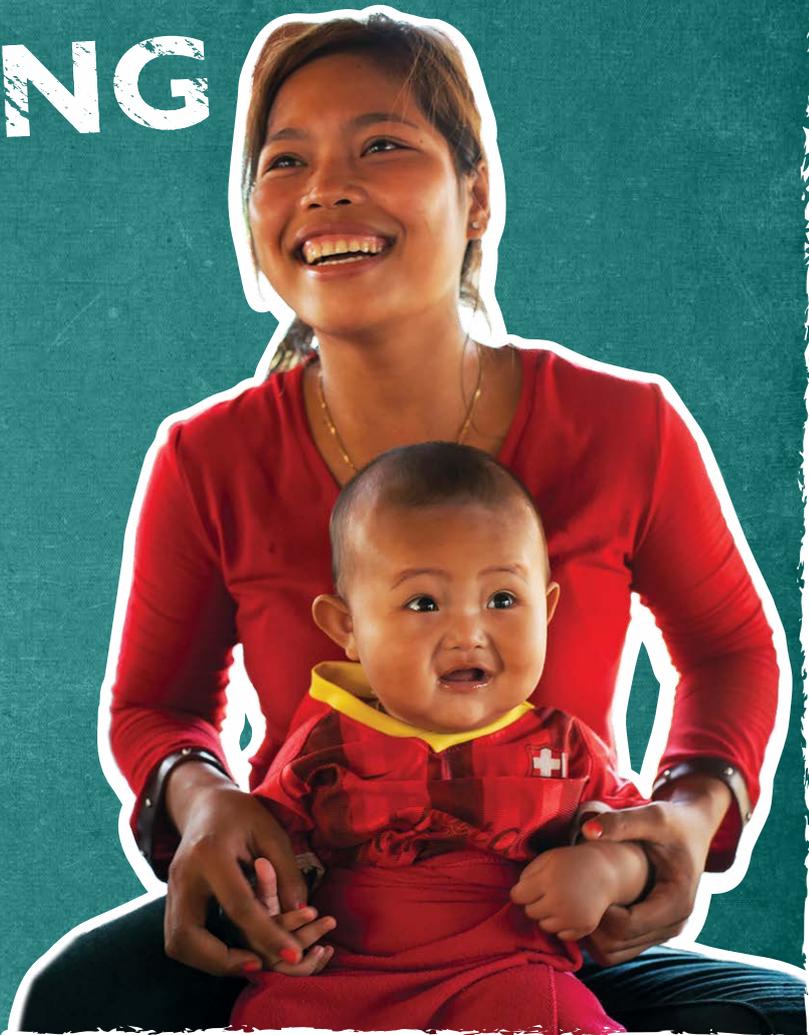


PARTNERING TO SAVE LIVES

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THE PROBLEM

In 2010, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) was estimated to be 206 deaths per 100,000 births, a figure which is ahead of the Millennium Development Goal 5 target of 250 deaths per 100,000 births. Similar progress has been demonstrated against MDG 4, with an overall infant mortality rate (IMR) in 2010 of 45 per 1,000 births, compared with 66 in 2005. However, improvements in infant mortality have not been matched by improvements in neonatal mortality, which has remained stagnant since 2005 and now accounts for 50% of all deaths of children under five years of age.

In addition, improvements in the MMR and related health indicators have not been uniform across Cambodia, with stark variations, sometimes double the national figure, in some of the more remote north eastern provinces which are among the project's targeted provinces.

OUR RESPONSE

Partnering to Save Lives is a consortium of agencies including CARE, Marie Stopes International Cambodia and Save the Children. Save the Children is working in Kratie and Stung Treng provinces in north-eastern Cambodia which have been identified by the Ministry of Health (MoH), PSL NGO partners and The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as a focus area for partnership activities to support the MoH strategy, the Fast Track Initiative Road Map for Reducing Maternal and Newborn Mortality (FTIRMN). We are improving the quality of services provided by the health workforce, through supporting MoH modular in-service training for midwives, mentoring and supportive supervision, and quarterly Midwifery Coordination Alliance Team (MCAT) meetings. We are supporting selected infrastructure improvements, equipment and supplies and introducing feedback mechanisms through Community Score Cards and Village Health Support Groups (VHSGs). We are supporting capacity development of VHSGs, Community Based Distribution and

Health Center Management Committee members (HCMCs) through trainings and supportive supervision and coaching and working with partners on the delivery of behaviour change and communication activities (including mhealth).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since the project started in August 2013, 15 health centers have been supported and 30 new midwives completed 21-day midwifery clinical training (delivery practice). More than 280 midwives from all health centers attended 2 rounds of quarterly MCAT meetings. Nearly 140 health staff completed 3-day Health Information Management System (HMIS) training conducted by Provincial Health Department and 150 HCMCs completed a 3-day training package. Over 300 VHSGs members completed a 4-day training package and 15 health centre catchment areas implemented community-based distribution of contraceptives. 3,433 pregnant women gave birth in a health facility with skilled birth attendants and 8,562 women of reproductive age 15-49 are using modern contraception.

PARTICIPANTS

Save the Children is supporting newborn under 28 days, more than 5,900 pregnant women, post-partum women, and over 48,000 women of reproductive age. We are also supporting parents, caregivers and community.

PARTNERS

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