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Unwanted pregnancy – A fact of life

Abortion Services in Pakistan – A Confiscated Right

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Aim of Study

The aim of study is to highlight the various factors which control women's right of having access to Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) services.

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Research Methodology



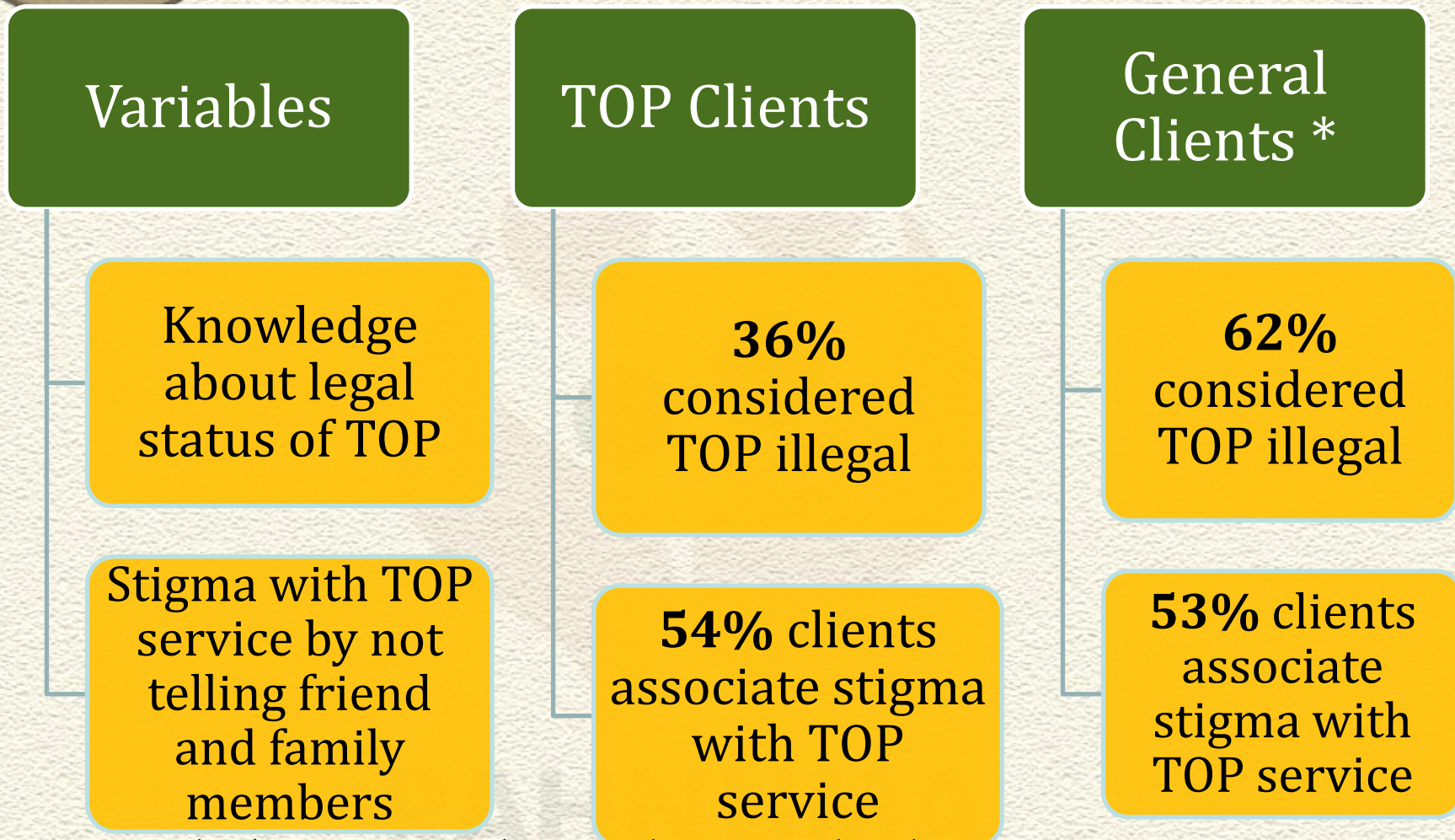
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Findings

Demographics of TOP Clients

- Monthly Family Income less than 10,000 PKR (107 USD) – **59.8%**
- Average age of TOP clients – **30 Years**
- Average number of children – **3 Children**
- Illiterate TOP clients – **39.5%**
- Clients with 16 years of education – **5 %**

