Stillbirth in the news following Lancet series release

INTERNATIONAL:

**Stillbirth: A silent tragedy haunts the world’s poor**
Reuters – Julie Steenhuysen – 14 April 2011
By Julie Steenhuysen, Health & Science Correspondent CHICAGO (Reuters) - More than 2.6 million pregnancies a year end in stillbirth, a tragedy which mostly hits women in poor countries and accounts for more deaths than AIDS and malaria combined, ...

**Study: 2 million babies stillborn every year**
The Associated Press – 13 April 2011
Easterly said he was glad to see stillbirths on the global agenda, but warned the estimates could distort public health policy. Finland and Singapore had the lowest stillbirth rates worldwide — two per 1000 births — while Nigeria and Pakistan were at ...

**HEALTH: Stillbirths "absent from global health agenda"**
Reuters AlertNet – 15 April 2011
NAIROBI, 14 April 2011 (IRIN) - The annual number of stillbirths around the world is more than double the number of people who die from HIV-related causes, according to a new report that says this widely overlooked epidemic could be dramatically ...

**2.6 million stillbirths each year - Lancet**
AFP – 14 April 2011
PARIS — Around 2.6 million stillbirths occur each year, inflicting a devastating toll on couples that can often be averted with good medical care, The Lancet said on Thursday. Ninety-eight per cent of the 7000 stillbirths that occur each day happen in ...

**Britain’s stillbirth rate highest among rich nations: report**
AFP – 14 April 2011
LONDON — Britain's stillbirth rates were condemned as a "national scandal? on Thursday after reports suggested that around 4000 babies in the country are born dead each year -- the worst among high-income nations. According to the medical journal The ...

**Bebés que mueren antes del parto: un drama invisible**
BBC Mundo – 13 April 2011
Unos 2,6 millones de bebés mueren antes de nacer cada año en el mundo y a pesar de la enorme carga emocional que producen estas muertes el problema está pasando desapercibido en la sociedad.

**Study reveals stillbirths as a global problem**
Al Jazeera – 14 April 2011
Every day more than seven thousand women around the world go into labour, only to suffer the heartbreak of a stillbirth. Now a new study by a leading medical journal has revealed just how widely the problem has been overlooked. ...
Vast Majority of Stillbirths Found in Developing Countries
Inter Press Service – 14 April 2011
"Maternal health should be the concern of all, particularly the governments from the least developed countries and intermediate countries that are struggling to meet maternal health in the context of MDGs. The international community should provide ...

Nearly all 2.6 million stillbirths worldwide occur in low-, middle-income ...
News-Medical.net – 15 April 2011
Approximately 2.6 million pregnancies worldwide end in stillbirth - most commonly defined as death in the final trimester - each year, "with the poorest nations worst affected," according to a series of articles published Thursday in the Lancet, ...

Researchers find stillborn births can be prevented
Catholic Online – 15 April 2011
By Catholic Online Two million pregnancies end in stillbirth every year worldwide. Researchers estimate that at least 26000 occur in the US While poor medical care is a big factor in areas like sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, in high-income ...

Study: 2 million babies stillborn every year
BusinessWeek – Maria Cheng – 15 April 2011
Easterly said he was glad to see stillbirths on the global agenda, but warned the estimates could distort public health policy. Finland and Singapore had the lowest stillbirth rates worldwide -- two per 1000 births -- while Nigeria and Pakistan were at ...

India has world's highest number of still-births: Lancet
RxPG NEWS – 15 April 2011
Its a highly ignored phenomenon,' said J. Frederik Froen, director of Lancet Stillbirth Series Steering Committee. 'In most countries, the babies are never named, nor dressed and they have no funeral. The body is just disposed off. ...

Stillbirth in High-Income Nations Tied to Modifiable Risks
Doctors Lounge – 14 April 2011
Stillbirth rates in high-income countries may be influenced by modifiable risk factors, but more than 75 percent of stillbirths occur in low-income countries where the reduction in stillbirth rates is happening at a slower pace than that of mortality ...

