CONTRACEPTIVES

Discuss with the health worker which contraceptive suits your lifestyle.

You can choose from:

- 1. The **Implant** prevents pregnancy for up to 3 years or 5 years
- 2. The **Pill** must be taken every day at the same time.
- The Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device (IUCD) lasts for 10 years and can be removed when you want to fall pregnant.
- 4. Taking the **Injection** means nobody knows you are using a Family Planning method.
- 5 **Emergency Contraception** must be taken as soon after unprotected sex as possible but within 5 days.
- 6. Men and women can have a **Sterilisation** if they do not want any more children.

These methods stop you from having unwanted pregnancies. To protect yourself from Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI's) such as HIV then you must use a condom each and every time you have sex. There are male and female condoms available

Contraceptives are available **free** from the clinic



- Examine your breasts every month
- Have you had a pap-smear if you are a woman over 30 years?
- · You are entitled to **3 free** pap-smears at your clinic (once every 10 years).
- A cervical smear (pap-smear) checks if there are abnormal cells at the cervix (mouth of the womb).
 These cells may later become cancerous if left untreated.
- Go back to your clinic for your results.

