



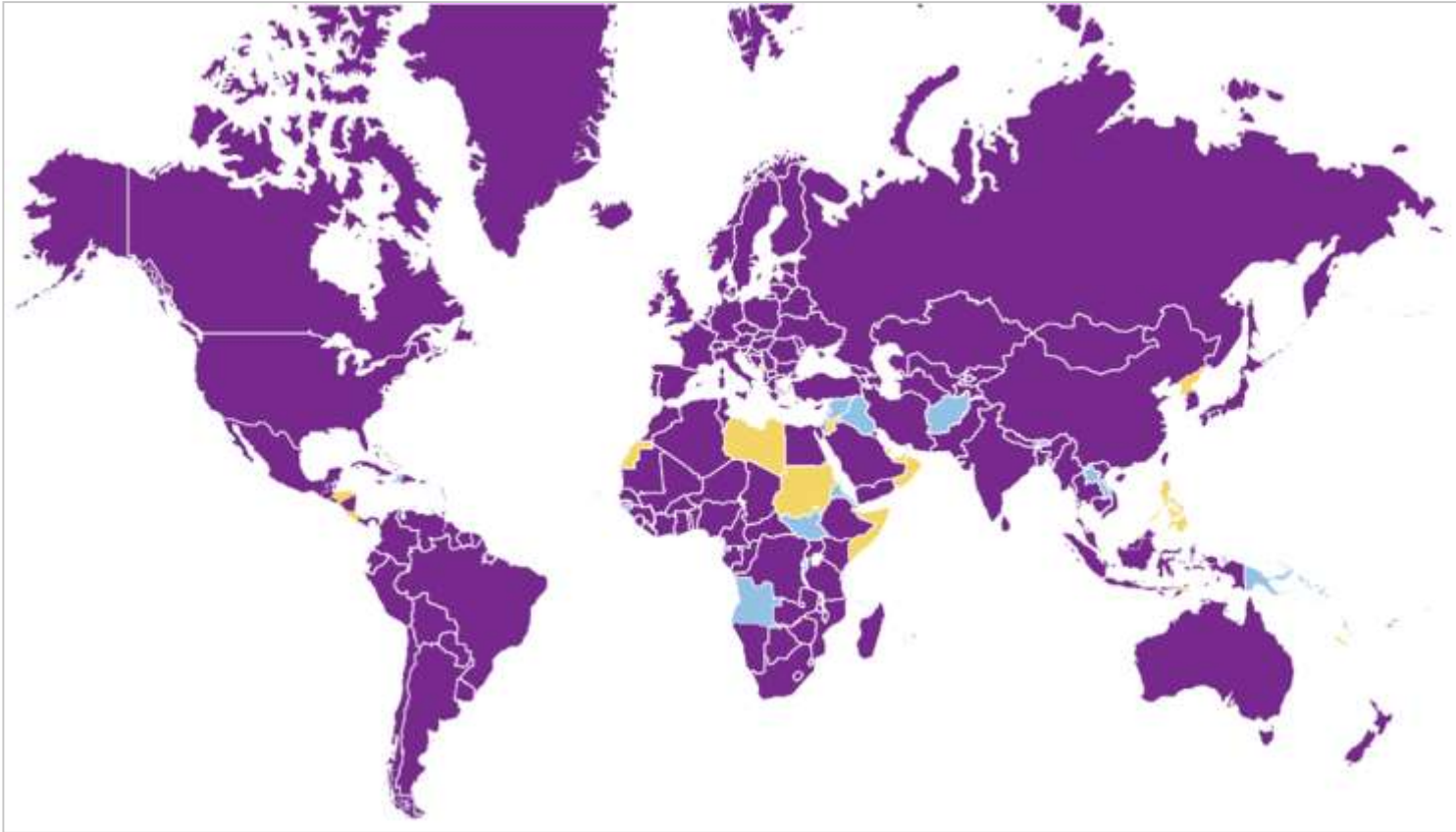
EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION: SAFE AND APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY BASED DISTRIBUTION?

