

Maternal mortality is an identified issue

Letter of Commitment

Maternal death is not an isolated event and must be seen as the culmination of a complex process in which multiple factors are involved. The reasons are perfectly identified and numerous international publications clearly state them: the relative disadvantage that important female sectors in the world suffer to achieve their basic rights such as education and health, the right to work and to social recognition on a basis of equality between men and women, the lack of the most basic medical assistance since they are girls. The lack of care during adolescence, the lack of the right to family planning, the lack of understanding when, desperately, they are forced to turn to unsafe abortion, the lack of adequate prenatal care and the lack of qualified attention during labor.

Maternal mortality is the best indicator of how a society values its women, the real importance it grants them, of how it respects their

human rights and of the coherence, or not, between the political speeches and the use of necessary resources to make reproductive events succeed.

Women's right, including their right to education, dignity and respect, to rest, to food and adequate health care, are a basic part of any permanent solution. There is no other solution.

If human survival is a result of progress, we have to describe true progress, that which, apart from being scientific, also has to be ethical and social in its essence. That is what is really considered as progress for human being's dignity.

International rights relative to women's health have little value for her if there is no responsibility on the part of governments, organizations and individuals to respect them.

Most of the deaths and disabilities as a consequence of labor ARE AVOIDABLE, because medical solutions are well-known. Therefore, the challenge is organizational and strategic, NOT TECHNOLOGICAL.

Future does not occur, it has to be built: we urgently need more health in politics and no politics in health.

More money for health and more health with money.

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