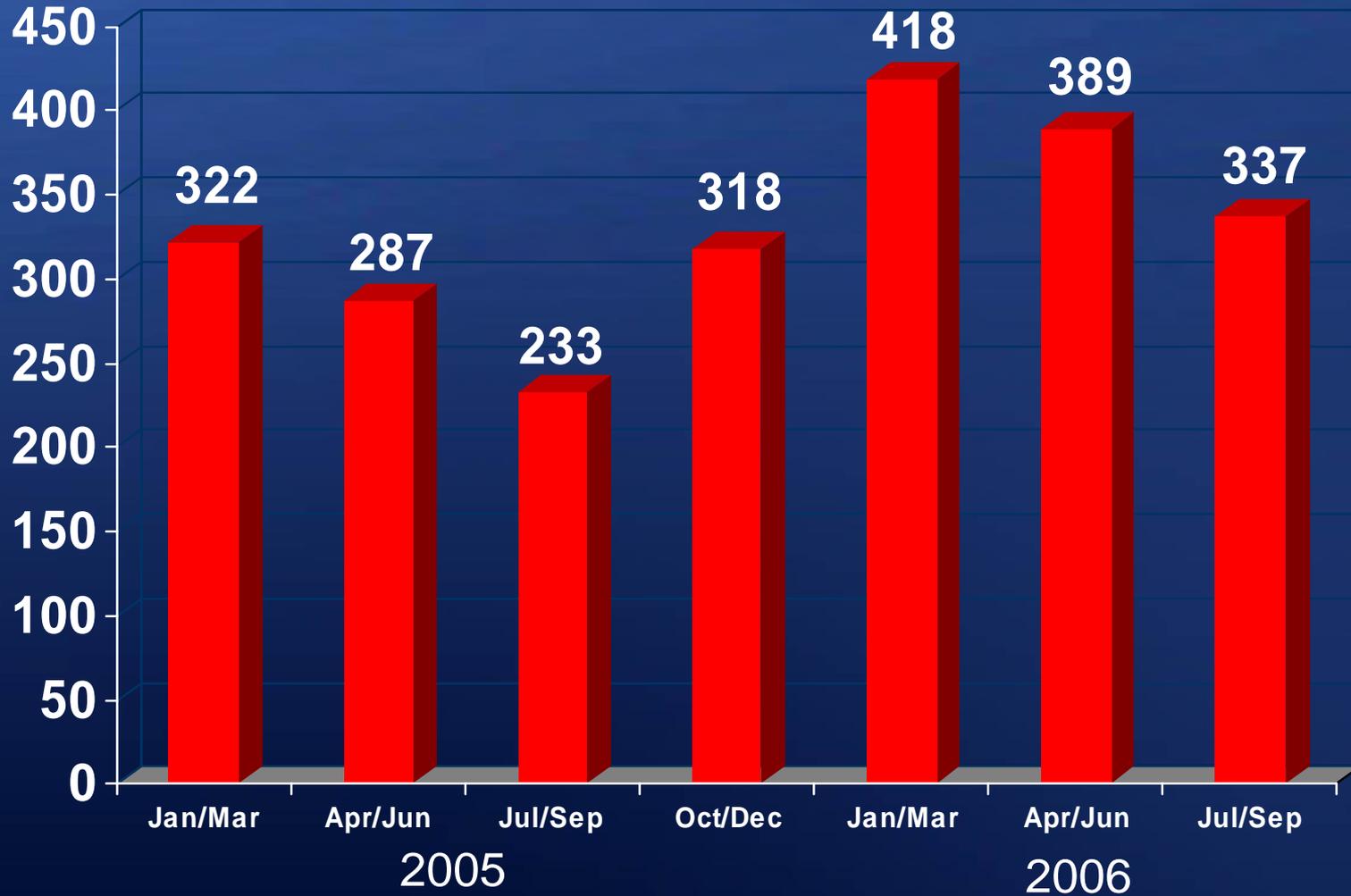
475 Trained Peer Educators

Use of Theatre-based Techniques

- Provide Information
- Create Motivation
- Build Skills
- Make a link to Resources



Hotline



Mass Media



**IEC Campaign
on Local Radio
"Dzveli Qalaki"**

TV Talk Show



Health Awareness Activities

- Sport competitions
- Art exhibitions
- Health quizzes
- Summer camps
- Health events dedicated to:
 - World Health Day
 - World AIDS Day
 - AIDS Memorial Day
 - Breast Health Awareness Walk