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EC REGISTRATION: MOST COUNTRIES (74% OF COUNTRIES)

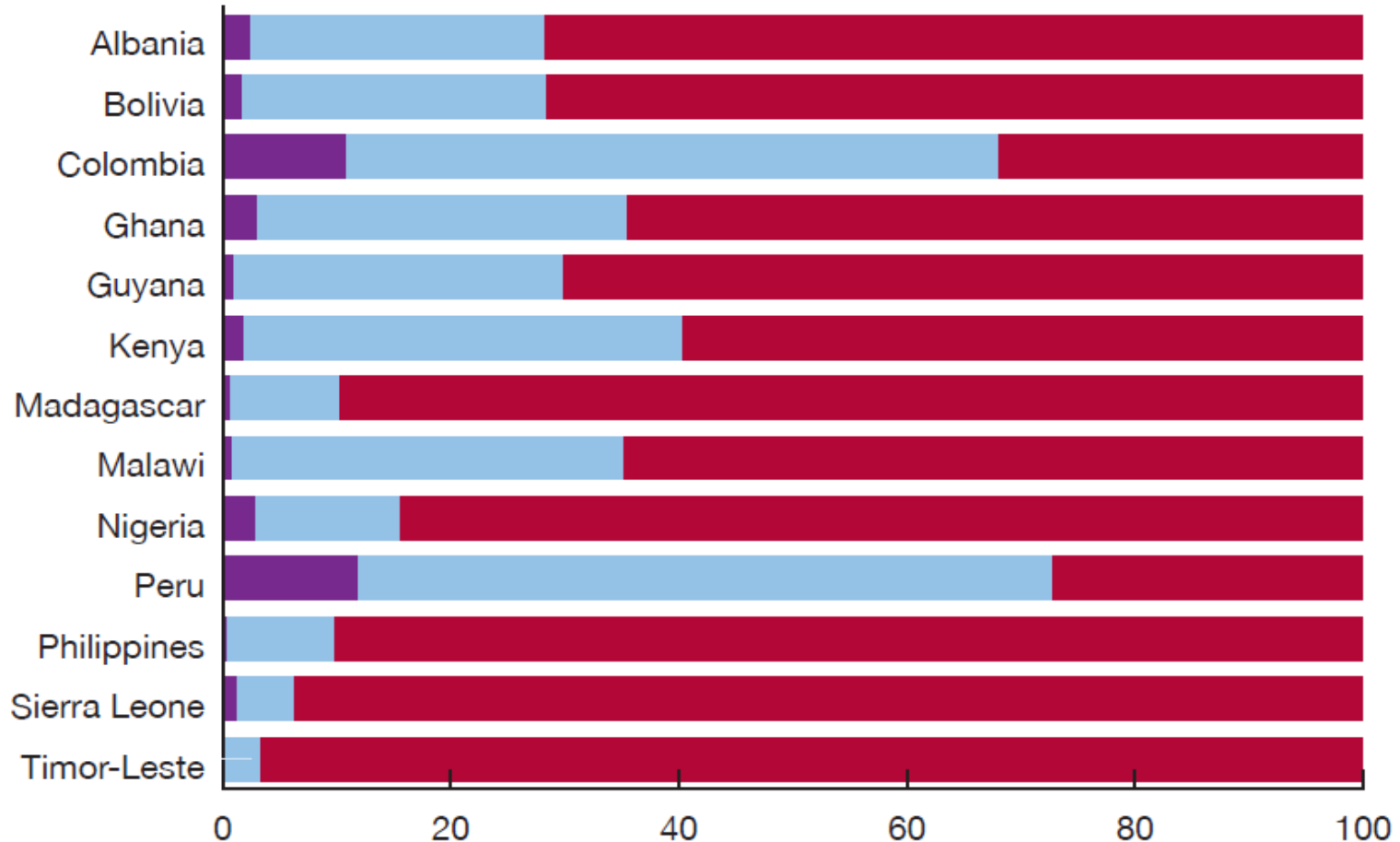


EC IN PUBLIC SECTOR: HALF OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

EC IS SOCIAL MARKETING FP PROGRAMS: AROUND A THIRD



MOST WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DO NOT KNOW ABOUT EC



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys

SAFE AND APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNITY BASED DISTRIBUTION?

- Safe (even when used repeatedly), non-toxic, meets all criteria for over-the-counter provision.
- EC is not abortion, but may be confused with medical abortion.
- Concern often exists over (perceived) side effects.
- Can community-based distributors get the messages right?
- EC is already available in pharmacies with very little information provided.



THANK YOU!



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