

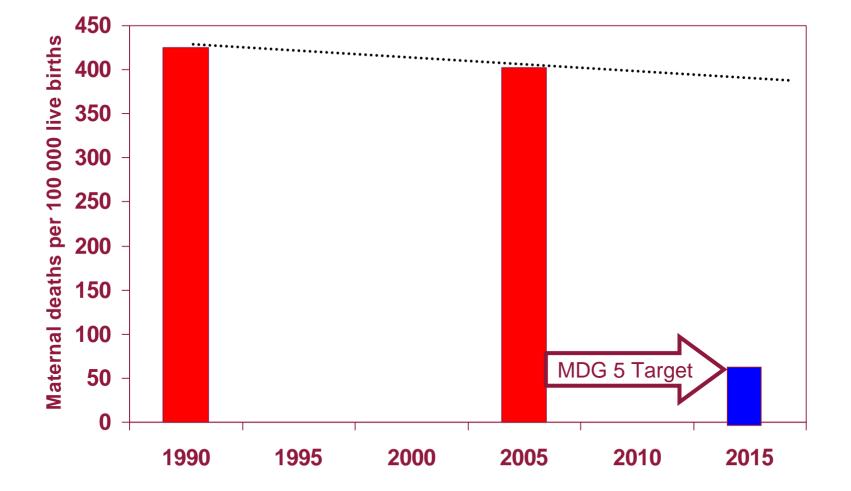
Making an Immpact on maternal mortality: introduction

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Immpact is the global research Initiative for Maternal Mortality Programme Assessment

Goal: to improve the evidence-base for decision-makers on effective safe motherhood intervention strategies

www.immpact-international.org

Immpact in brief



OUTPUT 1 Enhanced methods for measuring outcomes OUTPUT 2 New knowledge to design & implement strategies OUTPUT 3 Stronger capacity for evidence-based decision-making and outcome evaluation

- Sept 2002 Sept 2008+
- Funded by DFID, Gates Foundation, USAID (+ EC, UNFPA & WHO)
- 7 partner research institutions in North and South (University of Aberdeen in Scotland is co-ordinating centre)

Immpact activities



Burkina Faso Ghana Indonesia Nepal Nicaragua Senegal South Asia Uganda Zimbabwe



Sep 2002 – Aug 2006 (Phase 1)

- Developed & tested measurement "tools"
- Synthesized existing evidence
- Undertook major evaluations in 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana & Indonesia), plus 6 other collaborations Strengthened research teams in partner institutions 5



Three main activity areas:

- 1. Communication & translation of Immpact evidence & tools from Phase 1
- 2. Further development of maternal mortality tools (www.measure-maternal-mortality.org)
- Ipact: technical assistance & training in monitoring and evaluation for maternal health programmes (www.ipact-int.com)

www.immpact-international.org/toolkit



Maternal mortality & morbidity

Quality of care

Economic outcomes

Health system factors

Impact

Toolkit



"Our ultimate hope... in preparing this toolkit is that we have convinced stakeholders that composite evaluations, encompassing context, process and outcome measurement, are worthwhile and legitimate challenges in the stiving for safe motherhood." Werdy Galar, langust thingle livestigator

Evaluations in three main focus countries at sub-national level



- Ghana: effects of free delivery care policy
- Indonesia: effects of village midwife programme
- Burkina Faso: effectiveness of skilled delivery care initiative





- 1. Unmet need for delivery and emergency care: Cindy Stanton
- 2. Supply-side barriers to care: too few, too unskilled, too late: Julia Hussein
- 3. Demand-side barriers to care: too far, too costly, too unfamiliar: Sophie Witter
- 4. Closing the loop: translating evidence into enhanced strategies to reduce maternal mortality: Wendy Graham





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