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We look forward to continuing these productive collaborations now and in the future.

ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AMDD	Averting Maternal Death and Disability Program (Columbia University)
CDC	United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
DFID	Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
EmONC	Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC = Basic; CEmONC = Comprehensive)
FIGO	International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
GPRHCS	Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security
H4+	WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Bank, UN Women and UNAIDS
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
ICM	International Confederation of Midwives
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IESO	Integrated Emergency Obstetrics and Surgery (Master's Program, Ethiopia)
INGO	International Non-governmental Organization
Jhpiego	Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MNH	Maternal and Newborn Health
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDSR	Maternal Death Surveillance and Response
MHTF	Maternal Health Thematic Fund
MMR	Maternal Mortality Ratio
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
NCDs	Non-Communicable Diseases
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PMC	Population Media Center
RH	Reproductive Health
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SOWMR	State of the World's Midwifery Report
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme for HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VIA	Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (a simple technique to detect pre-cancerous lesions of the cervix to prevent cervical cancer)
WHO	World Health Organization

FOREWORD

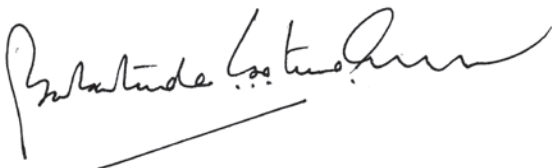
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Empowering and enabling women to proactively decide whether and when to get pregnant, to act on this decision, and to go through pregnancy and childbirth safely are human rights. They also constitute Millennium Development Goal No. 5. A number of countries still strive to reach the targets of this goal, which are to reduce maternal deaths and to achieve universal access to reproductive health, including family planning.

With the Maternal Health Thematic Fund (MHTF), UNFPA supports 43 high maternal mortality countries to achieve MDG 5 and to accelerate progress in reducing the number of women who die giving life or who suffer from associated morbidity. This report gives evidence to the progress that has been facilitated by the Maternal Health Thematic Fund, including the Midwifery Programme and the Campaign to End Fistula. The report also demonstrates the invaluable benefits brought about through partnerships, as the MHTF collaborates with global, regional and national champions in their respective fields of work.

The Maternal Health Thematic Fund and its twin sister—the Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security (GPRHCS)—constitute important contributions from UNFPA to MDG 5, to the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and to the UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children. The MHTF and the GPRHCS also contribute to the implementation of the UNFPA Adolescent and Youth strategy and Family Planning strategy.

The many achievements featured in this report are the result of strong political commitment, particularly at the nation level, generous funding and enduring partnerships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank countries, donors, other partner organizations and colleagues for their productive collaboration now and in the future to save women's lives.



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