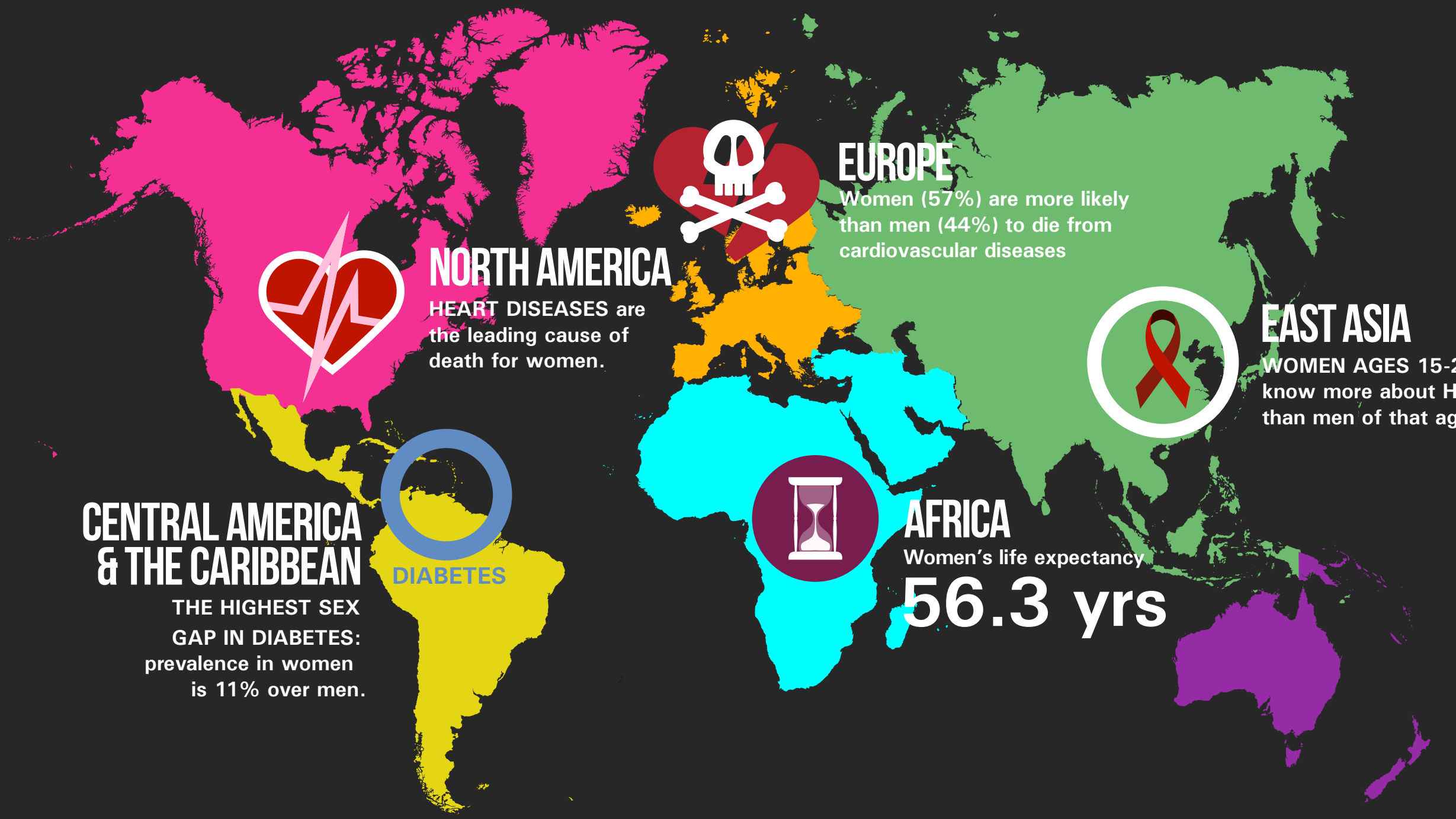


RUTGERS INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

# WOMEN'S HEALTH DISPARITIES

BY REGION OF THE WORLD



## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

% OF WOMEN USING CONTRACEPTION

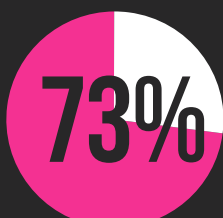
CENTRAL AMERICA  
SOUTH AMERICA  
& THE CARIBBEAN



1\*<sup>IN</sup>5

Women of reproductive age refer to sterilization as a contraceptive method.

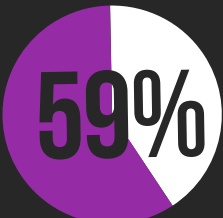
UNITED STATES  
& CANADA



7<sup>X</sup>

The amount of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. compared to women in Italy or Ireland.

OCEANIA



2<sup>ND</sup>

Southern Asia and Oceania are second in maternal deaths.

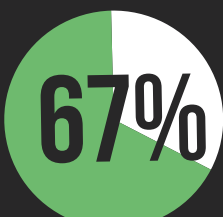
EUROPE



14%

The highest percentage of traditional contraception (i.e. periodic abstinence, withdrawal) usage.

ASIA



In early 2000s, India (37%) and China (33%) had the highest percent of sterilizations.

AFRICA

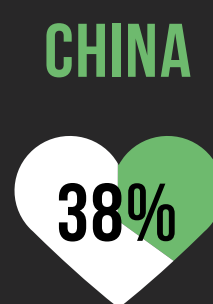


In 2005, the highest number of maternal deaths was in Sub-Saharan Africa, more than double the global maternal mortality ratio (MMR).



## HEART DISEASES

### PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN'S DEATHS CAUSED BY HEART DISEASES



## HIV/AIDS

THE CARIBBEAN,  
THE MIDDLE EAST,  
AND AFRICA



The majority of adult women  
**ARE HIV+**

NORTH AMERICA



[ 21% ]

ADULT WOMEN ARE HIV+

### KEY

- CENTRAL AMERICA SOUTH AMERICA THE CARIBBEAN
- THE MIDDLE EAST AFRICA
- UNITED STATES CANADA
- ASIA
- EUROPE
- OCEANIA

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