SAVING MOTHERS’ LIVES

About 830 women die each day due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth. This is despite a 44% reduction in maternal deaths between 1990 and 2015:

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Millennium Development Goal 5A: Reduce maternal deaths by 3/4 between 1990 and 2015

Of the 95 countries with high levels of maternal mortality in 1990:
- 9 Countries Achieved MDG 5A
- Another 39 countries also made significant progress

Where is it most dangerous to have a baby?

In Fragile Settings: Countries experiencing crisis and conflict - where over 1/2 of all maternal deaths take place.

- Fragile settings: 1 in 54
- Developed countries: 1 in 4900

A new global target for reducing maternal deaths:
- 216 women died for every 100,000 live births in 2015
- We aim for <70 deaths for every 100,000 live births by 2030*

* Sustainable Development Goal 3.1

To achieve this target, what is needed?

- Political will & commitment
- Improved access to quality care before, during & after childbirth
- Contraception & safe abortion services
- Strong health systems with trained health workers & essential medicines
- Health & wellbeing: nutrition, education, water sanitation & hygiene
- Accountability: every death must be counted & its cause recorded
- Efforts to reach everyone, everywhere

No woman should die in pregnancy and childbirth.