Contraceptive Use in Africa: Do Traditional Methods Matter in urban areas?

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Context

Type of contraceptive

Birth Spacing

Importance of Women Unobserved Characteristics

Ouagadougou (BF) two types of settlements





Some differences in term of WUC?

Objectives

Investigate
the link between type of contraceptive
and birth spacing

Investigate
the role of Women Unobserved
Characteristics

Study
the disparities between the two types
of settlements

Methodology

Method

RE regressions Vs.
FE regressions

Data

Ouagadougou's OHDSS And Demtrend survey (BF)

Sample

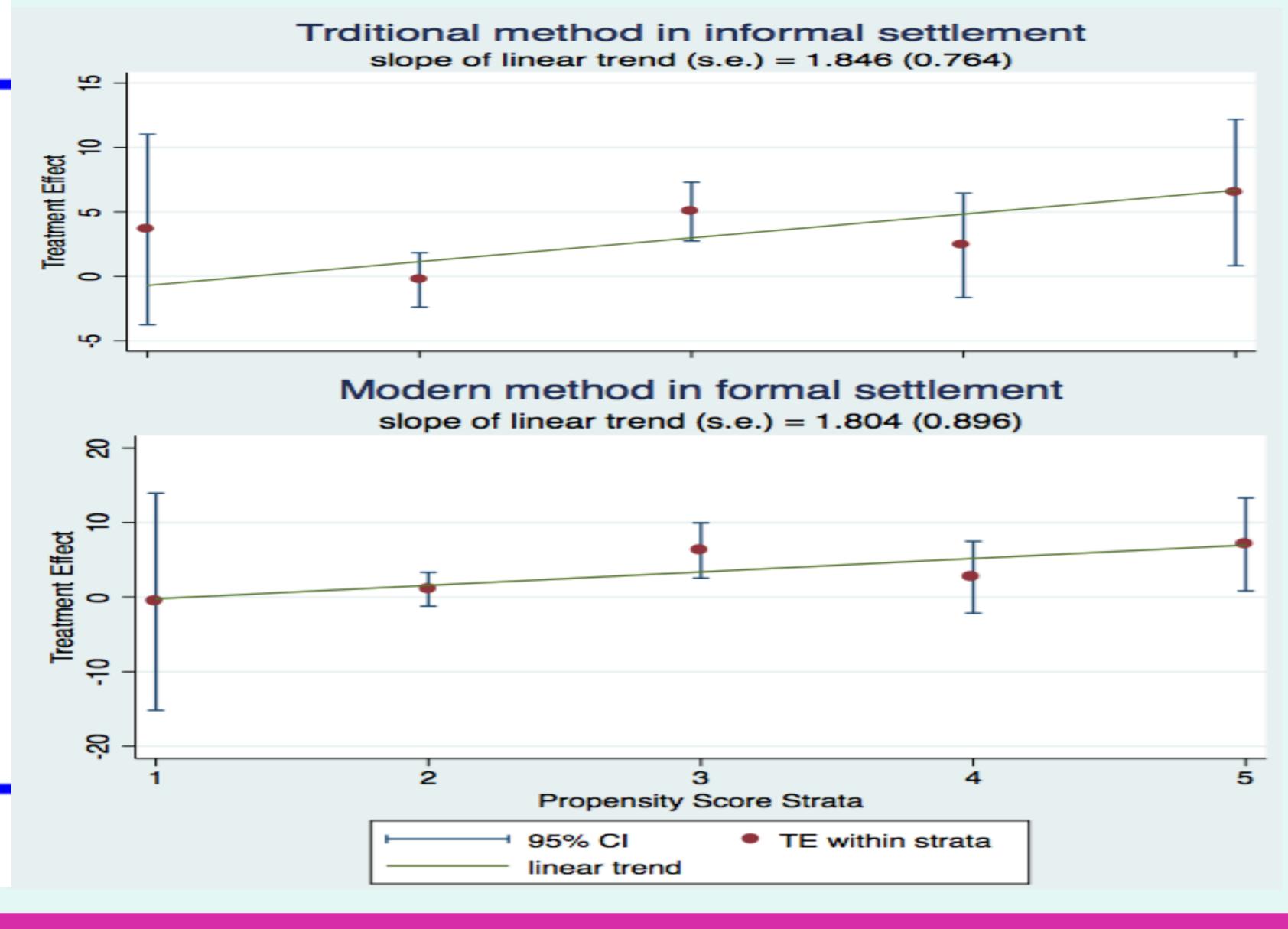
2936 women from 27 – 45 15770 women-children observations

Results

Type of contraceptive and birth spacing

	Formal settlement		Informal settlement	
	RE	FE	RE	FE
Traditional	2.19*	2.54	0.09	11.94***
Pills	6.11***	7.13***	2.46*	2.47
Injec/Norp	8.16***	8.47***	9.54***	6.98***
N	7931	7931	4903	4903

Effects by propensity score



Policy implications

- ➤ Efforts to promote births spacing should not be directed only on modern methods,
- Prioritize actions on contraception depending to the type of subpopulation even in urban areas,
- In deprived urban area special emphasis could be put on raising awareness about menstrual cycle,
- Structural model needed to better understand unobserved heterogeneity among subpopulations.