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# A Promising Future

## Midwifery Symposium *Call the Midwife:*

*A Conversation About The Rising Global  
Midwifery Movement*

*Woodrow Wilson Center*

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# ICM vision...



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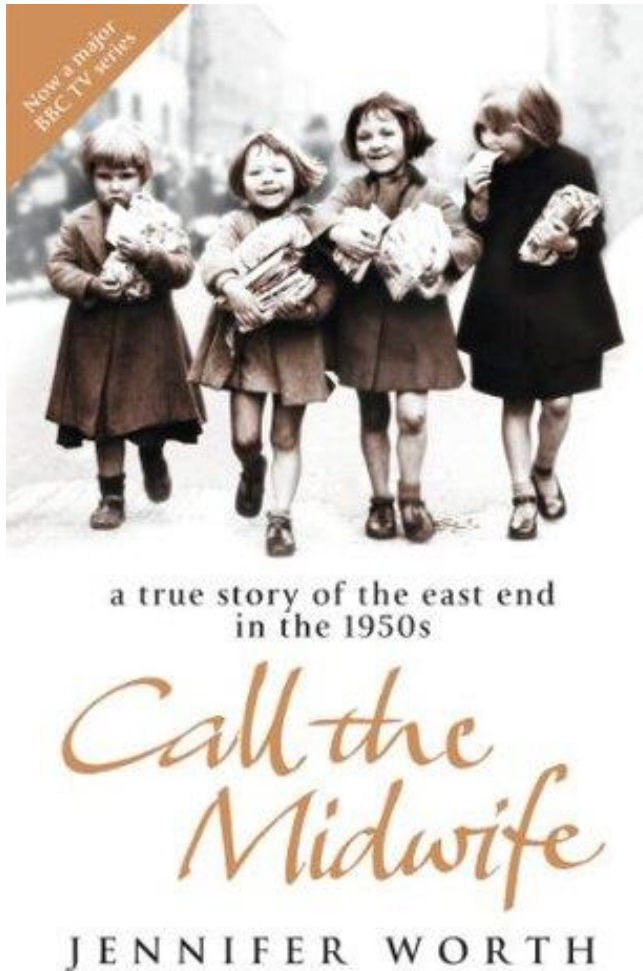
...a world where **every** childbearing **woman** (girl) has access to a **midwife's** care for herself and her **newborn**

# Why call the midwife?



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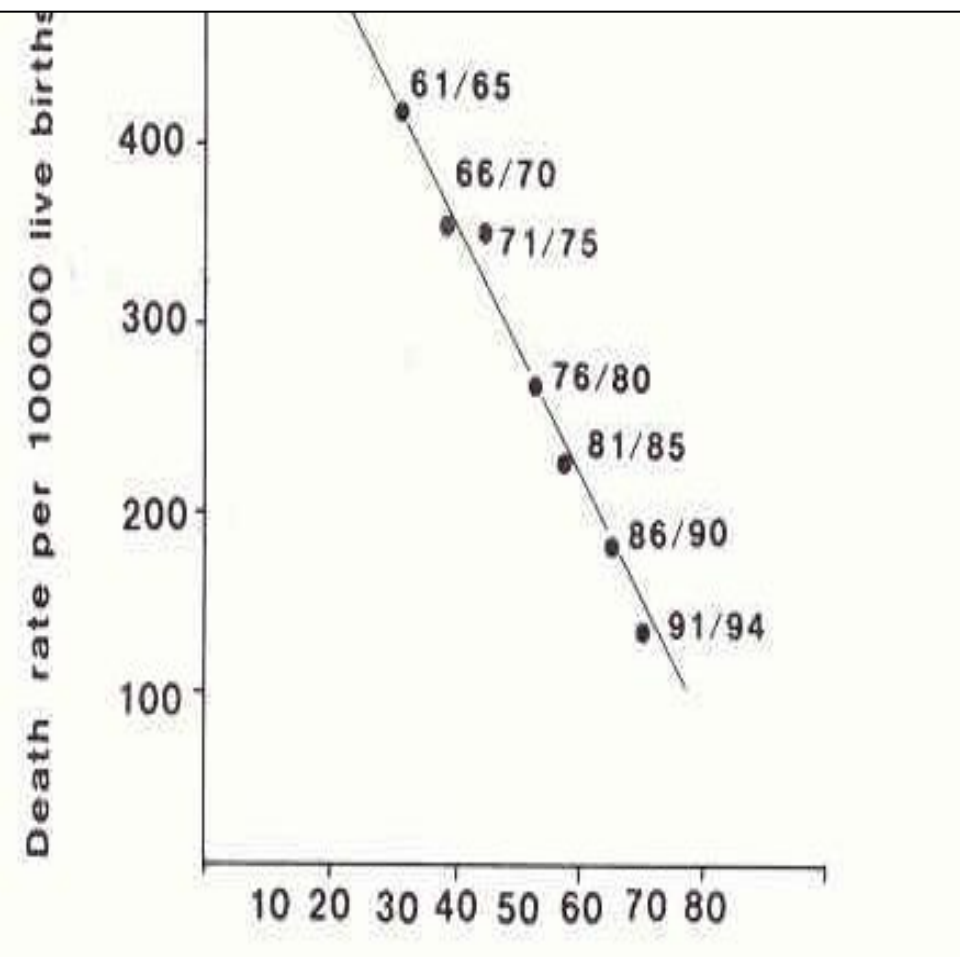
- Appropriate
- Accessible
- Cost effective
- Deliver 87% essential interventions