AFRICA:

7000 stillbirths occur daily globally-report
Daily Monitor – 18 April 2011
However, figures from Uganda Chapter of The White Ribbon Alliance, an international maternal health NGO, show that in Uganda only 42 per cent of women receive skilled delivery. It is also estimated that 15 per cent of all pregnancies are likely to ...

Report says 7000 babies stillborn every day worldwide
The Standard – 15 April 2011
Middle-income countries such as Columbia, China, Mexico and Argentina, have reduced their stillbirth rates by 40% to 50% in recent years ...
The Standard – James Ratemo – 14 April 2011
Despite advances in medical and health technology about 2.6 million third trimester stillbirths worldwide occur every year with Africa being the worst hit, a new report has shown. This means, globally, every day more than 7300 babies ...

Stillbirths "absent from global health agenda"
AHN | All Headline News – 14 April 2011
"In Uganda only 42 percent of women receive skilled attended delivery," said Robina Biteyi, national coordinator of the Uganda chapter of The White Ribbon Alliance, an international maternal health NGO. "It is estimated that 15 percent of all ...

1.8m still births occur in Nigeria, 9 others yearly – WHO
Vanguard – Chioma Obinna – 15 April 2011
LAGOS - Despite efforts by governments to achieve the health targets set by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a new report published yesterday showed that of the 2.6 million third trimester stillbirths that occur in the world ...

Stillborn death data hidden from view
Business Day – 14 April 2011
Health experts hope that stillbirths will become less invisible, with the publication this week of an extensive account in the Lancet detailing when, where and why these deaths occur. More babies are stillborn each year than die from well-publicised ...

Over 2.5m babies stillborn in 2009
Mmegi Online – 15 April 2011
GENEVA: Some 2.6 million stillbirths occurred worldwide in 2009, according to the first comprehensive set of estimates published today in a special series of The Lancet medical journal. Every day more than 7200 babies are stillborn a death just when ...

SA stillbirth rate high
Primedia Broadcasting - Eyewitness News - Themba Boyi – 18 April 2011
Researchers on Sunday said South Africa has one of the highest stillbirth rates on the continent, with an average of 61 stillbirths a day. The findings were made in the Lancet Report, which looks into the global phenomena. ...

SA experiences 60 stillbirths a day
Times LIVE – 15 April 2011
More than 60 babies are stillborn in South Africa every day, The Lancet medical journal reported on Friday. "South Africa ranks 176 out of 193 countries for stillbirth numbers and 148 for stillbirth rate," the SA Medical Research Council's (MRC) quoted ...

ASIA-PACIFIC:

Singapore has one of the lowest stillbirth rates
TODAYonline – 18 April 2011
LONDON - Singapore and Finland have among the lowest stillbirth rates worldwide at two per 1000 births, according to research estimates published last Thursday in the medical journal Lancet ...
Study highlights global stillbirth rates
Sussex Express – 17 April 2011
“Stillbirth rates in the UK are higher than in almost every other high-income country, a series of reports suggest”, reported BBC News. It said that the UK had about 4100 stillbirths in 2009, with a rate of 3.5 per 1000 births. ...

Medical study into stillbirths reveals tragedy is often preventable, calls for ...
NEWS.com.au – Helen Davidson – 14 April 2011
MORE than 2000 stillbirths occur in Australia every year and the rate is 50 per cent higher for indigenous Australians, latest research shows. The figure equates to about seven babies delivered stillborn across the country every day, ...

Half of world's stillbirths 'preventable'
Sydney Morning Herald – 14 April 2011
AP More than two million babies are stillborn each year worldwide and about half could be saved if their mothers had better medical care, according to researchers' estimates. While the vast majority of stillbirths happen in the developing world, ...

Half of All Stillbirths Around the World Could be Prevented
The Australian Eye – Elivia DeVries – 16 April 2011
About half of the two million babies who are stillborn every year could be saved by improving the medical care offered to expectant mothers, a study says. The research, published in the Lancet medical journal, suggests that in providing better ...

Stillbirth study delivers grim statistic
Perth Now – Kate Sikora – 13 April 2011
SEVEN Australian babies are delivered stillborn every day -- and one of the biggest risk factors is the mother’s age. Doctors hope to reduce the rate of stillbirths -- more than 2000 a year -- by a third over the next nine years. ...

