Chaka & Awe at Health Program Launch in Park

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Singer Chaka Khan performs at a rally, Wednesday Sept. 26, 2007, in Bryant Park to support the launch of Deliver Now For Women & Children. (AP Photo/Shoun A. Hill)
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EVERY WOMAN  A nonprofit organization designed to improve maternal health and reduce global child mortality, Deliver Now for Women + Children, hosts an afternoon concert and rally. The event is hosted by actress and talk show host Ricki Lake, and singer Chaka Khan headlines the concert. Featured participants include a supermodel who is a goodwill ambassador of the World Health Organization, Liya Kebede, and the president of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, Dr. Francisco Songane. Today, 1 p.m., Bryant Park, 42nd Street at Fifth Avenue, free.
SPECIAL 'DELIVERY' IN MIDTOWN
Ricki Lake emcees and pop/funk diva Chaka Khan performs (1 p.m.) at a lunchtime rally in Bryant Park for Deliver Now for Women + Health, a global initiative on maternal and child health. The Latin Workshop Society and Drum Cafe will play earlier. 42nd St. between Fifth and Sixth Aves.
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Posted September 26th, 2007 by Mohit Joshi

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Global campaign to deliver on maternal and child health

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Halfway toward the deadline to achieve the so-called Millennium Development Goals, more than 10 million mothers and children still die every year, mostly from preventable causes. Four million newborns die in their first four weeks of their life, three million in the first week.

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According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 42 percent of pregnant women around the world experience a complication, of which 15 percent are life-threatening. These problems mostly occur in developing countries: 95 percent of all maternal and newborn deaths worldwide occur in 75 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

According to recent research, at least 7 million of these deaths could be prevented by expanding access to health systems.

"We need more action and more political will. It's a scandal that half a million mothers die each year in pregnancy or when giving birth," said Jens Stoltenberg, the prime minister of Norway, who spoke at a recent U.N. panel discussion.

"Millions of women and children can be saved with modest means. We know what to do and it isn't expensive," added Stoltenberg, whose government plans to spend a billion dollars over the next 10 years on maternal and child health programmes around the world.

These relatively simple measures include regular vaccinations, breastfeeding, access to antibiotics and the help of a skilled birth attendant.
The first specific country programmes will start in 2008 in India and Tanzania, which currently faces a critical shortage of qualified health workers to assist during childbirth. Some 54 percent of women receive no skilled attendance; as a result, a woman dies of pregnancy-related complications there every hour of every day.

Aparajita Gogoi, the national coordinator of the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, noted that, "The victims of pregnancy-related deaths are poor and politically powerless. It is the NGOs that have to talk to these people and to enlighten them."

Besides Norway, France, Canada, Germany and Britain are also supporting the campaign. Stoltenberg expressed his hope that more donor countries will become engaged.

Experts say that at least 9 billion dollars a year is needed to meet the basic health care needs of women and children. As of 2004, only 2 billion dollars - less than a quarter of what is needed - was available to support such services in developing countries.

The head of the U.N. Population Fund, Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, agreed that stronger leadership and commitment to make women's health a priority is critical. "Most important is that we work all together to achieve the goal," she said.

Good health also requires a sound environment and commitment to upholding women's fundamental rights.

"We have to do something about the low status of women in many societies," said Margaret Chan, director general of the World Health Organisation. "They have to be empowered, they should be able to fight for their rights."

She also noted that air, water and food, which are affected by the growing problem of climate change, are fundamental determinants of health. Chan expressed her hope that "politicians think further recognising not only climate change's impact on the environment and economy but also that on health."

Rosangela Berman Bieler, a journalist and executive director of the Inter-American Institute on Disability and Inclusive Development, urged that efforts to expand access to health care take into account the special needs of the disabled.

"There will be no results when people with disabilities are not involved. I hope that there will develop a society that includes everyone," said the 49-year-old mother, who has been a quadriplegic since suffering an automobile accident in 1976, when she was 19.

