

SAVING MOMS *at* BIRTH

Working for the survival of mothers is a human rights imperative and an international development priority: they are the world's breadwinners and bread-makers, they are caretakers of homes and caregivers of children, they grow economies and promote peace and justice. But mothers cannot thrive unless they survive, and one of their greatest hazards is childbirth. Together, the global community is working to find solutions to end preventable maternal mortality.

THE SITUATION



A WOMAN DIES EVERY
TWO MINUTES
FROM CHILDBIRTH

99% of these deaths occur in developing countries

**80% OF MATERNAL DEATHS
COULD BE AVERTED**

WITH ACCESS TO MATERNITY AND BASIC HEALTH-CARE SERVICES



2 out of 10 women who survive childbirth will suffer from complications that result in injury, illness, or lifelong disability



A GIRL GROWING UP IN CHAD TODAY IS MORE
LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDBIRTH
THAN SHE IS TO ATTEND SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES



FAMILY PLANNING

BY MEETING FAMILY
PLANNING NEEDS WE COULD
**REDUCE MATERNAL
DEATHS BY 30%**

1 in 4 women who want to avoid pregnancy
don't have modern contraceptives

SKILLED CARE

MEETING SKILLED CARE NEEDS COULD
REDUCE MATERNAL DEATHS BY 60%

3 out of 4 women needing care for obstetric
complications in developing countries do not receive it



EDUCATION

EDUCATING WOMEN AND GIRLS COULD
INCREASE CONTRACEPTIVE USE BY
**FOUR TIMES TO PREVENT
ADOLESCENT MATERNAL DEATHS**

Uneducated girls are 4x as likely to have a child before
their 19th birthday than those with a secondary education

RIPPLE EFFECT



\$15 billion – global yearly cost
of maternal mortality due
to reduced productivity



Every additional year of primary school
boosts girls' future wages by 10-20%



Healthy birth spacing and
smaller families improve women's
health, and results in better
nutrition and education for children



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