

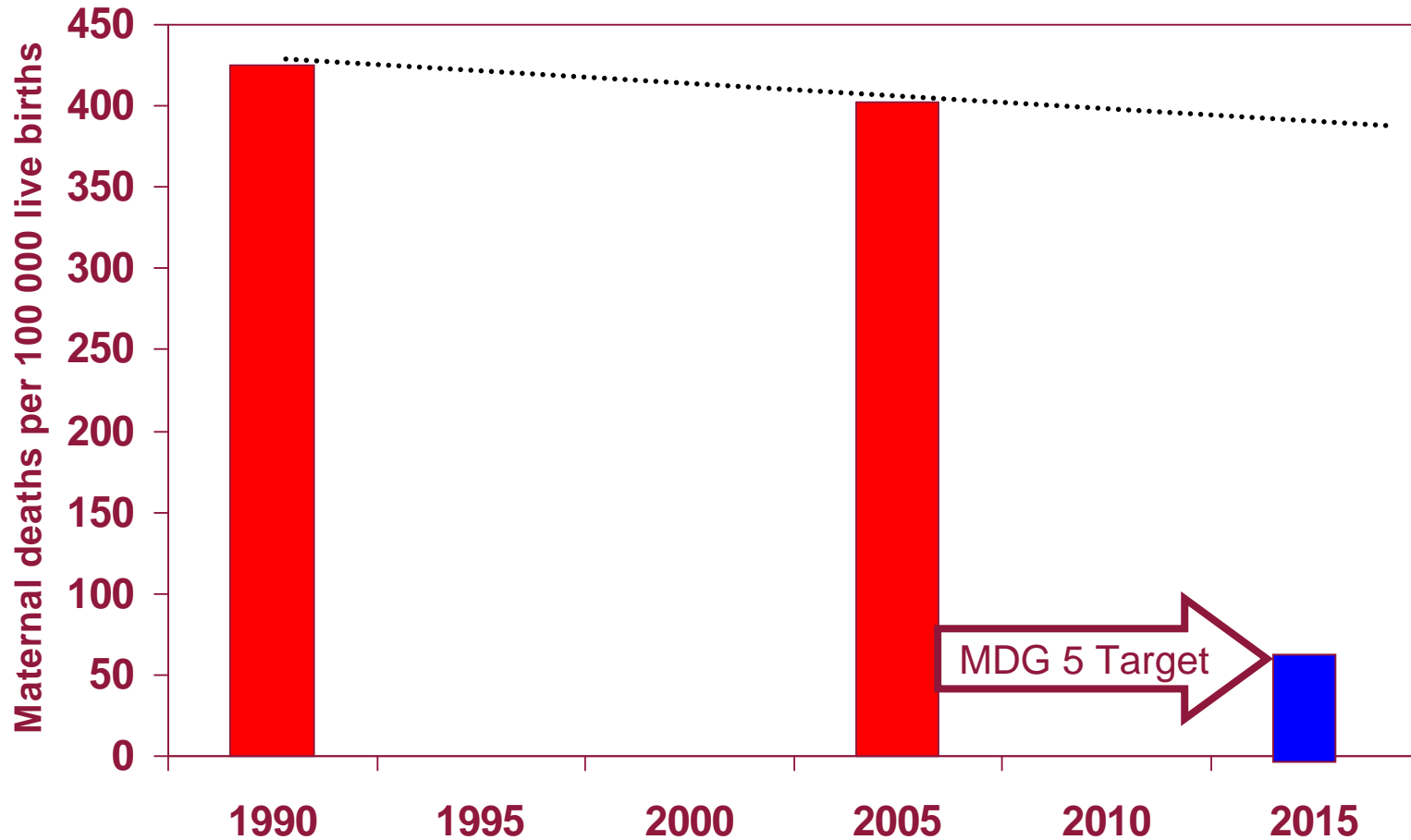


***Making an Impact on
maternal mortality:
introduction***

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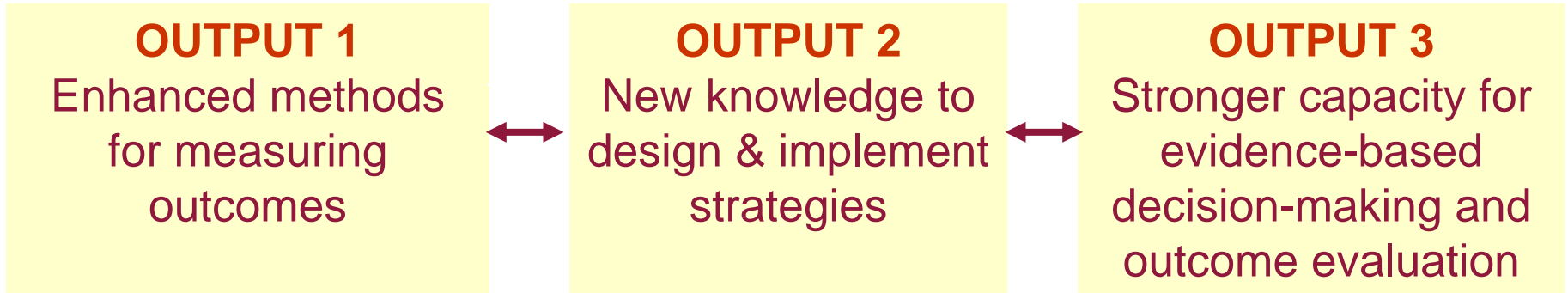
Millennium Development Goal 5 is off-track





Impact 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



- 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)

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

Three main activity areas:

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



**Maternal mortality
& morbidity**

**Quality
of care**

**Economic
outcomes**

**Health
system
factors**



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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