RMNCH in the news: Born Too Soon edition

*Media coverage of the Global Action Report on Preterm Birth*

**INTERNATIONAL:**

**New global report finds 15 million babies are born too soon**

HealthCanal.com – 5 May 2012

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has played a key part in Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth, leading the epidemiological aspects as part of a three-year project. Providing the first-ever national, regional and ...

**Pre-term births on the rise**

Nature – 2 May 2012

Premature birth is the biggest cause of infant mortality worldwide, yet most of those deaths could be readily prevented, according to a 2 May report from the World Health Organization (WHO) and child-health advocacy groups. The report summarizes the results of a comprehensive survey of the problem, and says that pre-term births are on the rise ...

**Simple interventions could save most premature babies**


'Born Too Soon: The Global Action on Preterm Birth' — produced by a partnership of health organisations including the WHO — estimates that 15 million babies are born prematurely each year. More than 80 per cent of preterm births occur between 32 and 37 ...

**'Kangaroo' care could save thousands of babies**

New Scientist – 2 May 2012

AS MANY as 450,000 lives could be saved each year by taking a cue from marsupials. If parents of premature babies in poor countries were to continuously carry infants against the skin in "kangaroo pouches" and increase breastfeeding and regular medical monitoring, we might save more of the 15 million babies born too soon each year. That is the message from the most comprehensive global survey of premature births yet ...

**AFRICA:**

**'8.75 million expectant mothers, children die yearly'**

The Nation Newspaper – 15 May 2012

... no fewer than one million babies die yearly worldwide because of lack of access to exclusive breast-feeding, Country Director, Save the Children Susan Grant, has said. She spoke at the launch of the ‘State of the world’s mothers’ and ‘Born too Soon’ report in Abuja.
**Premature Birth Is Leading Cause Of Pneumonia -Ngo**
Nigerian Observer – 14 May 2012
Williams made the statement at the Nigerian launch of the “Born too soon: The Global Action Report” and the “State of World Mothers report” in Abuja on Friday. Williams said in spite of the fact that Nigeria’s population was only one-tenth of that of China and India, Nigeria was close behind them under the category of country with the most pre-term babies born every year …

**Nigeria 2nd in global maternal deaths – NGO**
Vanguard – 13 May 2012
... during the unveiling of Mother’s Day and Born Too Soon report, stated that Nigeria recorded an alarming death rate of 144 women in a day, 10 deaths per minute, due to conditions related to childbirth and had the greatest numbers of pre-term births in the world due to population.

**15 million babies born prematurely worldwide every year – New WHO report**
The report “Born too soon: the global action report on preterm birth” released May 2, 2012 also revealed that more than one million of those babies die shortly after birth and countless others suffer some type of lifelong physical, neurological, ...

**Region records low premature birth rates**
East African – 5 May 2012
In the poorest countries, on average, 12 per cent of babies are born too soon, compared with 9 per cent in higher income countries. In high-income countries, preterm births are linked to older women having babies, increased use of fertility drugs and ...

**ASIA-PACIFIC:**

**India Has The Most Preterm Births Worldwide, Says UN Report**
Asian Scientist Magazine – 4 May 2012
Some 3.5 million babies in India are born too early, according to a new United Nations-backed report released this week, which calls for steps such as ensuring the requisite medicines and equipment and ...

**Indonesia’s Preterm Birth Rate is Among the Highest in Contrast with Finland ...**
ScandAsia.com – 4 May 2012
A recent report ranks Indonesia as one of the top ten countries with the highest rates of preterm births, with 15.5 percent or over 675000 babies born too early each year, while the rates in Finland and Sweden are among the lowest.

**One in ten world births premature: report**
New Zealand Herald – 3 May 2012
"Being born too soon is an unrecognised killer," said Dr Joy Lawn of Save the Children, who co-authored the report with the March of Dimes, World Health Organization and a coalition of international health experts. "And it’s unrecognised in the ...
'Half of all child deaths in India due to pre-term births'
Zee News – 3 May 2012
"Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth" said that every year, 27 million pre-term babies are born in India which exposes them to an enormous risk of dying early, often shortly after their birth with the deaths caused being second ...

**WHO Report Finds More than One Million Preterm Babies Die Every Year**
CRIENGLISH.com – 3 May 2012
Some 15 million babies in the world, more than one in 10 births, are born too early every year, and more than one million of them die shortly after birth, a WHO report said Wednesday. Countless others suffer some type of lifelong physical, neurological ...

**Pakistan stands fourth globally in premature births: report**
The News International – 3 May 2012
The report, titled “Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth”, has been compiled by a group of 45 multi-disciplinary experts from 26 organisations – including the Aga Khan University – along with 11 countries that are supported by 40 ...

