Zero Maternal Deaths from Hemorrhage

Pregnant women face special health risks that can sometimes be fatal to them and their babies. More than 1 out of 5 maternal deaths are from hemorrhage (bleeding).

The main causes of maternal deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean are:

- Pregnancy-induced high blood pressure (eclampsia) - 23%
- Hemorrhage (bleeding), which is also a leading cause worldwide - 22%
- Complications from abortion - 8%

Almost all maternal deaths by hemorrhage are preventable.

- Families and communities should make sure women are able to reach a health center in case of emergency and should support them in getting to their prenatal appointments. Everyone should donate blood to make sure it’s available for transfusions.
- Mothers should visit their healthcare providers and avoid unnecessary C-sections.
- Health professionals and service workers can offer pregnant women proper treatment that respects their culture and ensure no woman is turned away from health services.
- Health workers can provide pregnant women and their families with information on the risks and warning signs of obstetric hemorrhage.
- Decision-makers need to ensure support for health systems, including staff training and equipment, and the means to employ them.

Join us in bringing maternal deaths by hemorrhage down to zero.

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