

MATERNAL DEATH: THE AVOIDABLE CRISIS



EVERY 90 SECONDS A WOMAN DIES DURING CHILD BIRTH OR FROM PREGNANCY RELATED COMPLICATIONS

MSF TEAMS DELIVERED ABOUT **150,000 BABIES** TOTAL IN 2010 IN MORE THAN **30 COUNTRIES**



 = 10,000 BABIES

15%

PERCENTAGE OF ALL WOMEN WORLDWIDE WHO HAVE LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS DURING PREGNANCY



80% OF MATERNAL DEATHS ARE PREVENTABLE OR TREATABLE

THE MAJORITY OF MATERNAL DEATHS OCCUR JUST BEFORE, DURING, OR JUST AFTER DELIVERY, OFTEN FROM COMPLICATIONS THAT CANNOT BE PREDICTED. IN THESE CRITICAL MOMENTS **WOMEN NEED ACCESS TO QUALITY EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC CARE**

5 LEADING CAUSES OF MATERNAL DEATHS



HAEMORRHAGE (SEVERE BLEEDING): 24% OF MATERNAL DEATHS

WHAT MSF PROVIDES IN MATERNAL BASIC UNIT CARE AND COMPREHENSIVE UNIT CARE



SURGICAL CARE
MANUAL REMOVAL OF PLACENTA AND RETAINED PRODUCTS, INSTRUMENTAL DELIVERY SUCH AS VACUUM EXTRACTION AND CAESAREAN SECTIONS

CLEAN BLOOD
SAFE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

MEDICATION
FOR TREATING INFECTION, ECLAMPSIA AND HAEMORRHAGE

INFANT CARE
CARE FOR SICK AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT NEWBORNS



SEPSIS (INFECTION): 15% OF MATERNAL DEATHS



UNSAFE ABORTION: 13% OF MATERNAL DEATHS



HYPERTENSIVE DISORDERS (PRE-ECLAMPSIA/ECLAMPSIA): 12% OF MATERNAL DEATHS



OBSTRUCTED LABOUR 8% OF MATERNAL DEATHS



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