

- More than 500,000 women die each year from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.
- Africa and Asia account for 95 per cent of the world's maternal deaths.
- Six in 10 births worldwide are attended by skilled health personnel
- A woman in sub-Saharan Africa has a 4.5% chance of dying from pregnancy-related causes, as compared to 0.01% for a woman in industrialized countries
- The ratio of urban and rural women reporting at least 4 antenatal care visits is 2:1
- The proportion of deliveries attended by skilled health care personnel in Northern Africa in 2004 compared to 56% in developing regions

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