SAVING MOMS *at* BIRTH

Working for the survival of mothers is a human rights imperative and an international development priority: they are the world's breadwinners and bread-makers, they are caretakers of homes and caregivers of children, they grow economies and promote peace and justice. But mothers cannot thrive unless they survive, and one of their greatest hazards is childbirth. Together, the global community is working to find solutions to end preventable maternal mortality.

THE SITUATION

A WOMAN DIES EVERY
TWO MINUTES
FROM CHILDBIRTH

99% *of these deaths occur in* ***developing countries***

80% OF MATERNAL DEATHS
COULD BE AVERTED
WITH ACCESS TO MATERNITY AND BASIC HEALTH-CARE SERVICES

2 out of 10 women *who survive childbirth* ***will suffer from complications*** *that result in injury, illness, or lifelong disability*

A GIRL GROWING UP IN CHAD TODAY IS MORE
LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDBIRTH
THAN SHE IS TO ATTEND SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES

FAMILY PLANNING

BY MEETING FAMILY PLANNING NEEDS WE COULD
REDUCE MATERNAL DEATHS BY 30%

1 in 4 women *who want to avoid pregnancy* ***don't have modern contraceptives***

SKILLED CARE

MEETING SKILLED CARE NEEDS COULD
REDUCE MATERNAL DEATHS BY 60%

3 out of 4 women *needing care for obstetric complications in developing countries* ***do not receive it***

EDUCATION

EDUCATING WOMEN AND GIRLS COULD INCREASE CONTRACEPTIVE USE BY
FOUR TIMES TO PREVENT ADOLESCENT MATERNAL DEATHS

Uneducated girls are ***4x as likely to have a child*** *before their 19th birthday than those with a secondary education*

RIPPLE EFFECT

$15 billion – global yearly cost of maternal mortality due to reduced productivity

Every additional year of primary school boosts girls' future wages by 10-20%

Healthy birth spacing and smaller families improve women's health, and results in better nutrition and education for children

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