THE SKILLS GAP

CHILD BIRTH IS THE BIGGEST KILLER OF YOUNG WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

WE MUST FILL THE HEALTH WORKER GAP

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In 2010 the international community pledged $40bn to improve maternal, newborn and child health over the next five years. This is a good start, but many more governments must also commit. These commitments must be turned into action by training and employing health workers and strengthening health systems.

3.5 million additional health workers are needed to fill the health worker gap for mothers and children.

The government of the UK will double its annual support for maternal, newborn and child health by 2012, providing an annual average of US$1.1 billion to 2015

France hosts the next G8/G20 in 2011; how will they contribute and hold other donors to account?

The government of CHINA pledged to increase investment in women and children's health, as well as providing basic health care insurance for all

The government of CANADA, as Chair of the G8 in June 2010, committed CA$1billion in new and additional funding, and also renewed existing resources of CA$1.75 billion, providing a total of CA$2.85 billion for maternal, newborn and child health by 2015

The government of BANGLADESH promises 3000 more health workers

Africa has the highest maternal death rates in the world.

India has the highest number of maternal deaths of any nation in the world

The government of BLURKINA FASO has reached the Abuja Target of 15% of government spending for health and pledges to maintain this spending level

The government of KENYA has pledged to recruit an additional 20,000 primary health care workers and to establish 210 centres of excellence providing health services to an additional 1.5 million women and 1.5 million children

The government of INDIA has pledged to improve health services in the 235 districts that account for nearly 70% of all infant and maternal deaths

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