India reports highest stillbirths: Lancet
Indian Express – 14 April 2011
The rate of babies born dead (stillbirths) may have declined worldwide, but India ranks highest among countries that account for two-thirds of all such cases. According to the first comprehensive set of estimates published in a special series of ...

66% of worldwide stillbirths occurs in India
Times of India – 14 April 2011
However, India is among 10 countries, which, though, contributes 54% of total worldwide births, 66%, or 1.8 million of all stillbirths. India’s stillbirth — death after 28 weeks' of gestation — figures have reduced over the past decade.

India has highest number of stillbirths, says Lancet study
Livemint – Jacob P. Koshy – 14 April 2011
A study to be published in The Lancet medical journal has found that an average of 2.6 million stillbirths occurred every year between 1995 and 2009, 23.2% of which were from India. This means an average of 1680 babies were born dead every day in the ...
India has the highest number of stillbirths
NDTV.com – 14 April 2011
New Delhi: After the explosive report on Delhi’s water being contaminated with the super bug, British medical journal 'The Lancet' has again highlighted India, this time in a survey on stillbirths. The report says India has the highest number of ...

Count stillbirths: The Lancet
The Hindu – Aarti Dhar – 14 April 2011
The Hindu Damaged beds at a Government Maternity Hospital in Hyderabad after it was ransacked by attendents of a mother and infant who died. The British medical journal Lancet called for counting of stillbirths alongside maternal and neonatal deaths. ...

Over 6 lakh stillbirths in India every year: report
Hindustan Times – 14 April 2011
Nearly 80% of the pregnant women referred for childbirth to New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital have not consulted any doctor during their pregnancy. This lack of obstetric care, which should be provided to pregnant woman, is one of the prime causes of ...

India tops in stillbirths' list, says Lancet report
Daily News & Analysis - Apr 14, 2011
By DNA Correspondent | Place: New Delhi | Agency: DNA After recording the worst female child sex ratio ever, India now also has the dubious record of having the highest number of stillbirths in the world. According to medical journal The Lancet's ...

Needless deaths
Deccan Herald- 15 April 2011
Although the situation has improved in India, the fact that the average stillbirth rate is 22 stillbirths for every 1000 births is worrying. It is higher than the global average. Worse, in some states the rate is as high as 60 stillbirths per 1000 ...

High Stillbirth Rate in the UK Shocks the World: The Lancet
TopNews New Zealand - Neeraj Shahane – 18 April 2011
Almost 2.6 million stillbirths are reported every year, as per the British medical journal, The Lancet. Though there are many health-related factors linked to the incidence of stillbirths, the spurt in stillbirth cases among the wealthiest nations of ...

Stillbirth Rates Highest in 5 Different Nations
TopNews New Zealand – Dinesh Chandra Gaur – 16 April 2011
A Lancet's report was the first ever official estimate of global stillbirths, and it showed that somewhere around 2.6 million babies are born dead every year. The study, which was done in partnership with the World Health Organization, estimated around ...

Stillbirth rates too high in NZ
TVNZ – 14 April 2011
A study released today reveals that the rates of stillbirths in New Zealand are among the highest in the developed world. The study shows that one in every 130 babies past the 20 week mark is stillborn and the alarming figures have prompted health ...
Pakistan suffers from second highest rate of still births
The News International – 14 April 2011
In the first-ever set of nationally reviewed stillbirth estimates by the World Health Organisation, the new data shows that just 10 countries represent two-thirds of all stillbirths. In order from highest to lowest, these are India, Pakistan, Nigeria,...

Study: 2 million babies stillborn every year
Ahram Online – 18 April 2011
While the vast majority of stillbirths happen in the developing world, the rates in countries including Britain, France and the US have not dropped to the degree that many experts had expected, as rising obesity levels among pregnant women increase the ...

EUROPE:

'Seven thousand a day stillborn'
BBC News – 14 April 2011
Around 7000 stillbirths occur globally every day, with the poorest nations worst affected, a series of papers published in The Lancet suggest. An overwhelming 98% of the 2.6m stillbirths each year strike middle and low-income countries, they say. ...

