

Table 1 Sociodemographic and reproductive characteristics of the women according to beliefs about contraceptives

Sociodemographic and reproductive characteristics	Women with false beliefs (n = 1075)	Women without false beliefs (n = 137)	P-value ^a
	No. (%)	No. (%)	
Residence			< 0.001
Rural	531 (92.5)	43 (7.5)	
Urban	544 (85.3)	94 (14.7)	
Education			< 0.001
Illiterate	394 (91.4)	37 (8.6)	
Read and write/primary school	149 (96.2)	6 (3.9)	
Middle/secondary school	422 (82.6)	89 (17.4)	
University or higher	110 (95.7)	5 (4.3)	
Has a paid job			0.04
Yes	106 (93.8)	7 (6.2)	
No	969 (88.2)	130 (11.8)	
Husband's education			< 0.001
Illiterate	268 (92.4)	22 (7.6)	
Read and write/primary school	159 (96.4)	6 (3.6)	
Middle/secondary school	533 (84.3)	99 (15.7)	
University or higher	115 (92.0)	10 (8.0)	
Husband's occupation			0.06
Unemployed	26 (100)	0 (0.0)	
Manual worker	139 (89.1)	17 (10.9)	
Private sector/freelance worker	613 (89.8)	70 (10.2)	
Government employee	297 (85.6)	50 (14.4)	
Decision-maker on use of contraceptives			< 0.001
Woman herself	123 (75.5)	40 (24.5)	
Husband	47 (78.3)	13 (22.7)	
Joint	905 (91.5)	84 (8.5)	
Contraceptive use			< 0.001
Never	96 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	
Ever	979 (87.7)	137 (12.3)	
Current	544 (84.5)	100 (15.5)	
Current use of			< 0.001
Oral pills	166 (83.4)	33 (16.6)	
Intrauterine devices	195 (81.9)	43 (18.1)	
Injectables	116 (89.9)	13 (10.1)	
Traditional and barrier methods	67 (85.9)	11 (14.1)	
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Age (years)	29.9 (8.3)	32.0 (7.4)	0.02
Age at menarche (years)	13.0 (1.3)	13.4 (1.0)	0.02
Age at marriage (years)	18.9 (3.0)	19.6 (2.6)	0.19
Age at first birth (years)	20.5 (3.1)	20.3 (2.1)	< 0.001
Number of children	2.5 (1.4)	2.7 (0.9)	0.48
Number of desired children	3.4 (1.3)	3.5 (0.7)	0.12

SD: standard deviation.

^aChi squared test for categorical variables and independent sample t test for continuous variables.