

Maternal Mortality

Maternal mortality is the death of a woman from complications of pregnancy and childbirth



DESPITE MEDICAL ADVANCES, PREVENTABLE MATERNAL DEATHS CONTINUE AND THE FACTS ARE SHOCKING...



Maternal and newborn mortality cost the world economy an estimated **\$15 BILLION** in lost productivity each year^{iv}



The **TWO DIRECT LEADING CAUSES** of maternal mortality globally are severe bleeding (obstetric hemorrhage) and pregnancy-induced high blood pressure disorders (preeclampsia/eclampsia) during pregnancy and childbirth^v



EVERY 2 MINUTES another woman dies from pregnancy or childbirth complicationsⁱⁱ

GLOBALLY

MORE THAN
800 WOMEN
around the world die unnecessarily during pregnancy or childbirth
EACH DAYⁱⁱ

303,000 WOMEN
died from complications during pregnancy and childbirth in
2015ⁱⁱ

MORE THAN
3,000,000 MOTHERS
will be lost in the next
10 YEARS
if nothing more is doneⁱⁱ

*Merck for Mothers, known as MSD for mothers outside of the United States and Canada, has committed **\$500,000,000** over **10 years** to help create a world where no woman dies giving life*

MERCK FOR MOTHERS IS FOCUSED ON:

INNOVATION

Developing and improving user-friendly technologies to diagnose and treat the two leading causes of maternal death: postpartum hemorrhage and preeclampsia.

ACCESS

Improving the quality, accessibility, and affordability of maternal health services so more women can have healthy pregnancies and births.

AWARENESS

Raising visibility of maternal mortality so the issue receives the global attention it deserves.

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