Africa's invisible killer
BBC News – 14 April 2011
Her book, Invisible Earthquake: a Woman's Journal through Stillbirth tells of her experience. She told her story to BBC Network Africa's Mary Morgan.

'My stillborn baby was unpreventable'
BBC News – 14 April 2011
Research published in the Lancet shows that Britain's stillbirth rates are above almost every other high-income country. On average eleven babies are stillborn in the UK every day. Doctors believe better monitoring during pregnancy could reduce the ...

UK stillbirth rates among highest
BBC News – Neil Bowdler – 13 April 2011
Stillbirth rates in the UK are higher than in almost every other high-income country, a series of reports suggest. The UK had about 4100 stillbirths in 2009 and, with a rate of 3.5 per 1000 births, ...

Stillbirth rates in UK described as 'national scandal'
Channel 4 News – 15 April 2011
Stillbirth rates in the UK are higher than almost every other developed country. The UK's record, which is on a par with Belarus and Estonia, is being described as a "national scandal". The equivalent of 11 babies a day are stillborn in the UK ...

Study highlights global stillbirth rates
NHS Choices – 15 April 2011
"Stillbirth rates in the UK are higher than in almost every other high-income country, a series of reports suggest", reported BBC News. It said that the UK had about 4100 stillbirths in 2009, with a rate of 3.5 per 1000 births. ...
UK stillbirth rate among highest in Europe
Marie Claire.co.uk – Hannah Thomas – 14 April 2011
Every year, about 4000 UK babies die unnecessarily in the last few months of pregnancy or during labour, according to a major new series of reports by the Lancet, giving Britain one of the highest rates of ... 

Stillbirth devastated our lives, say couple raising money for Sands
WalesOnline – 17 April 2011
No reason was found for Anabelle's death and her stillbirth will forever be unexplained so we will never know why our perfect baby died. ... 

Stillbirth rates show few signs of slowing
Zenopa – 15 April 2011
The global rate of stillbirths is causing concern after more than 15 years with no significant advances made in safeguarding unborn children against a variety of threats. In a new series of special reports, medical journal The Lancet is highlighting ... 

Global call to tackle stillbirths
StaffNurse.com – 14 April 2011
Millions of babies are born dead worldwide every year because simple health measures are not in place, experts said today. A major global study of stillbirths shows some 2.6 million babies are lost at birth every year. ... 

Global call to tackle stillbirths
Englemed Health News – 14 April 2011
Midwife Dr Carole Presern, who directs the partnership for maternal, newborn and child health, said: "If every woman had access to a skilled birth attendant ... 

Stillbirth - UK Has High Still Birth Numbers Compared To Other High Income ...
eGov monitor – 15 April 2011
In 2009, UK recorded 4100 stillbirths or 3.5 out of 1000 births - a ration which is far worse than most developed countries. It places UK at 33 out of 193 countries in the list which is pretty much at bottom the world's high income countries, ... 

Stillbirth rates show few signs of slowing
UK Net Guide – Bob Bardsley – 14 April 2011
The global rate of stillbirths is causing concern after over 15 years with no significant advances made in safeguarding unborn children against a variety of threats. In a new series of special reports, medical journal The Lancet is ... 

UK's stillbirths record one of worst in the developed world
Herald Scotland – 14 April 2011
BRITAIN'S record on stillbirths was condemned as a “national scandal” today after it was shown to be one of the worst in the developed world. New research revealed more babies are dead when they are born in the UK than most of the other wealthy nations ...
Stillbirth Rates High In Britain
Sky News – Lulu Sinclair – 14 April 2011
Over 4000 babies in Britain are stillborn every year, the equivalent of 11 a day and more than almost anywhere else in the developed world.

UK has one of the worst rates of stillbirth in the world
The Mirror (UK) – 14 April 2011
The UK has one of the worst stillbirth rates in the developed world. Some 4,000 babies are born dead every year – 11 children a day – putting the country 33rd in a league of 35 ...

UK stillbirth rates highest in western world
Radio 1 – 14 April 2011
The UK has one of the highest rates of stillbirths in the western world, according to new figures. It’s happening to 11 families, on average, every day. ...

