7 REASONS WHY WOMEN DON’T GET THE MATERNITY CARE THEY NEED

1. IN MANY OF THE WORLD’S SOCIETIES CULTURAL AND/OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS CONFLICT WITH EFFORTS TO INCREASE FAMILY PLANNING AND OTHER INITIATIVES TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY MATERNAL DEATHS.

2. THE GENERAL HEALTH STATUS OF WOMEN IS A RESULT OF THE LOW STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE FAMILY AND SOCIETIES.

3. A LOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION: PREVENTS/DELAYS WOMEN OR THEIR RELATIVES FROM SEEKING MEDICAL CARE

4. INADEQUATE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES MAKE HEALTH FACILITIES INACCESSIBLE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

5. ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES LEAVE LOW INCOME WOMEN AND FAMILIES UNABLE TO PAY USER FEES AND/OR FOR NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION.

6. WEAK HEALTH SYSTEMS RESULT IN EXTREMELY LOW QUALITY MATERNITY SERVICES:
   - SHORTAGE OF TRAINED WORKERS
   - NO REFERRAL SYSTEMS BETWEEN LEVELS
   - LACK OF EQUIPMENT
   - POOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS

7. LACK OF POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND RIGHTS A PRIORITY.

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