**Global study: ‘Simple measures will reduce preterm deaths’**
The Express Tribune – 3 May 2012
Pakistan has the fourth highest number of preterm births in a year-748100, to be precise-according to Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth. The worldwide report was prepared by a group of 45 multidisciplinary experts from 26 ...

**Premature births claimed 3.5 lakh kids’ lives in 2010**
Economic Times – 3 May 2012
NEW DELHI: India recorded the highest number of deaths of preemies, or babies born before time, in 2010. India ranked worst in a global report card ‘Born Too Soon’, published jointly by the World Health Organization and Save the Children, ...

**750000 kids born too early every year in Pakistan**
PakistanToday.com.pk – 2 May 2012
KARACHI - Each year, some 15 million babies in the world are born too early. More than 1 million of those babies die shortly after birth; countless others suffer some type of lifelong physical, neurological or educational disability, often at great ...

**Half the child deaths in India due to premature birth**
Deccan Herald – 2 May 2012
In India, 27.2 million preterm babies are born in a year. According to report ‘Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth’, India is among the top 10 countries that account for 60 per cent of the world’s preterm births.

**India has the highest premature baby deaths: report**
The Hindu – 2 May 2012
Nearly half of all child mortality is due to pre-term births, a new report by Save the Children, titled ‘Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Pre-term Birth’ has revealed. The deaths due to pre-term births are second only to pneumonia, it notes.
EUROPE:

**Being born too soon: An unrecognised killer**
Malta Independent Online – 7 May 2012
According to a report published this week, about 15 million babies in the world, that is, more than one in 10 births, are born too early every year, and 1.1 million die shortly after birth ...

**'Born too soon': Report ranks US 131st out of 184 countries in premature birth ...**
Daily Mail – 3 May 2012
The study 'Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth' that was released on Wednesday ranked the US 131st out of 184 countries -- between the Congo and Nigeria ...

**75% of deaths of premature babies are preventable, says report**
The Guardian – 2 May 2012
In fact, these overlooked premature births are a major factor in child mortality figures, which there is a global move to try to reduce in accordance with the UN's Millennium Development Goals. With other causes of child mortality coming down thanks to ...

**More than one in ten babies worldwide born prematurely**
BBC News – 2 May 2012
In the UK about 8% of babies are born too soon and this rate is rising partly due to obesity and later motherhood. There are nearly 60000 premature births every year in the UK. Andy Cole, from premature baby charity Bliss, said "it is worrying that the ...

**VIDEO: Dr. Joy Lawn on BBC World**
BBC World News – 2 May 2012
Dr. Joy Lawn of Save the Children speaks to BBC about the Born Too Soon report.

NORTH AMERICA:

**Technology leading to more preemies in the U.S.**
MyNorthWest.com – 14 May 2012
... In their new report "Born Too Soon," GAPS found premature birth in the U.S. is up 81 percent since 1981. Now, 12 out of every 100 babies born in America will be born before 37 weeks gestation.

**New Report Finds Pre-Term Birth is Greatest Risk for Newborns**
Voice of America – 10 May 2012
More than one million premature babies die each year. Yet experts say 75 percent of these tiny babies could live if they and their mothers received the right kind of care. The new report is not meant to be just a list of facts, but the start of a global health movement ...

**Rates of Premature Births Rising Worldwide**
Voice of America – 10 May 2012
Premature birth is the second greatest killer of babies worldwide -- after pneumonia. A new report compiled by experts around the world looks at what can be done to prevent premature births, and what can be done to save those babies who are born too soon ...
Premature Birth Endangers 15M Babies Worldwide
ABC News – 3 May 2012
Premature birth and its accompanying health dangers kill 1.1 million babies worldwide each year, making it the second-leading cause of death for children under age 5, according to a new global report ...

1 in 10 babies born early
Tampabay.com – 3 May 2012
Most of the world’s preemies are born in Africa and Asia, says the report released Wednesday. It’s a problem for the United States, too, where half a million babies are born too soon. That’s about 1 in 8 US births, a higher rate than in Europe, Canada, ...

Too many babies being born too soon
Columbus Dispatch – 3 May 2012
The authors of “Born Too Soon,” a new report on premature births, stress that too many babies are born early worldwide and that prematurity rates are increasing in most places. They call for research to better understand the causes.

As preterm births soar globally, U.S. ranks 130 of 184
Reuters US – 2 May 2012
The world’s developed countries have seen their average rate of premature births double to 6 percent since 1995, despite efforts to reduce the phenomenon, according to a report released on Wednesday ...

U.S. Lags in Global Measure of Premature Births
Fifteen million babies are born prematurely each year, and the United States fared badly in the first country-by-country global comparison of premature births, which was released Wednesday by the World Health Organization and other agencies ...

