

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Eastern Asia, Northern Africa, and South-Eastern Asia showed declines of 30 per cent or more between 1990 and 2005
- Since 1995, every region of the developing world has made some progress in improving the availability of skilled health personnel

Source: UN MDG Report 2009

CHALLENGES:

- There has been a little progress in the developing world. Between 1990 and 2005, numbers went down by 10 per cent
- On average, in developing countries, there are 450 maternal deaths per 100 000 live births (in 14 of 15 developing regions)
- Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia are the two regions requiring most immediate actions. Half of the world's maternal deaths occur in these two regions
- In Southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, more than half of all births still take place without the assistance of a skilled health professional

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