Stillbirths a ‘forgotten problem’
The Independent – Jeremy Laurance – 14 April 2011
The UK has one of the highest stillbirth rates in the developed world but the invisibility of the problem means it gets little attention and is ignored in funding for research. At 3.5 stillbirths per 1000 births, the UK ranks 33rd in the world, ...

Britain’s stillbirth rate ’a national scandal’
Metro – 14 April 2011
Britain has one of the worst records of stillbirths in the developed world, it has been revealed. With a rate of 3.5 deaths per 1000 births the country is on a par with Belarus and Estonia and 32 places behind the best performers.

UK’s stillbirth record still too high
Nursing Times – 14 April 2011
More than 4000 babies are stillborn in the UK each year, making this country’s stillbirth record one of the worst in the developed world. Women in certain regions of the UK are also significantly more likely to give birth to a stillborn child, ...

‘Stillbirth’, UK’s national scandal
Press TV – 15 April 2011
Britain ranks 33rd among the world’s countries in terms of stillborn babies, and one of the worst in the developed world, according a report by the Save The Children. With a rate of 3.5 deaths per 1000 births the country is on a par with Belarus and ...

British stillbirth rate ‘a scandal’
The Press Association – 13 April 2011
Britain's record of stillbirths has been condemned as a "national scandal" after it was shown to be one of the worst in the developed world. More babies are born dead in the UK than almost anywhere else among the richer nations, latest figures revealed ...
Finland has world's lowest stillbirth rate -Lancet
Helsinki Times (subscription) – 14 April 2011
British peer-reviewed medical journal the Lancet reported in a special issue on Thursday that Finland had the lowest stillbirth rate in the world, with only two in 1000 babies at 28 weeks' gestation or more dying at birth. According to the Lancet, ...

More than 2 mln babies stillborn worldwide each year
Today's Zaman – 16 April 2011
Each year around 2.6 million babies are stillborn worldwide, dying in or after the 28th week of pregnancy, according to the Lancet Medical Journal's Stillbirth Series, launched in London ...

NORTH AMERICA:

World Health Organization Says 7300 Stillbirths Occur Every Day
ABC News – Anna Maria Barry-Jester – 15 April 2011
At 4½ months pregnant, Heather Rotondi's baby bump barely shows through her black wrap dress. It's hard to imagine the outgoing 37-year-old New Jersey mom being anything but happy and calm, let alone depressed. ...

Study: 2 million babies stillborn every year
USA Today – Eileen Blass – 13 April 2011
Easterly said he was glad to see stillbirths on the global agenda, but warned the estimates could distort public health policy. Finland and Singapore had the lowest stillbirth rates worldwide — two per 1000 births — while Nigeria and Pakistan were at ...

Stillbirths in America: How many babies die each year?
"I can't think of a worse tragedy to happen to expecting parents," she said and now works for a charity that supports families affected by stillbirths. According to a new study published in "The Lancet," Samantha's stillbirth (the death of a baby at 22 ...

2.6 Million Babies Stillborn Worldwide
Voice of America – 14 April 2011
Photo: AP The World Health Organization estimates some 2.6 million stillbirths occurred worldwide in 2009, the overwhelming majority in developing countries. This first comprehensive set of estimates appears as part of a series of articles on ...

Good health care could halve world's stillbirths, report says
Boston Globe – 14 April 2011
While most stillbirths happen in the developing world, the rates in countries including the United States, Britain, and France have not dropped as expected. Rising obesity levels increase the risk. Better obstetric care and treating conditions like ...

Global stillbirths: 2.6 million a year, overlooked and often preventable
That's the conclusion of a huge project unveiled Wednesday to enumerate stillbirths country by country and propose ways to reduce them. Today, there are more stillbirths each year than deaths from AIDS or malaria combined. The stillbirth rate in ...
**2.6 million stillbirths occur after 28th week, study finds**
Los Angeles Times – Thomas H. Maugh II – 14 April 2011
Half of the stillbirths worldwide take place during delivery, in large part because of inadequate medical care, researchers say. India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Bangladesh account for half of the stillbirths each year. By Thomas H. Maugh II, ...