More than 1 in 10 babies worldwide born prematurely
USA TODAY – 2 May 2012
About 1 million of those babies die shortly after birth, and countless others suffer a significant, lifelong physical, neurological or educational disability, says a report, Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth, released today.

New count: 15 million of world's babies born premature; US rate higher than ...
Washington Post – 2 May 2012
The first country-by-country count of the problem shows most preemies are born in Africa and Asia. But it’s a problem for the US, too, where half a million babies are born too soon — and at a rate far higher than in Europe or other similar countries.

The Cost of Premature Birth: For One Family, More than $2 Million
TIME – 2 May 2012
For Jen Sinconis, the title of the new report — Born Too Soon — is an understatement. Sinconis' twin boys were born at 24 weeks in Oct. 2006. Sinconis' placenta detached, and she had to deliver her sons via emergency C-section. Ethan weighed 1 lb., ...
In Global Rankings, US Fares Poorly On Premature Births
NPR – 2 May 2012
Babies are born too soon at a higher rate in the United States than in 125 other countries. The first worldwide rankings of preterm births show the problem isn't limited to the developing world.

TV newscast featuring report on Born Too Soon
NBC4 News – 2 May 2012
NBC reporter Tracie Potts summarizes the key messages from the Born Too Soon report ...

Premature births 'an unrecognised killer'
Channel 4 News – 2 May 2012
New research revealing premature birth is the second biggest killer of children under five is "shocking" and "staggering", medical experts tell Channel 4 News ...

US Tops Thailand in Premature Births
BusinessWeek – 2 May 2012
The ambitious report, led by the March of Dimes, Save the Children, and the World Health Organization-backed Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, includes the first-ever comparison of national premature birth rates in 184 countries.

Preterm Births: Numbers Soar Globally, US Ranks 130 Of 184
Huffington Post – 2 May 2012
Worldwide, 15 million of the 135 million babies born in 2010 were premature and 1.1 million died, according to the "Born Too Soon" report, which was compiled as part of the United Nations' "Every Woman Every Child" initiative.

'Kangaroo' care could save thousands of babies
New Scientist – 2 May 2012
If parents of premature babies in poor countries were to continuously carry infants against the skin in "kangaroo pouches" and increase breastfeeding and regular medical monitoring, we might save more of the 15 million babies born too soon each year.

15 million of world's babies born prematurely
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Report: Half a million babies born too soon
WNCT – 2 May 2012
LOS ANGELES - A comprehensive new report shows nearly half a million American babies are born too soon each year. (more) LOS ANGELES - A comprehensive new report shows nearly half a million American babies are born too soon each year.

In Global Rankings, US Fares Poorly On Premature Births
Babies are born too soon at a higher rate in the United States than in 125 other countries. The first worldwide rankings of preterm births show the problem isn't limited to the developing world ...
New global report says US lags behind 130 other nations in preterm birth rate
Medical Xpress – 2 May 2012
Preterm babies are born at a higher rate in the United States than in 130 other countries of the world, including many poorer nations, according to the just-released report Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth.

15 million premature babies born each year
CBC.ca – 2 May 2012
Worldwide, 15 million of the 135 million babies born in 2010 were premature, and of those, 1.1 million died, according to Wednesday's report by the March of Dimes, United Nations, Save the Children and World Health Organization. "Being born too soon is ...

15 Million Premature Babies Born Worldwide Each Year: Where Does US Rank?
WIBW – 2 May 2012
(CBS/AP) Every year, around 15 million babies are born premature, according to a new report. That accounts for more than 1 in 10 of the world's births - and is a bigger problem than previously estimated. In a report called "Born Too Soon," the first ...

Scripps Howard medical report: Inexpensive changes could prevent premature ...
ReporterNews.com – 2 May 2012
By Lee Bowman Scripps Howard News Service More than 15 million babies are born too early each year worldwide. Experts say most of resulting deaths and medical complications could be prevented at relatively low cost. Worldwide, 1 in 11 babies are born ...

US high on list of preemie births
The News-Press – 2 May 2012
In wealthier countries, early elective inductions and C-sections. One in every eight babies in the US is born prematurely, a number higher than in Canada, Australia or Japan, and worse even than rates in a number of less developed countries.

One in 10 of all babies is born too early
Sarasota Herald-Tribune – 2 May 2012
It's a problem for the US, too, where half a million babies are born too soon. That’s about 1 in 8 US births, a higher rate than in Europe, Canada, Australia or Japan. The startling toll: 1.1 million of these fragile newborns die as a result, ...

New Global Report Says U.S. Lags Behind 130 Other Nations In Preterm Birth Rate
Sacramento Bee – 2 May 2012
Nearly half a million babies are born too soon in the US each year. "This report offers conclusive evidence that the United States rate of preterm birth has been far too high for far too long," says Dr. Jennifer L. Howse, president of the March of ...