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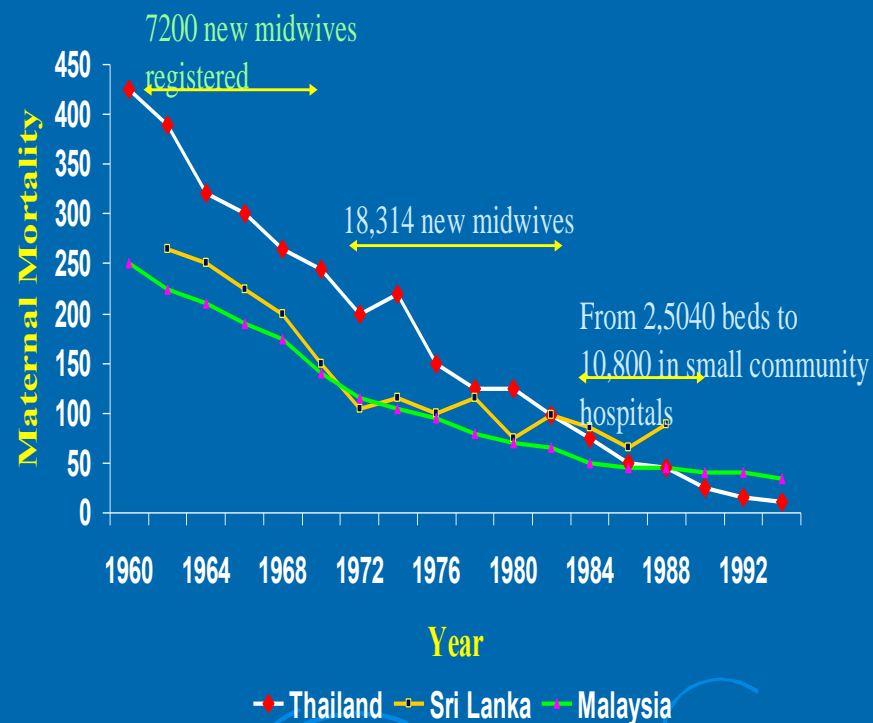
# The Midwife Effect...



Maternal mortality in Sweden in relation  
to proportion of midwife-assisted home-  
birth 1861-99-Uuf Hogberg

[www.internationalmidwives.org](http://www.internationalmidwives.org)

## Maternal Mortality since the 1960s in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand



Van Lerberghe & De Brouwere

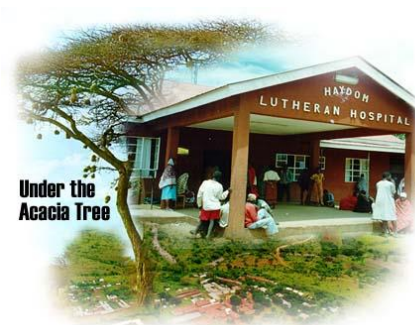


# ICM reaches out ...



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where midwives work...



wherever women are found

# Critical Foundations



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## Essential Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice

A midwife is educated and skilled in the **7 essential competency domains** for basic midwifery practice. Each domain includes **basic** and **additional** competencies encompassing the **knowledge, skills, and attitudes** needed to provide high-quality, lifesaving care.

### COMPETENCY #1 Social, epidemiologic, and cultural context of maternal and newborn care

Midwives have the requisite knowledge and skills in obstetrics, neonatology, the social sciences, public health, and ethics that form the basis of high-quality, culturally relevant, appropriate care for women, newborns, and families.

### COMPETENCY #2 Pre-pregnancy care and family planning

Midwives provide high-quality, culturally sensitive health education and services to all in the community in order to promote healthy family life, planned pregnancies, and positive parenting.

### COMPETENCY #3 Care during pregnancy

Midwives provide high-quality antenatal care to maximize health during pregnancy, including early detection and treatment or referral of selected complications.

### COMPETENCY #4 Care during labor and birth

Midwives provide high-quality, culturally sensitive care during labor, conduct a clean and safe birth, and manage emergency situations to maximize the health of women and their newborns.

### COMPETENCY #5 Care for women during the postpartum period

Midwives provide comprehensive, high-quality, culturally sensitive postpartum care for women.

### COMPETENCY #6 Postnatal care of the newborn

Midwives provide high-quality, comprehensive care for healthy infants from birth to two months of age.

### COMPETENCY #7 Facilitation of abortion-related care

Midwives provide a range of individualized, culturally sensitive abortion-related services for women requiring or experiencing pregnancy termination or loss that are congruent with applicable laws and regulations and with national protocols.

As a midwife, I can provide all

BEaMNC signal functions:

- Parenteral antibiotics
- Uterotonic drugs
- Anticonvulsants for pre-eclampsia/edema (MgSO<sub>4</sub>)
- Manual removal of the placenta
- Remove retained products (MVA)
- Assisted vaginal delivery
- Basic neonatal resuscitation

Childbearing women and their newborns deserve access to care from a competent midwife.

Read what every midwife should know at <http://www.internationalmidwives.org/core-documents>

ICM outreach materials designed in collaboration with



# Programmes

- ICM/UNFPA Francophone
- Gap analysis workshops



- Helping Babies Breathe
- Helping Mothers Survive

**Zambia**  
**Malawi**

Happy  
Birthday?

With your help,  
10,000 extra lives can  
be saved on the day  
of birth.



# Resources ...



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## 2010-2013

- ✓ Essential Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice
- ✓ Global Standards for Midwifery Education
- ✓ Model Curriculum Outlines for Professional Midwifery Education
- ✓ Global Standards for Midwifery Regulation
- ✓ Member Association Capacity Assessment Tool (MACAT)
- ✓ Standard Equipment List for Competency-Based Skills Training

## 2015

- ❖ Regulation toolkit
- ❖ Midwifery Services Framework



# Thank you

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