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lack of parental responsibility, domestic duties and early pregnancies. What is being done or contemplated to reverse this trend and to tackle the problems faced by female students?

24. What is being done to improve women's access to family-planning services, which is said to have been hampered by cultural beliefs (see page 18 of the report), and are courses in sex education being given in schools?

25. The report does not provide sufficient information on the de facto situation of women in employment in both the formal and informal sectors, including statistics on women's labour-force participation. Please provide this information, including what opportunities are available for women to gain access to the labour market and what programmes are in place to encourage and support them to do so.

**Equality in civil matters and in marriage and family relation**