





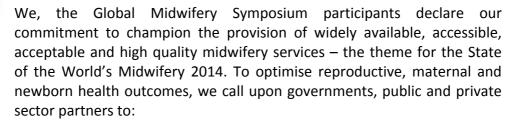




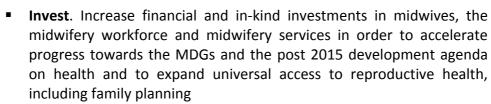
By 2015, the lives of 3.6 million women and newborn could be saved by a skilled, competent midwife, supported by functional services averting two thirds of maternal and newborn deaths.



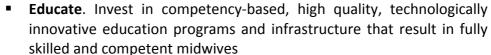










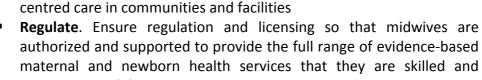


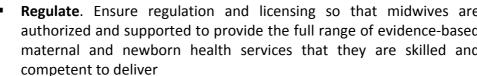


Deploy in the right places. Ensure that midwives are effectively recruited, deployed, and supported to work in the communities that need them most

Be woman centred. Work with care providers, women and

communities to promote and provide sensitive, respectful, women-







- Support. Support midwives' associations, nurses and midwives associations and other organizations at the national, regional and international levels that advocate for and strengthen midwifery services and practice
- **Improve the evidence**. Enhance data collection and the evidence-base for midwifery and identify actions to address the context-specific barriers to midwifery services within countries





Since 2010, 46 lower income countries have pledged to increase coverage of midwifery services and one in three focus on midwives as part of their commitments to the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and the Every Woman Every Child movement. Significant progress has been made toward meeting MDG 4 and 5, and 6 but sustained momentum is required to end preventable deaths of women and their newborn.





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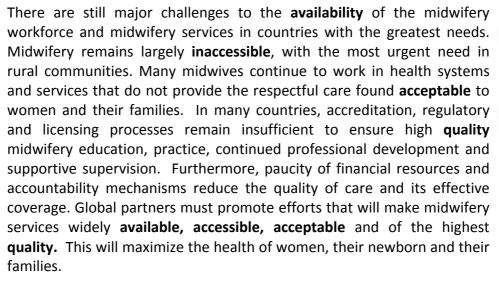








In June 2010, midwives, other health professionals, countries, and development partners called the world's attention to the essential role that midwives play in providing the continuum of care for pregnant women and their newborn. This unprecedented call to action led to the research and launch of the *State of the World's Midwifery 2011* (SOWMy 2011), the H4+ High Burden Countries Initiative (HBCI) for the midwifery workforce, the Lancet series on Midwifery, which will be published shortly and the publication of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM, 2011) global standards, competencies and tools for midwifery education, regulation and association development.



Declared on this 27th day of May 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the second Global Midwifery Symposium by representatives of the organisations on this declaration.















