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# Ending preventable maternal mortality: Looking ahead

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30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Safe Motherhood Initiative

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# Framing Safe Motherhood/EPMM



- Health
- Human rights
- Development

## Mothers held and abused in hospital win court victory

A lot of women still have to pay and a lot of people are still being detained... This is a rampant problem throughout the country

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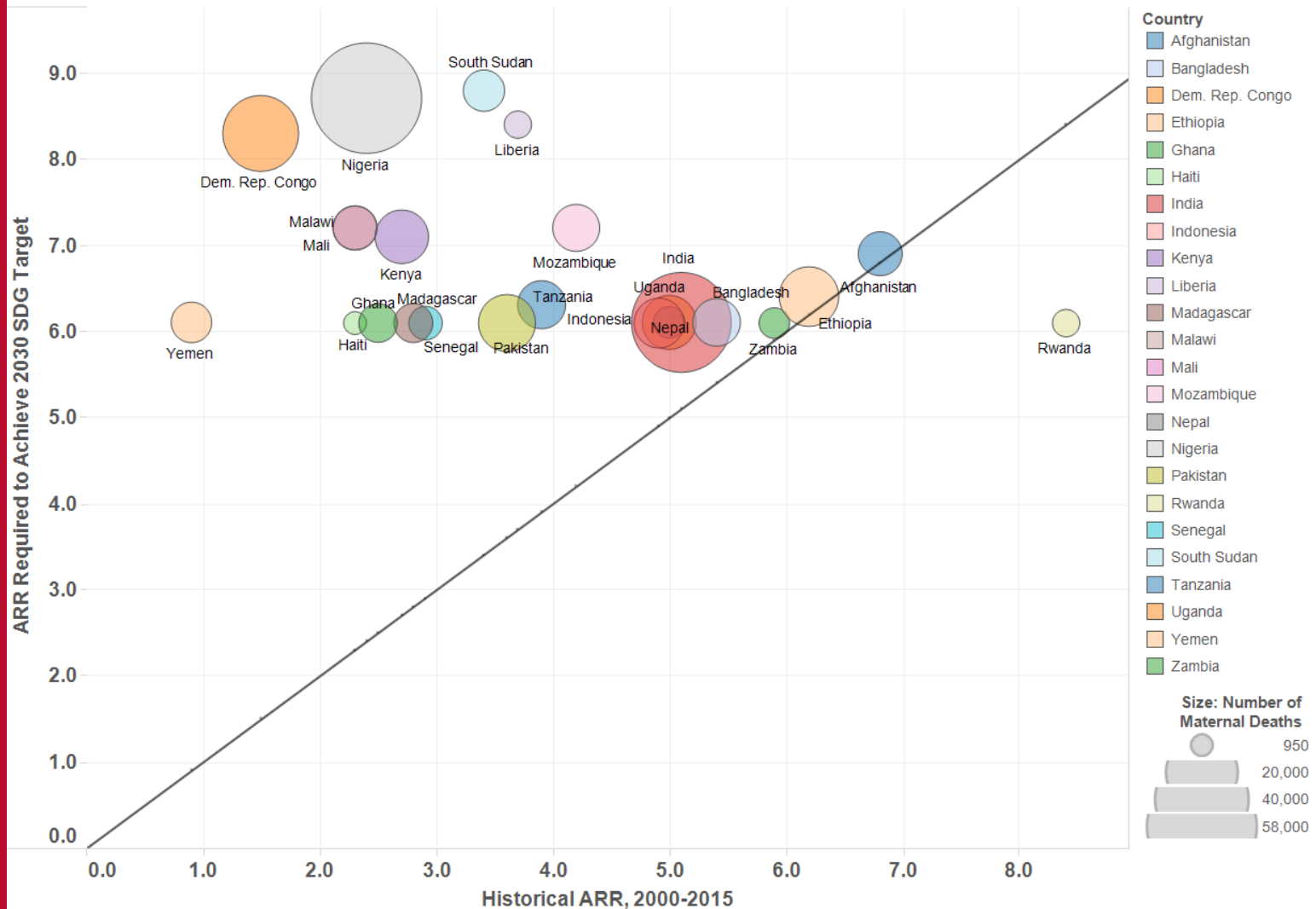
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Kenyan mothers held and abused in hospital win court victory (Thepeninsulaqatar)

# Maintaining momentum will not be sufficient to meet the SDGs

Comparing the Historical Annual Rate of Reduction (ARR) in Maternal Mortality to the ARR Required to Achieve 2030 SDG Target



Source: EPCMD Dashboard: estimates from UN MMEIG, 2015

Historical ARR: Average annual rate of reduction in MMR between 2000 and 2015;

Circle points are sized by the gap between the historical ARR and the ARR required to achieve the 2030 SDG target for MMR

