

ONLINE APPENDIX

Traditional beliefs and learning about maternal risk in Zambia  
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TABLE A1—BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS - CONTINUED

	Women	Men	S.E.
<b>Demographics</b>			
Age	28.212	33.604	(0.273)***
Education	7.231	9.199	(0.135)***
Income	811.3	1939.2	(163.4)***
<b>Fertility</b>			
Desired children	4.200	4.426	(0.067)***
Biological children	2.587	2.856	(0.071)***
Optimal amount of months between births	41.319	36.335	(0.898)***
<b>Contraceptives</b>			
Share of modern contraceptives that are bad for women's health	0.173	0.387	(0.010)***
Share of modern contraceptives decreasing ability to get pregnant	0.162	0.310	(0.010)***
Pill is bad for women's health	0.345	0.608	(0.022)***
Easier for women to be unfaithful when using contraceptives	0.395	0.584	(0.022)***
Observations	1241	886	

TABLE A2—BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

	Women	Men	S.E.
<b>Perceptions of risk of birth complications</b>			
Likelihood of complications	0.435	0.365	(0.018)***
Two years after delivery	0.240	0.216	(0.012)**
Less than four children	0.308	0.293	(0.012)
Younger than 40 years old	0.372	0.326	(0.013)***
Infidelity weight	0.304	0.328	(0.009)***
Infidelity belief	0.420	0.555	(0.026)***
<b>Experience with birth complications</b>			
Past birth complications	0.138	0.175	(0.019)*
Family member experienced complications	0.147	0.132	(0.018)
Family member died from complications	0.101	0.076	(0.015)*
Friend experienced complications	0.144	0.133	(0.018)
Friend died from complications	0.203	0.106	(0.019)***
<b>Demographics</b>			
Age	28.050	33.564	(0.338)***
Education	7.192	9.235	(0.163)***
Income	764.2	2028.1	(229.3)***
<b>Fertility</b>			
Desired children	4.188	4.425	(0.082)***
Biological children	2.598	2.892	(0.089)***
Optimal amount of months between births	41.142	36.637	(0.955)***
<b>Contraceptives</b>			
Share of modern contraceptives that are bad for women's health	0.172	0.383	(0.013)***
Share of modern contraceptives decreasing ability to get pregnant	0.171	0.311	(0.013)***
Pill is bad for women's health	0.332	0.609	(0.026)***
Easier for women to be unfaithful when using contraceptives	0.376	0.578	(0.026)***
Observations	714	714	

TABLE A3—QUESTIONNAIRE

Variable	Wording	Answer
Experienced complications	Have you (has your wife) ever experienced any complications or difficulty during pregnancy or childbirth?	Yes / No
Observed complications	Have any of the following people experienced a complication, or died during pregnancy or childbirth?	-Family -Friends
Own likelihood of complications	Pick the point on the ladder that reflects how likely you think it is that you (your wife) would experience any complication, if you (she) got pregnant right now?	0 to 10
Others likelihood of complications	Imagine a woman in your community, with the same physical and mental health, the same age and the same number of children that you have (your wife has). She just delivered and got pregnant after 24 months. Pick the point on the ladder that reflects how likely you think it is that she would experience any complication?	0 to 10
Infidelity weight	Here on these cards are 3 possible factors from the previous question. Here are 30 buttons. Please divide these buttons between the cards according to how important each factor is in making women more at risk for complications during pregnancy and childbirth.	-Own health -Health care -Infidelity
Infidelity belief	What factors make women more at risk for complications during pregnancy and childbirth?	Open question