# WHEN MOTHERS SURVIVE, COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Eliminating Threats to Maternal Health and Survival

IN 2013, APPROXIMATELY 289,000 WOMEN DIED FROM PREGNANCY- AND CHILDBIRTH-RELATED COMPLICATIONS.<sup>1</sup> THAT'S 800 WOMEN EVERY DAY.<sup>2</sup>



99% of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries,<sup>5</sup> mostly in sub-Saharan Africa (62%) and Southern Asia (24%).<sup>6</sup> In 2012, **40 million births** in developing regions were not assisted by a skilled birth attendant.<sup>3</sup>



Only 46% of births are assisted by a skilled birth attendant in low-income countries.<sup>4</sup>

For every woman who dies of pregnancy-related causes, **20 to 30** others experience acute or chronic morbidity.<sup>7</sup>

Many maternal deaths occur with stillbirths **(2.6 million per year**<sup>8</sup>**)** or with early newborn deaths **(2.9 million per year**<sup>9</sup>**).** 



WOMEN HELP BUILD STRONGER FAMILIES, RESULTING IN THRIVING COMMUNITIES WITH LESS POVERTY AND MORE PRODUCTIVE ECONOMIES.



healthier communities.<sup>11</sup>

## Connecting Moms to Quality Health Services Saves Lives

BY ADDRESSING THESE DELAYS<sup>13</sup> — WE CAN IMPROVE MATERNAL SURVIVAL.

#### no. 1 DELAY IN SEEKING CARE AND HELP

## Problem:

Africa are women.<sup>10</sup>

Women often lack access to or control of resources due to gender inequality; are uncertain about the severity of the emergency; are not aware of available health services.



## Solution:

Educate and empower pregnant women, girls, families and communities about the importance of family planning and seeking antenatal and postnatal care. Equip trained health workers, community health workers, midwives and others with messages and materials to raise awareness.

#### no. 2 DELAY IN REACHING A HEALTH CARE FACILITY

## Problem:

Long distances to health centers, cost of transportation, poor roads, and rough terrain can be significant impediments to a woman's access to life-saving care.

### Solution:

Develop programs, including community involvement and transport vouchers, to increase a woman's ability to reach a health facility.

#### no. 3 DELAY IN RECEIVING QUALITY CARE

## Problem:

Facilities often lack skilled staff, essential medicines, and proper infrastructure.

## Solution:

Ensure women receive quality care from trained health workers, such as midwives, who can provide basic emergency obstetric care, and refer women with severe complications and the newborn to a well-functioning referral facility.

#### no. 4 DELAY IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## Problem:

Many countries do not record the deaths or causes of deaths of



## Solution:

Recording stillbirths and maternal and newborn deaths at community and facility levels provide

mothers and newborns.



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