# Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM)

## Current Project Brief

### Objectives and Background

As the 2015 target date for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) nears, ending preventable maternal mortality (EPMM) remains an unfinished agenda and one of the world’s most critical challenges despite significant progress over the past. Although maternal deaths worldwide have decreased by 45% since 1990, 800 women still die each day from largely preventable causes before, during, and after the time of giving birth.

Maternal health, wellbeing and survival remains a central goal and investment priority in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals Framework. The EPMM targets and strategies are grounded in a human rights approach to maternal and newborn health, and focus on eliminating significant inequities that lead to disparities in access, quality and outcomes of care within and between countries. Concrete political commitments and financial investments by country governments and development partners are necessary to meet the targets and carry out the strategies for EPMM.

### Geographic location

Global

### Main deliverables

- To establish a consensus on maternal mortality reduction targets for inclusion in the post-2015, Sustainable Development Goals Framework and the launch of the UN Secretary General’s updated Global Strategy for Every Woman, Every Child.
- To identify maternal health strategies that will assist countries to achieve those targets. Develop a core set of methodologically robust maternal health indicators that can be included in global strategic frameworks and adopted by countries in their national monitoring frameworks.

### Partners


### Sources of funding

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