
Notes

Executive summary

1. This task force report limits its focus and recommendations to the health sector. For the full complement of strategies to meet the maternal health and child health Goals, these recommendations should be linked to the recommendations of other task forces and to *Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals* (UN Millennium Project 2005a).

Chapter 2

1. If couples using traditional methods of contraception are excluded from the calculation of unmet need, the figure declines to 134 million women (Singh and others 2003).

2. South Asia has a particularly rich heritage of integrated primary care projects run by NGOs such as the International Center for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (Chakaria), Gonoshashthya Kendra, and the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) in Bangladesh; the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (Jamkhed) and SEARCH (Gadchiroli) in India; and HANDS and the Aga Khan Foundation in Pakistan (Hossain and others 2004).

Chapter 3

1. Although figure 3.1 appears to end with childbearing, cycling back to birth, sexuality, and aspects of reproductive health continue to be important determinants of well-being and illness through menopause and into old age.

2. Some studies, most of them conducted in Europe and the United States, link fathers' health-related behaviors, such as smoking and drug use, and occupational hazards, such as chemical exposures, to child health (Wen and others 2002; Parker and others 1999; Ji and others 1997). The extent of impact of these aspects of fathers' lives on child health in low and middle-income countries is unknown and rarely explored.

3. Nationally representative surveys were conducted between 2001 and 2004 in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Sixteen counties in metropolitan Beijing were surveyed in October–November 2003. An abbreviated survey was conducted in May–July 2003 in Indonesia. Samples sizes ranged from 27,000 to 175,000 households.

4. The proportion of lives saved was adjusted for countries with a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, where breastfeeding could increase mortality.

5. Recognizing the need to improve local access to priority interventions, a recent WHO/UNICEF policy statement (WHO and UNICEF 2004b) urges countries to train community-based health workers in the diagnosis of pneumonia in children and to allow them to treat with antibiotics, an intervention that had been restricted to health facilities. As resistance to existing antimalarials spreads, many countries will soon adopt artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT) as their first-line treatment for malaria. Because of the cost of this intervention and the fear of inducing resistance to ACT through overuse, malaria diagnosis and treatment, which has traditionally been done within the community, may increasingly become restricted to the facility level.

6. Although this report has emphasized that the Goals for reducing child and maternal mortality can be achieved through the widespread application of existing interventions, the role of research to develop new and improved interventions should not be minimized. New vaccine and drug development, including the development of new vaccines for the prevention of common childhood illnesses, more heat-stable vaccines, new antibiotics and other drugs that can be given in shorter and easier-to-administer courses, and other innovations can only help accelerate progress toward the Goal. The crying need for operational research—studying how to bring new interventions to the target populations in an acceptable and affordable manner—goes without saying.

7. The WHO definition is “the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and the site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or incidental causes” (WHO 1992).

8. See www.safemotherhood.org.

9. See www.safemotherhood.org.

10. A “skilled attendant” refers to the person attending the delivery. “Skilled attendance” sometimes refers to trained personnel plus the enabling conditions of emergency obstetric care and a referral system. To avoid confusion between “skilled attendants” and “skilled attendance,” recent publications use the phrase “skilled care” to refer to these three elements (see www.safemotherhood.org/resources/publications.html).

11. *Essential obstetric care* is sometimes used interchangeably with *emergency obstetric care*. For the sake of clarity, this report uses *emergency obstetric care* to refer to the interventions for treating obstetric complications and *essential obstetric care* to refer to the broader range of services, including the management of routine pregnancies (Koblinsky 1999).

12. Rush also discusses the methodological problems in attributing deaths to anemia, which is different from the question of whether anemia increases the risk of death.

13. A study in Bangalore, India, found that the presence of an auxiliary nurse midwife in the area was associated with lower use of professional delivery care (by a doctor or midwife at a facility), both overall and in complicated cases (Nanda 2003).

14. The World Bank’s analysis of factors associated with maternal mortality reduction shows that health sector interventions have a far stronger explanatory power than literacy or wealth (Lule and others 2003).

Chapter 4

1. Of course, policy that is explicitly designed to create such a system can nevertheless result in the organized/unorganized markets described by Bloom and Standing (2001), in which the poor do indeed end up paying, often driving them further into impoverishment, and are more likely to receive goods and services of poor quality.

2. The term *health workforce* is used here to mean all people formally employed in providing healthcare rather than the broader term human resources for health, which refers to all people engaged in the promotion, protection, or improvement of population health (WHO 2002a; Joint Learning Initiative 2004).

Chapter 5

1. For more on disaggregation and the Goals, see <http://hdr.undp.org/mdg/default.cfm>.
2. The obstacles to measuring the maternal mortality ratio and the various methodologies used to arrive at the estimates published by the WHO are explained in the publication of the official data and widely documented in the literature (WHO, UNICEF, and UNFPA 2004).

Chapter 6

1. The World Bank is nevertheless now among the top four individual sources of development assistance for health, along with USAID, the WHO (if extrabudgetary contributions are added to its regular budget), and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is the next highest source of funding, followed by UNICEF and UNFPA.
2. Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility loans and Poverty Reduction Support Credits are direct descendants of Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facilities and Structural Adjustment Loans, which existed in parallel with sector projects and policy loans.
3. A Poverty and Social Impact Analysis is being planned to examine the impact of health user fees in Kenya (IMF and World Bank 2004c).

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