What We’ve Achieved and Where We’re Headed: Merck for Mothers

It all starts with a mother—she’s the beginning of a much bigger story.

A healthy pregnancy and childbirth leads to a lifetime of benefits, both for a woman’s own health and prosperity, as well as that of her children, family, community, and nation—for generations to come. We call this the “Mom Effect.” Working with collaborators across sectors, we’re making the Mom Effect a reality for communities across the globe.

Merck for Mothers is our company’s global initiative to help create a world where no woman has to die giving life.

Contributing our scientific and business expertise, as well as our financial resources, we are working to ensure that women have access to two of the most powerful means to end preventable maternal deaths: quality maternity care and modern contraception.

To date, Merck for Mothers has reached over 18 million women in more than 60 sites around the world, contributing to the global effort to save women’s lives, strengthen health systems and meet the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

Bringing the best of Merck to help create a world where no woman has to die while giving life

- 64 global sites
- 122 programs
- 151 grantees & collaborators
- 150 employee experts

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A Commitment to Partnership

We collaborate across sectors—working with governments, NGOs, professional associations, entrepreneurs, UN agencies, research institutions, other businesses and even other pharmaceutical companies. Likewise, we collaborate across Merck, leveraging our talent to generate fresh thinking and infuse new, business-minded approaches to help solve the longstanding challenge of maternal mortality.

Highlights Of Our Work

- **Global**
  - Commissioning leading research institutions to answer critical questions about maternal health to help advance global health

- **United States**
  - Learning from and acting on maternal death reviews
  - Standardizing emergency obstetric care
  - Linking pregnant women to comprehensive care

- **Canada**
  - Providing culturally-sensitive care for Indigenous women

- **Brazil**
  - Reducing C-section rates

- **Senegal**
  - Transforming supply chains to improve access to contraceptives and other lifesaving medicines

- **Nigeria**
  - Linking the local public and private sector to improve quality maternity care
  - Integrating family planning into other health services

- **India**
  - Assuring the quality of private maternity care
  - Leveraging private capital for greater impact

- **Kenya**
  - Enhancing service delivery models and digital technologies to improve maternal health

- **Greece**
  - Improving maternity care for refugees

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