US has sixth-highest rate of preterm birth, report says
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – 2 May 2012
Each year, some 15 million babies in the world - more than one in 10 - are born too early, says the report, "Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth." More than 1 million of those babies die shortly after birth; countless others suffer...
New study: Half million+ babies are born early, resulting in numerous ...
NewsNet5.com – 2 May 2012
A report just released revealed more than 15 million babies around the world are born too soon each year. In the United States, more than a half million babies are born too early annually. That translates to 1 in 9 births here in the US.

One in 10 Babies Worldwide Born Prematurely
Boise Weekly – 2 May 2012
A premature or preterm baby is one that is born before 37 weeks after the first day of the mother’s last period. A full-term baby is when pregnancy lasts 40 weeks. Of the 11 counties where 15 percent of babies are born too early, all but two are in ...

15 million of world’s babies are born prematurely
San Francisco Chronicle – 2 May 2012
Most of the world’s preemies are born in Africa and Asia, says the report released Wednesday. It’s a problem for the US, too, where half a million babies are born too soon. That’s about 1 in 8 US births, a higher rate than in Europe, Canada, ...

Too Many African-American Babies Born Too Soon
Huffington Post – 2 May 2012
Nearly one out of every six African-American babies in the United States is born premature. In Newark, New Jersey it’s one in five. I am a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, and every day I see women who are at risk of delivering early.

New report shows 15 million babies born too soon every year
Science Daily (press release) – 2 May 2012
ScienceDaily (May 2, 2012) — The first-ever national, regional, and global estimates of preterm birth reveals that 15 million babies are born too soon every year and 1.1 million of those babies die shortly after birth, making premature birth the ...

Report: Premature Birth Rates High in US
National Journal – 2 May 2012
Nearly 12 percent of US babies are born too soon, the report says. For US births, the report pointed to different factors, including births to older mothers, increased rates of multiple births associated with assisted reproduction, and population risk ...

March for Babies this weekend in Abilene
ReporterNews.com – 2 May 2012
The March of Dimes released their Born Too Soon report Wednesday, an annual look at preterm birthrates worldwide. The report shows about 12 percent of US births are preterm, resulting in 5800 deaths. The 2011 Premature Birth Report Card from March of ...

15 million of world’s babies are born prematurely
Seattle Pi – 2 May 2012
WASHINGTON (AP) — About 15 million premature babies are born every year — more than 1 in 10 of the world’s births and a bigger problem than previously believed, according to the first country-by-country estimates of this obstetric epidemic.
BLOGS:

May 5–11, 2012 : The Lancet
The Lancet – 5 May 2012
Rates of preterm birth are rising: currently 15 million babies are born too soon every year, leading to 1.1 million deaths. Priorities set in the report are high-quality care for all and cost-effective interventions for women, including better education.

UN Report Calls for Action to Prevent Pre-term Births
Indian Weekender – 4 May 2012
Some 15 million babies worldwide – more than one in 10 births – are born too early, according to a new United Nations-backed report, which calls for steps such as ensuring the requisite medicines ...

In Global Study, U.S. Ranks Very Low In Preventing Premature Births
Kaiser Family Health Foundation – 3 May 2012
Worldwide, 15 million of the 135 million babies born in 2010 were premature and 1.1 million died, according to the "Born Too Soon" report, which was compiled as part of the United Nations' "Every Woman Every Child" initiative.

U.S. preterm birth rate higher than many nations
Baby Center Blog – 3 May 2012
I think there are so many causes as to why babies are born too soon that it would be hard to narrow it down. spiralingsnails says: May 3, 2012 at 9:12 am. Interesting point @HappyHippy, I have a friend right now whose doctor has announced ...

#BornTooSoon - Join Me
Not Even a Bag of Sugar – 3 May 2012
Today Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth has been released, providing a clear breakdown country by country of where pre term births happen. We are talking today about prevention, intervention and help for these ...

US ranks lower than Iraq, Afghanistan on this list
CNN (blog) – 2 May 2012
According to the new report, Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth, twelve in every 100 babies born in the US are premature. Belarus has the lowest preterm birth rate in the world (4.1 in 100) while Malawi has the highest (18 in 100) ...

As preterm births soar globally, U.S. ranks 130 of 184
Armenian Medical Network – 2 May 2012
The report's sponsors include the March of Dimes; the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health; Save the Children; and the World Health Organization. Donors are anteing up to reduce the preterm death rate ...

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Charitable Influence – 2 May 2012
A few days ago the World Health Organization tweeted a hashtag that caught my eye – #borntoosoon. Along with the hashtag, WHO asked fellow Tweeters, “Were you born #premature? Do you know someone who was born prematurely? Share your story with us! #borntoosoon“ ...