# The changing landscape

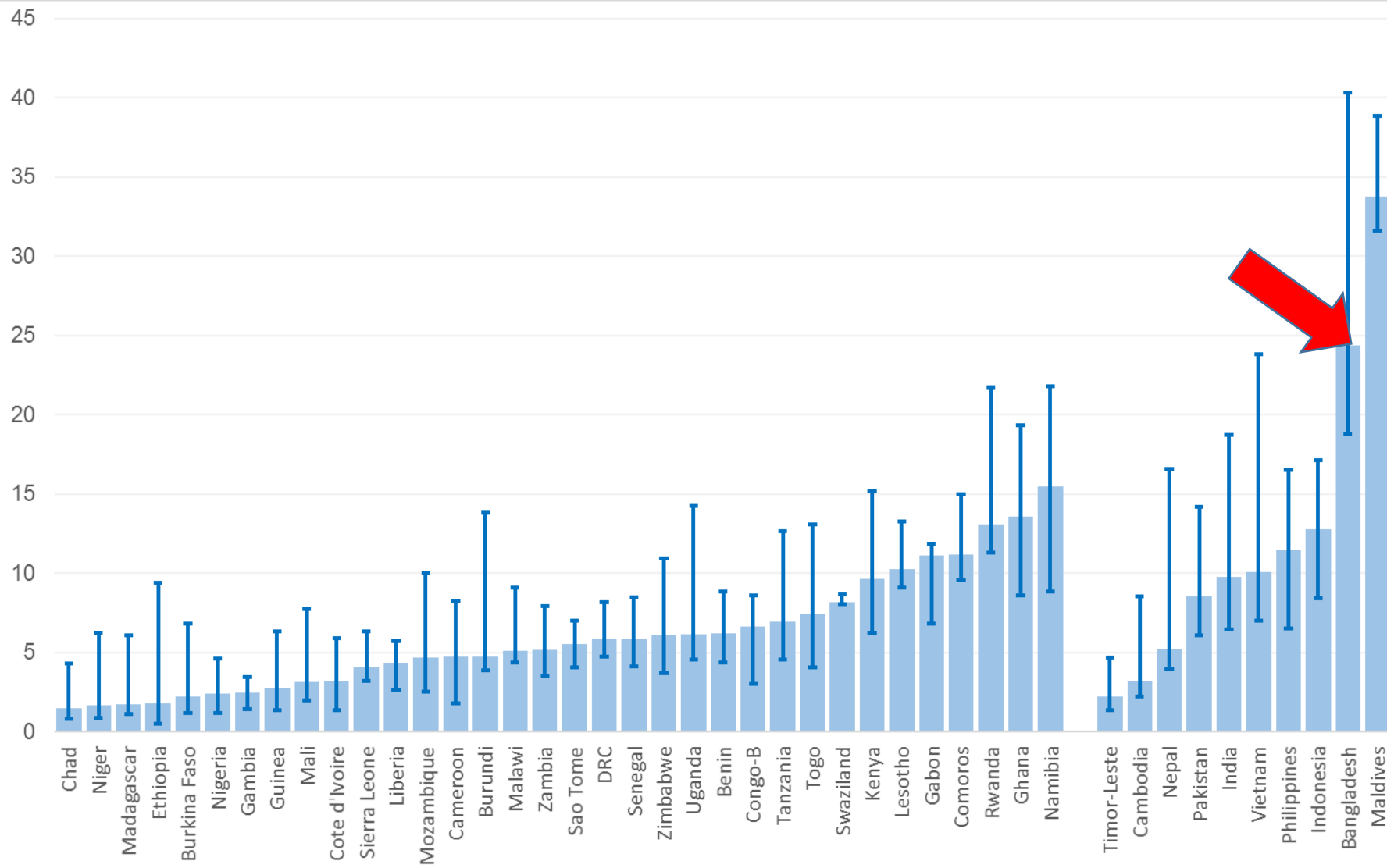
*.....economic growth, financial incentives, increased use of services, privatization, decentralization, urbanization, medicalization including the “Caesarean Section epidemic,” commodities, workforce, inequity, conflict, migration, innovations including new technologies, partnerships, financing, governance, disease outbreaks, growing attention to non-communicable diseases, the amplification of Citizen’s Voices, attention to Quality, Equity and Dignity (QED).....*

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# Variability in national cesarean section rates, urban/rural differences



Source: Benova et al. 2017. *The landscape of caesarean sections in Sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia*. New York: EngenderHealth/Fistula Care Plus



Too little  
too late

- Lack of evidence-based guidelines
- Women delivering alone

Appropriate,  
Timely,  
Evidence-  
Based,  
Respectful  
Care

Too much  
too soon

- Routine induced or augmented labor
- Routine antibiotics postpartum



# Caring for the carers



*" Women are not dying of diseases we cannot treat....*



*....they are dying because societies have yet to make the decision that their lives are worth saving."*

... Mahmoud Fathalla



Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality:  
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