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SAVE WOMEN’S LIVES

Millennium Development GOAL 5

IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH

Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio.

Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health.
More than 350,000 women die annually from complications during pregnancy or childbirth.
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Every year, more than 1 million children are left motherless.
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Large disparities still exist in providing pregnant women with antenatal care and skilled assistance during delivery.
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‘In the year 2000, WE promised to make the world a better place by agreeing to achieve the MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs). Between now and 2015, we must make sure that promises made become promises kept. The consequences of doing otherwise are profound: death, illness and despair, needless suffering, lost opportunities for millions upon millions of people. We must hold each other accountable.’ United Nations (U.N.) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.
Women deliver enormous social and economic benefits for their families, communities and nations. Investing to improve maternal health and save women’s lives – and achieve Millennium Development Goal 5 – is the right thing to do.

SOS Malta is currently participating in a EuropeAid project Save Women’s Lives: a campaign to raise public awareness on Millennium Development Goal 5 (Improve Maternal Health). The overall objective of the project is to contribute towards reducing poverty by promoting maternal health, influencing public opinion, and enhancing support among decision makers as a key to reaching the MDG5 by 2015.

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