Source: IPS
Campaign Launched To End Maternal and Child Deaths

UNITED NATIONS, New York - Women leaders of the United Nations welcomed the launch of a global campaign to eliminate maternal and child deaths around the world. Called Deliver Now for Women + Children, the effort was unveiled by the Prime Minister of Norway, Jens Stoltenberg, who pledged $1 billion to the cause.

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"Increased funding is critical to this cause of saving millions of lives by 2015," said Ms. Obaid, speaking at 'Saving 77 Million Lives', a panel held at the United Nations to coincide with the launch of Deliver Now. "Saving these lives is vital to humanity because there can be no safe future without safe motherhood. We cannot make poverty history unless we make maternal death and disability history."

Some 10 million women and children die annually from preventable causes. More than 300 million developing country-women suffer from maternal illness.

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Asha Rose Migiro and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Margaret Chan, also addressed the panel.

"Maternal and child health is one of the most important issues facing humanity today," said Mr. Stoltenberg, Norway's Prime Minister. "For many women, their most important day-the day of delivery-is also the most dangerous. And for babies, the first day of life is the most dangerous. We need to relieve this danger by getting health services to women and mothers during these critical times."

"We need more political will and must double our efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals," said Mr. Stoltenberg, adding, "We need to develop a society that includes everybody."
While Norway had just pledged $1 billion for maternal and child health, even more is needed from other donors, he said.

"By the time I finish this statement, 300 children and five women would have died," said Ms. Rose-Migiro, adding that the world could not go on like this. The international community should help because the poorest countries lack the means to provide for the health of their people.

Deliver Now was launched in New York with rallies and awareness-raising events to build popular support for the campaign. It follows the recent launch of the International Health Partnership in London by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Mr. Stoltenberg, Ms. Obaid and other world leaders.

The launch will be followed by other global events such as the major Women Deliver Conference, to take place in London from 18 to 20 October.
Ricki Lake and Deliver Now

Ricki Lake -- yes, the television talk show host, movie star Ricki Lake -- has produced a documentary called The Business of Being Born, about giving birth in the U.S., that documents her own and other's birth experiences. Hers was the only film to get a standing ovation at the Tribeca Film Festival, so it’s got some positive buzz going (release date - October 22).

Ricki is giving interviews this week because she’s a big supporter of Deliver Now for Women and Children, and is hosting a lunchtime rally for Deliver Now in Bryant Park, NY with Chaka Khan performing tomorrow at 1 pm. Here’s what Deliver Now is all about:

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As Ricki said, "If you lose the mother, you lose the nuclear family.

"Mothers do it all. Here I am talking to you, but I'm also thinking about making sure the kids' school lunches are packed for school when I'm not there tomorrow.

"When you look at the statistics of how many women are dying in childbirth, it's shocking. We all really need to speak up and speak out so we're heard on this."

If you want to join the campaign and support Ricki and Deliver Now, text "NOW" to 23907 tomorrow between 1:00 - 2:00 pm (EST).

Good luck, Ricki, with the release of your film in October, and with everything you're doing for women and kids!!!
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By ANI

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Deliver Now for Women + Children: Historic Global Drive to Improve Maternal Health and Reduce Child Deaths is Launched in New York City; Unveiling of Country Specific Programs in India, Tanzania to Follow

