It's time for policymakers to secure these returns by giving women choices over their health. Globally, legal and cultural barriers prevent 865 million women from contributing more to their national economies. For women who can choose if and when they want to have children, investments in family planning and reproductive health support women globally.

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