Youth Friendly Pharmacy Service

- Develop the skills of pharmacy personal to communicate with and counsel youth
- Provide pharmacy staff with current technical information on EC, contraceptive methods, and STIs
- Sensitize pharmacy staff to the reproductive health needs of youth



Achievements

■ ARH Baseline Survey Results 2004
■ ARH Mid-Point Survey Results 2006

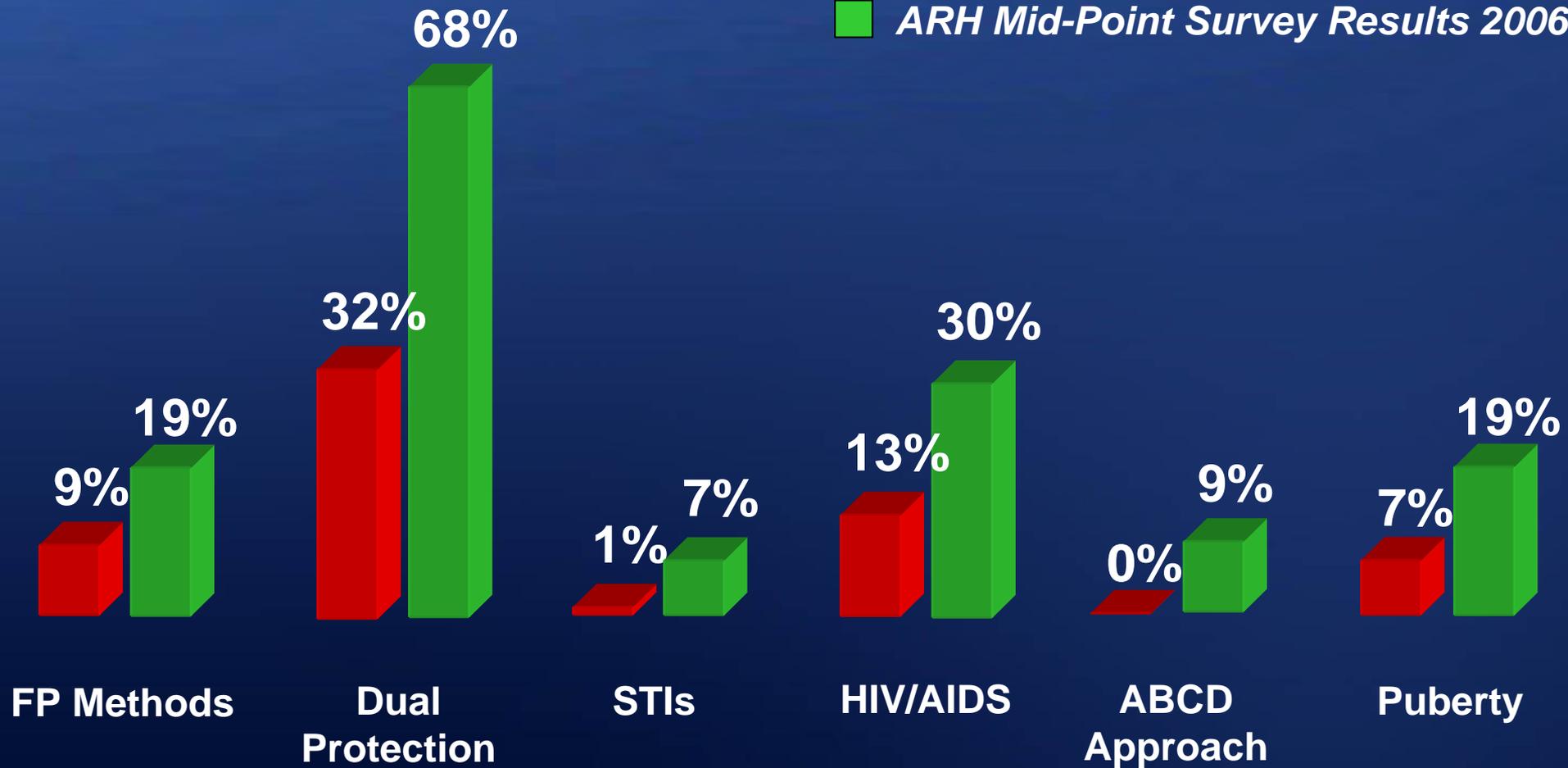


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