

Women and Children First

In September 2000, **189 United Nations member states** committed to achieving eight Millennium Development Goals (**MDGs**) by 2015. These goals include eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing infant mortality, ensuring maternal health, promoting gender equality and empowering women and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

07.07.07 marks the half-way point to reaching the MDGs
but at the current rate of progress we will not meet the 2015 deadline

Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights is vital to the MDGs

Due to lack of funding:

- 1 woman dies every minute from pregnancy related causes
- 99% of these deaths occur in the developing world
- complications of pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death and disability for women of childbearing age (15-49)

Where is the money?

Meeting the global need for contraceptives and family planning would save millions of lives.

Basic reproductive health services are affordable and cost-effective.

IT'S TIME TO ACT NOW

In 2005 donors provided only 55% of the funding needed for family planning and safe motherhood, despite increasing needs.

We therefore call on donors to prioritise these issues into development plans and policies, and to dedicate sufficient and sustainable funding to them to prevent needless death and ill health.



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