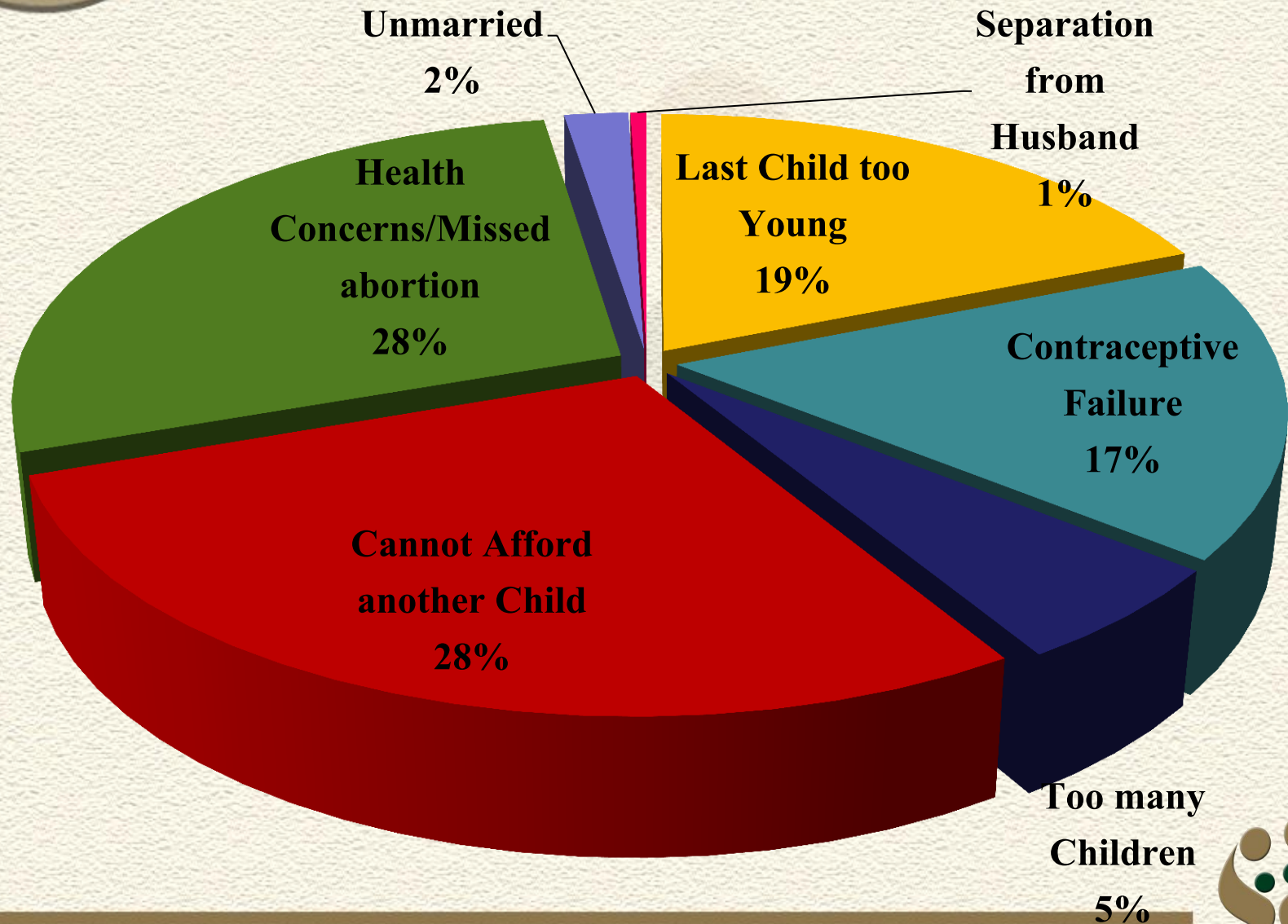
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* General clients are those clients who have never availed TOP service.



Findings – Reasons for Seeking TOP Service



Findings : Culture & Choice

Reasons for Seeking TOP Service Punjab – “Lahore”

- Cannot afford another child – **26%**
- Mother's health concern – **46%**
- Last child too young – **9%**
- Contraceptive failure – **13%**
- Too many children – **5%**
- Unmarried – **0%**
- Separation from husband – **1%**

Reasons for Seeking TOP Service Sindh – “Karachi”

- Cannot afford another child – **31%**
- Mother's health concern – **10%**
- Last child too young – **28%**
- Contraceptive failure – **21%**
- Too many children – **6%**
- Unmarried – **4%**
- Separation from husband – **0%**

Findings

Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights

- Clients not asked about their wish of having children – **47.2%**
- Clients not involved in decision of birth spacing – **48.2%**
- Unmet need of family planning by availing abortion service more than once – **18 %**



Conclusion

- Controlled access to family planning services, stigma attached to TOP and low educational and economic status are the factors which interfere with the right of women to seek TOP service.
- Moreover, there is a also a need to further study the phenomenon and better understand how each of the factors (stigma, low education etc) affects access to safe TOP service.



Research Prospective

Need to know;

- How does Choice and Culture relate to acquiring safe abortion services?
- How to increase access to safe abortion services by working with factors of associated stigma and low education and economic status
- Drilling down the reason for seeking abortion service by looking at the ground level factors



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