NEW YORK, September 26 /CNW/ - In an historic effort to eliminate maternal and child deaths and improve the health of women and children around the world, a global coalition of governments and organizations has come together to launch a major drive called Deliver Now for Women + Children. Every year over 10 million mothers and children die from mostly preventable causes. Every minute of every day, a woman dies needlessly during pregnancy or childbirth. Every three seconds a child under five dies. Four million newborns die in their first four weeks of life, 3 million of those in the first week. And with 42 percent of pregnant women around the world experiencing a complication, up to 15 percent of which are life-threatening, the issue of protecting the lives of women and children during pregnancy, childbirth and beyond is one of the most critical facing the world today. "Today is a day of hope for women and children. The cause of women's and children's health has remained in the shadows for too long and been neglected on the policy agenda. It is at last getting the political and public respect it has always deserved," said Dr. Francisco Songane, Director of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, the driving force behind the development of Deliver Now. "We are hopeful that this initiative will result in large-scale action to ensure health services are available for all with prompt access and without discrimination." Deliver Now will be launched September 26 amidst rallies in Manhattan and the Bronx and awareness-raising events across the city to build popular support for the drive throughout the week. The launch will also coincide with the convening of a panel at the United Nations, "Saving 77 Million Lives", featuring women UN leaders and global health...
activists discussing the critical issues facing women and children around the world. The launch will be followed by other global events, such as the high-profile conference Women Deliver in London October 18-20 (www.womendeliver.org), and the roll out of intensive local programs in individual countries, beginning in 2008 in India and Tanzania. In these countries, Deliver Now will bring together local government agencies, civil society, media and other national and international members of the initiative to allocate resources and more effectively bring basic health services to women and children. The results of these programs will be closely monitored to ensure success and accountability. Deliver Now is coordinated by The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health and is being launched in support of a new global push to achieve the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) related to health. It is part of the Global Campaign for the Health Millennium Development Goals, which will be unveiled September 26 by Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg of Norway at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York City. The Global Campaign is supported by several governments including the UK, Norway, Canada, France and Germany, as well as a number of prominent global health and advocacy organizations. The launch of Deliver Now follows the recent launch of the International Health Partnership in London by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and other world leaders. Deliver Now is specifically dedicated to advancing MDGs 4 and 5, which call for the reduction of child deaths by two-thirds and annual reduction of maternal deaths by three-quarters by 2015. Deliver Now's first country-specific programs will include: -- Advocacy for Maternal and Child Health in India - Currently, 20 percent of the world's births are in India but 25 percent of the world's child deaths and 20 percent of the world's maternal deaths occur there as well. Deliver Now will work with local organizations to implement a program to build political will to ensure delivery of services and raise awareness in the Indian states of Orissa and Rajasthan. -- Advocacy for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Tanzania - Tanzania currently faces a critical shortage of qualified health workers to assist during childbirth, with 54 percent of women receiving no skilled attendance. As a result, a woman dies of pregnancy-related complications every hour of every day. Deliver Now will work to deliver services and raise awareness in the Tanzanian districts of Geita, Monduli, Sumbawanga, Morogoro, and Babati. To find out more about Deliver Now for Women + Children, visit www.delivernow.org.

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Wednesday, September 26
1:00pm – 2:00pm
Fountain Terrace

Join celebrity activists Ricki Lake, Liya Kebede, and Chaka Khan for the launch of the campaign, Deliver Now for Women + Children.
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World Leaders Address Lagging Maternal and Child Health Goals

I assumed this was on everyone’s radar since CGI was here in NY, but I found a few of you that hadn’t heard! Funding is one of this field’s biggest problems, so last week’s events are very big news:

World Leaders Address Lagging Maternal and Child Health Goals - Feminist Wire Daily Newsbriefs: U.S. and Global News Coverage: "Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg recently unveiled a new World Health Organization (WHO)-led collaboration of governments and organizations designed to improve maternal and child health worldwide. Deliver Now for Women Children aims to spur progress on UN’s Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, which call for a two-thirds reduction in child deaths and a three-quarters reduction in maternal mortality by 2015. Deliver Now was founded in reaction to slow progress on these goals, as well as those of the World Bank’s Safe Motherhood Initiative of 1987. More than ten million women and children still die each year due to preventable causes more than the resulting deaths of AIDS and TB combined, according to the WHO."

OVERVIEW

Maternal and Child Health in Developing Countries is a graduate level course at the Department of Population and Family Health at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. 2007 marks the 30th year that Dr. Roy Brown and Dr. Nicholas Cunningham have provided this survey of the major health issues in the life stages of women and children of lesser developed countries and of the public health responses to these issues.