

5 key actions

that countries can take to improve maternal health



Every woman, every newborn, everywhere has the right to good quality care

1. Prioritise good **quality** maternal health services that respond to local needs

Access to contraceptives for all women could reduce maternal deaths by

29%

Universal Health Coverage reduces catastrophic expenditure and increases service use



2. Promote **equity** through universal coverage

53 million women currently lack access to care during childbirth

3. Increase resilience and strength of **health systems**



More than

18 million additional health workers needed by 2030 to meet SDG targets

4. Guarantee **sustainable financing**



An additional

\$23

health spending per person in 34 countries could prevent 190,000 maternal deaths by 2035

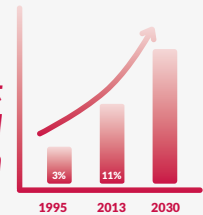
5. Collect and use better **evidence** for advocacy and accountability

Countries signed up to the 2001 Abuja Declaration allocated

11%

of their annual budget to health compared with 3% in 1995

Annual budget allocated to health



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