

Canada's Prime Minister announces contribution Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

25th June 2010, Toronto - Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced that following the Muskoka Summit, the total Canadian contribution for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health will be \$2.85 billion over five years. In addition to \$1.1 billion in new money, the Government will also renew existing funding of \$1.75 billion over the next five years, for what will be a permanent and long-term commitment.

Cambodia Struggles to Reduce Maternal Deaths

19th June 2010, Phnom Penh (IPS) - For Chan Theary, a remote, mountainous stretch of land in western Cambodia encapsulates the uphill struggle this South-east Asian nation faces in reducing the alarming number of women who die during pregnancy.

AFGHANISTAN: Maternal health needs more than healthcare

9th June 2010, Kabul (IRIN) - Nowhere in the world are as many mothers dying from pregnancy and birth-related complications as in Badakhshan Province, northeastern Afghanistan, where maternal mortality figures are estimated at 6,000 per 100,000 live births, say agencies. Yet, the relatively peaceful province has more maternal healthcare facilities than Helmand, Zabul, Uruzgan and several others.

World Bank Boosts Commitment to Lower Maternal Mortality

12th May 2010, *Washington (IPS)* - The World Bank intends to ramp up spending on family-planning and related initiatives to reduce maternal mortality, improve reproductive health, and reduce fertility rates in nearly 60 developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a new five-year plan released by the Bank here this week.

[New Strategy, More Funding Needed To Meet Maternal, Child Health MDGs](#)

14th April, 2010 - "Dozens of countries are unlikely to meet" the Millennium Development Goal targets related to maternal and child health without a new strategy and an additional \$20 billion each year, according to a report released Tuesday, the Canadian Press reports (Lederer, 4/14).

[Indian hospital chain to fight maternal mortality](#)

8th April 2010, India - LifeSpring Hospitals to provide 82,000 women with affordable healthcare through Business Call to Action initiative

[HEALTH-KENYA: Funding Threatens AIDS Prevention](#)

1st April , 2010 (IPS) - Pregnant mothers who are HIV-positive could soon find it challenging to access life-saving HIV drugs because Kenya was denied 270 million dollars in funding from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

[5 days to go: Burkina Faso Maternal Mortality Campaign Countdown](#)

2nd January 2009, The story of Safiatou* is one of the 50 cases that Amnesty International's researchers investigated in-depth. Safiatou died while trying to reach a health centre after delivering at home.

[Call to act on maternal mortality](#)

26th October 2009 - Health ministers from around the world have agreed that swift action must be taken to reduce the number of women dying during pregnancy and childbirth.

[Giving birth in Congo's war zone](#)

8th September 2009 - Claudine Maombi has been living on two frontlines at once: She is a mother and she is from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Being pregnant in some areas of sub-Saharan Africa can be as hazardous as being a civilian in a conflict zone.

[New initiative to reduce child and maternal mortality gets underway in Southern Sudan](#)

20th March 2009, Torit – The Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan, backed by UNICEF and other partners, today unveiled a further effort to reduce child and maternal mortality with the launch of the Accelerated Child Survival Initiative (ACSI) in Eastern Equatoria state that will eventually roll to the other nine states of Southern Sudan.

[Maternal mortality: who's counting?](#)

Maternal deaths are captured by a country's maternal mortality ratio (MMR). MMR reports the number of women who die from causes related to or aggravated by pregnancy, expressed per 100,000 births. In 2005, the UN reported that Nepal's MMR was 830. It reported that the UK's was eight.