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# MDG 5

## Improve Maternal Health

**“It is unacceptable that young women around the world lack access to reproductive health care and are condemned to secondary roles in marital relations. As young women, we must stand up and make sure our voices are heard!”**

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# World Poverty Day

**SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES**

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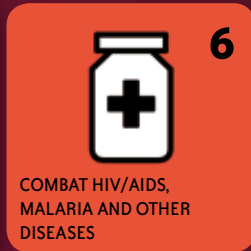
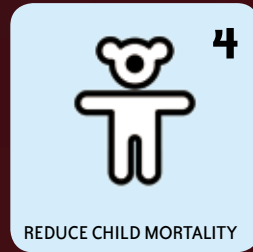
“IMAGINE you were a young girl living in a country where you could get married at the age of 12, that you gave birth to a child while your body was still maturing making it more likely that you would experience complications during birth and you didn't have access to emergency health services or people skilled in assisting births.”

“**1 woman** dies every minute from pregnancy related causes, **99%** of which occur in the **developing world.**”

**UNITED NATIONS**

# The Millennium Development Goals

In September 2000, a directive from the United Nations saw the birth of a global partnership commitment aimed at significantly reducing extreme poverty before the year 2015 by outlining a series of time-bound targets now referred to as the Millennium Development Goals.



## Do you know that?

- ❁ Maternal Mortality remains unacceptably high in South Asia & Africa.
- ❁ More than 500,000 women die yearly during pregnancy, childbirth or within six weeks after delivery.
- ❁ 86% of the deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
- ❁ In Africa, a woman's risk of dying from treatable or preventable complications of pregnancy and childbirth is 1 in 22 compared to 1 in 7,300 in developed countries – (As per UN Millennium Campaign).

## WE CAN STOP IT!

- ❁ Ensure that all political leaders meet their commitments to Millennium Development Goal 5.
- ❁ Priority should be given to an investment in Women's Health.
- ❁ Universal access to quality reproductive health workers at delivery and adequate ante/post-natal care is essential!