

CANADA'S LEADERSHIP: DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

IMPROVING MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH



Improving the health of mothers, newborns and children around the world is one of Canada's top development priorities. As part of a global community, Canada has delivered on the promise to support global efforts to end the preventable deaths of mothers, newborns and children younger than age five. Between 1990 and 2013, the number of women who died each year during pregnancy or childbirth decreased from 523,000 to 289,000, and the number of children younger than age five who died each year decreased from 12.7 million to 6.3 million.

Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (2010-2015)

At the 2010 G-8 Summit, Canada launched the Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health to accelerate progress in achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) four (reduce child mortality) and five (improve maternal health). G-8 members and other partners committed US\$7.3 billion to improve maternal and child health in the world's poorest countries between 2010 and 2015, including Canada's commitment of \$2.9 billion. At the end of fiscal 2014–2015, Canada had fully disbursed its commitment.

Through Canada's support to global and Canadian partners, the following results were achieved between 2010 and 2014:

- More than 14.5 million bed nets distributed to protect families from malaria;
- More than 190,000 health workers trained;
- More than 1.5 million people—over 80 percent of whom are women and children—provided with access to water and sanitation services;
- More than 85,000 HIV-positive pregnant women provided with treatment to prevent the transmission of HIV to their newborns;



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