



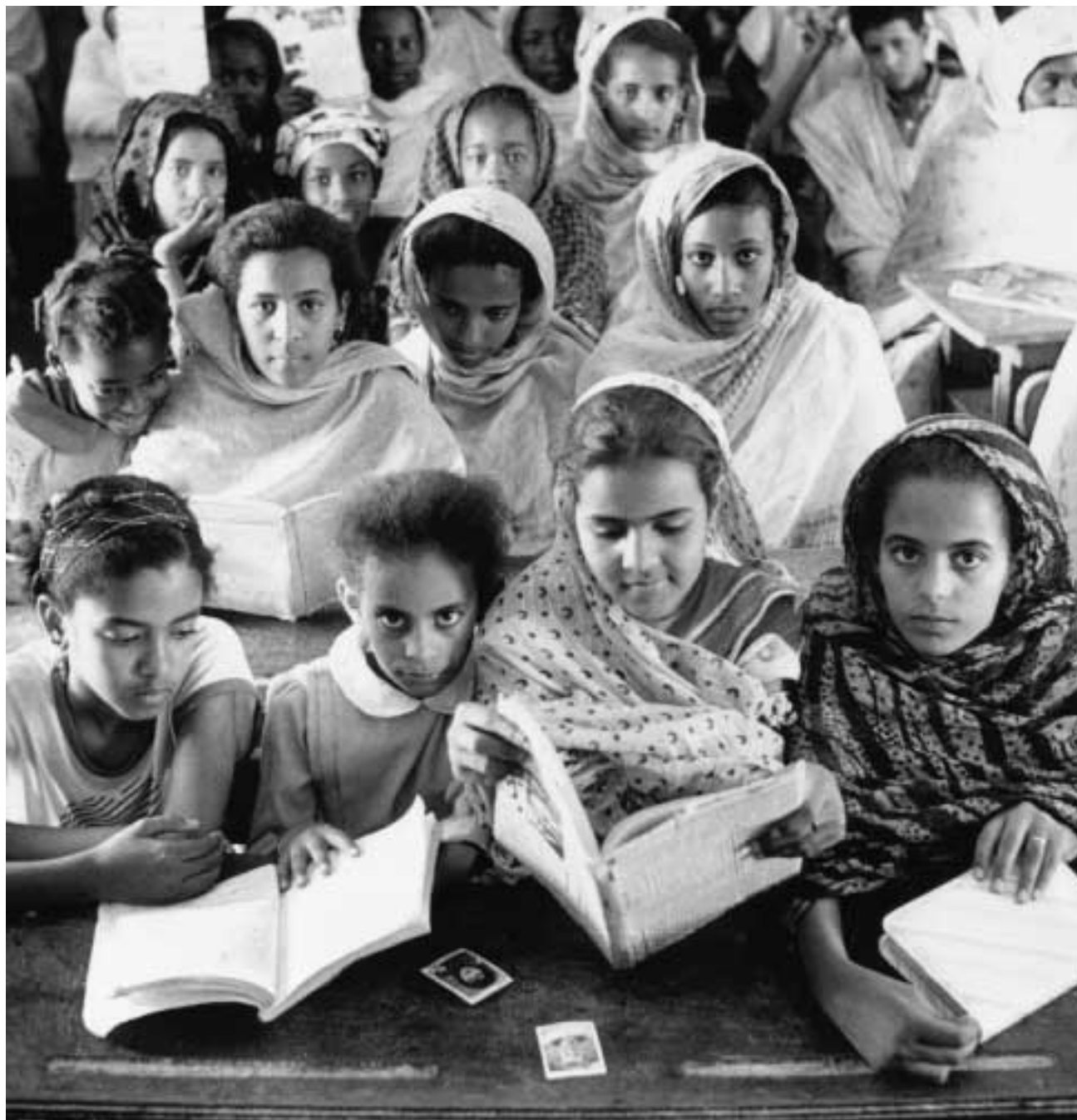
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"Global Population Hits 6 Billion"



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Secondary school class in Mauritania. The unprecedented number of young people alive today—over a billion between ages 15 and 24—guarantees that population will continue to grow for decades even as families are getting smaller. Meeting their needs for education and health care, including reproductive health, will be key to improving people's well-being and stabilizing world population.



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"Youth: At Risk and in Need of Information and Services"

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Young mother in a Brazilian slum. More than 14 million adolescent girls give birth each year and a large proportion of these pregnancies are unwanted. Young people need skills, information and services to help them make responsible decisions about sexual relations and reproduction.



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"Lack of Choice Jeopardizes Women's Health and Lives"

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Kadiatu Samu, who has had no prenatal care and whose child was stillborn, is examined by a maternity ward nurse in Bo, Sierra Leone. From 13 pregnancies, she has five surviving children. Sierra Leone has one of the world's highest maternal mortality rates, 1,800 deaths per 100,000 births. Worldwide, there has been little progress in reducing the risk of childbirth.



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"Cairo Population Plan Needs More Funding to Sustain Progress"



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Community health worker shows women in Bangladesh village how to use a condom. Increased support for reproductive health programmes is essential to the success of the agenda set by 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.