**Stillbirths Persist in America: A Hidden Consequence of Obesity**
The Atlantic – Daniel Fromson – 14 April 2011
According to new studies published online in The Lancet, stillbirths remain surprisingly common in the US—about 27000 each year—reflecting both general misconceptions about healthcare and significant disparities between demographic ...

**Report Highlights Stillbirths as a Persistent Problem Worldwide**
Nurse.com – 14 April 2011
Some 2.6 million third-trimester stillbirths worldwide occur every year, according to the first comprehensive set of stillbirth estimates, published Thursday as part of a special series in The Lancet. Every day more than 7300 babies are stillborn. ...

**Stillbirth Remains a Concern Even in Wealthy Nations**
MedPage Today – Kristina Fiore – 14 April 2011
Although rates in wealthy nations are lower than rates in the developing countries, the number of stillbirths among mothers in high-income countries such as the US and UK remains high, according to studies ...

**Stillbirths Are Preventable, Research Group Says**
Online Journal – Victor Ryan – 14 April 2011
A report in the medical journal Lancet claims up to 50 percent of the more than 2 million babies stillborn around the world each year could be saved through better medical care, the Associated Press reports. "It's a scandal there are so many ...

**The worst way to have a baby: Stillborn**
Examiner.com – 16 April 2011
Stillbirth occurs occurring in approximately 1 of 120 deliveries, yet in most cases the cause of death remains a mystery. The Lancet study found that the number of stillbirths could be reduced almost half by 2015 in the most affected areas ...

**Obesity, Disparities in Care Help Drive U.S. Stillbirths: Studies**
WEDNESDAY, April 13 (HealthDay News) -- While the rate of stillbirths in the United States has dropped over the past few decades, this tragic outcome is still a reality for far too many couples, experts say. ...

**2 million babies stillborn every year; better care could save about half**
The Canadian Press – 14 April 2011
In Canada in 2009, the stillbirth rate per 1000 births was 3.3, or 1180 stillbirths out of 359280 total births. Twenty-five countries had lower rates than Canada. Finland and Singapore had the lowest rate, at 2.0 per 1000 births. ...
1 million stillbirths preventable globally: report
CBC.ca – 14 April 2011
(Note: CBC does not endorse and is not responsible for the content of external links.) Sarah Brown, wife of former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, is reflected in a plaque while opening a baby centre in Edinburgh researching the causes of premature ...

Inuit stillborn rates three times those of other Canadians: Report
Vancouver Sun – 14 April 2011
By April Lim, For Postmedia News April 14, 2011 6:45 AM Inuit communities have a rate of stillbirths three times the rate seen in the rest of the country, says a new study. Inuit-populated areas of the country have three times the stillbirth rate of ...

Stillbirth epidemic claims more lives each year than HIV-AIDS and ...
Globe and Mail – 14 April 2011
Newly published data show there are more than 2.6 million stillbirths worldwide each year. The deaths remain largely uncounted, the mothers unsupported and ...

Jamaica’s stillbirth rate down 15%
Jamaica Observer – 14 April 2011
JAMAICA’S stillbirth rate declined by 15 per cent between 1995 and 2005, according to the first comprehensive set of estimates published today in a special series of The Lancet medical journal. The estimates show that 660 stillbirths occurred in ...

BLOGS:

Coping with stillbirth
ABC Online (blog) – Emma Sykes – 14 April 2011
... spoke to Nicole Ireland, whose son Nicholas was stillborn. She also spoke to Kath Harvey, the state co-ordinator for Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support ...

Fear of the anti-abortion lobby partly to blame for delayed action on stillbirths
The Guardian – Sarah Boseley – 14 April 2011
A much-needed series on stillbirths in the Lancet medical journal exposes the true scale of the deaths of babies in the last weeks of pregnancy and in labour. This should have been a global health issue long ago, but general neglect was compounded by ...

Lives not lived
The Economist (blog) – 14 April 2011
IN 2009 the world saw some 2.6m stillbirths, down from 3m in 1995. The average yearly decline of stillbirths over this period was 1.1%, slower than the decline for child or maternal mortality. In the crowded field of global health, ailments must beg ...