Safe Motherhood to MDG5 to Women Deliver to UHC...?

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Women Deliver for Development EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Safe Motherhood **Action Agenda:**

Priorities for the Next Decade

12-23 October 1997 Colombo, Sri Lanka

28-30 May 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

THE LANCET

"Since the human race began, women have delivered for society. It is time now for the world to deliver for women."



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Adding It Up 2017

- Estimates the need among women in developing regions for:
 - Contraception to prevent unintended pregnancies
 - Maternal and newborn care
- Estimates the impact of meeting their needs for contraceptive and maternal and newborn care
- Estimates the cost of fully meeting women's needs for contraceptive and maternal and newborn care





Key findings:

INVESTING IN CONTRACEPTION AND MATERNAL/NEWBORN HEALTH SAVES LIVES

- 214 million women in developing regions have an unmet need for modern contraception.
- Meeting this unmet need would result in a 75% decline in unintended pregnancies, unplanned births and induced abortions.
- Only 1 in 3 women experiencing complications during pregnancy or delivery receive the care they or their newborns need.
- Providing full contraceptive <u>and</u> maternal and newborn care would reduce annual maternal deaths from 308,000 to 84,000 and newborn deaths from 2.7 million to 538,000.





Key findings:

INVESTING IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SAVES MONEY

- Providing contraception and maternal and newborn care to all in need would cost \$8.56 per person per year in developing regions.
- Every additional \$1 spent on contraceptive care saves \$2.20 on maternal and newborn care due to declines in unintended pregnancies.





In developing regions, more than half of women of reproductive age want to avoid a pregnancy



1,600 million women of reproductive age, 2017





But one-fourth of women wanting to avoid a pregnancy are not using modern contraceptives



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Women with unmet need for modern contraceptives account for 84% of unintended pregnancies

89 MILLION UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES, 2017



METHODS WOMEN USED WHEN THEY BECAME PREGNANT





Gaps persist across regions and country income levels in the proportion of contraceptive need met

% of women wanting to avoid a pregnancy who are using a modern contraceptive method







Large gaps persist across regions in the receipt of essential maternal health services

% among women giving birth







Fulfilling unmet need for modern contraceptive services would reduce unintended pregnancies, births and abortions substantially







Fulfilling unmet need for modern contraceptive services and maternal health care would save women's lives

No. of maternal deaths







Expanding modern contraceptive services would help to offset the cost of improved maternal and newborn care in developing regions







Investing in both contraceptive and maternal and newborn health services saves money







Need for greater investment

- Governments, donors, NGOs, households and individuals all need to contribute to close the resource gaps
- Critical investments are needed in <u>both</u> contraceptive and maternal and newborn care
- Return on investment goes beyond impacts on health to broad social and economic benefits for women, their families and their societies





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