



# FAMILY PLANNING SAVES WOMEN'S LIVES



FAMILY PLANNING PREVENTS  
**272,000**  
MATERNAL DEATHS WORLDWIDE

CONTRACEPTIVE USE  
CAN AVERT MORE THAN HALF OF  
**MATERNAL DEATHS**



Family Planning Directly Reduces the Number of Maternal Deaths because it Reduces the Chance of Pregnancy and Associated Complications



LOWERS  
RISK OF  
UNSAFE  
ABORTION



DELAYS FIRST  
PREGNANCY  
IN YOUNG  
WOMEN



REDUCES  
HAZARDS OF  
CLOSELY SPACED  
PREGNANCIES



INDIA ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST 1/4 OF ALL MATERNAL DEATHS WORLDWIDE



MATERNAL MORTALITY IS  
**230\***

\*Per 100000 Live Births



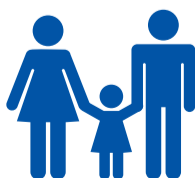
PROPORTION OF MATERNAL DEATHS  
AVERTED BY CONTRACEPTIVE USE  
**57.3%**

FOR EACH WOMAN  
WHO DIES DURING  
CHILDBIRTH

**20**

**86,000** MATERNAL DEATHS AVERTED  
BY CONTRACEPTIVE USE

MORE SUFFER  
FROM INFECTION,  
INJURY AND  
DISABILITY  
CONNECTED TO  
PREGNANCY OR  
CHILDBIRTH



FAMILY PLANNING IS THE PRIMARY  
INTERVENTION TO PREVENT MATERNAL MORTALITY<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Data from: Ahmed, Saifuddin, Qingfeng Li Liu, Amy D Tsui, "Maternal deaths averted by contraceptive use: An analysis of 172 countries." Lancet, Family Planning, July 2012. Susheela Singh et al., *Barriers to Safe Motherhood in India*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2009. Sample Registration System, Registrar General of India, Maternal Mortality in India, MDG analysis provided by USAID, Health Policy Initiative Project