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# Parliaments leading the change on maternal, child and newborn health

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## The facts

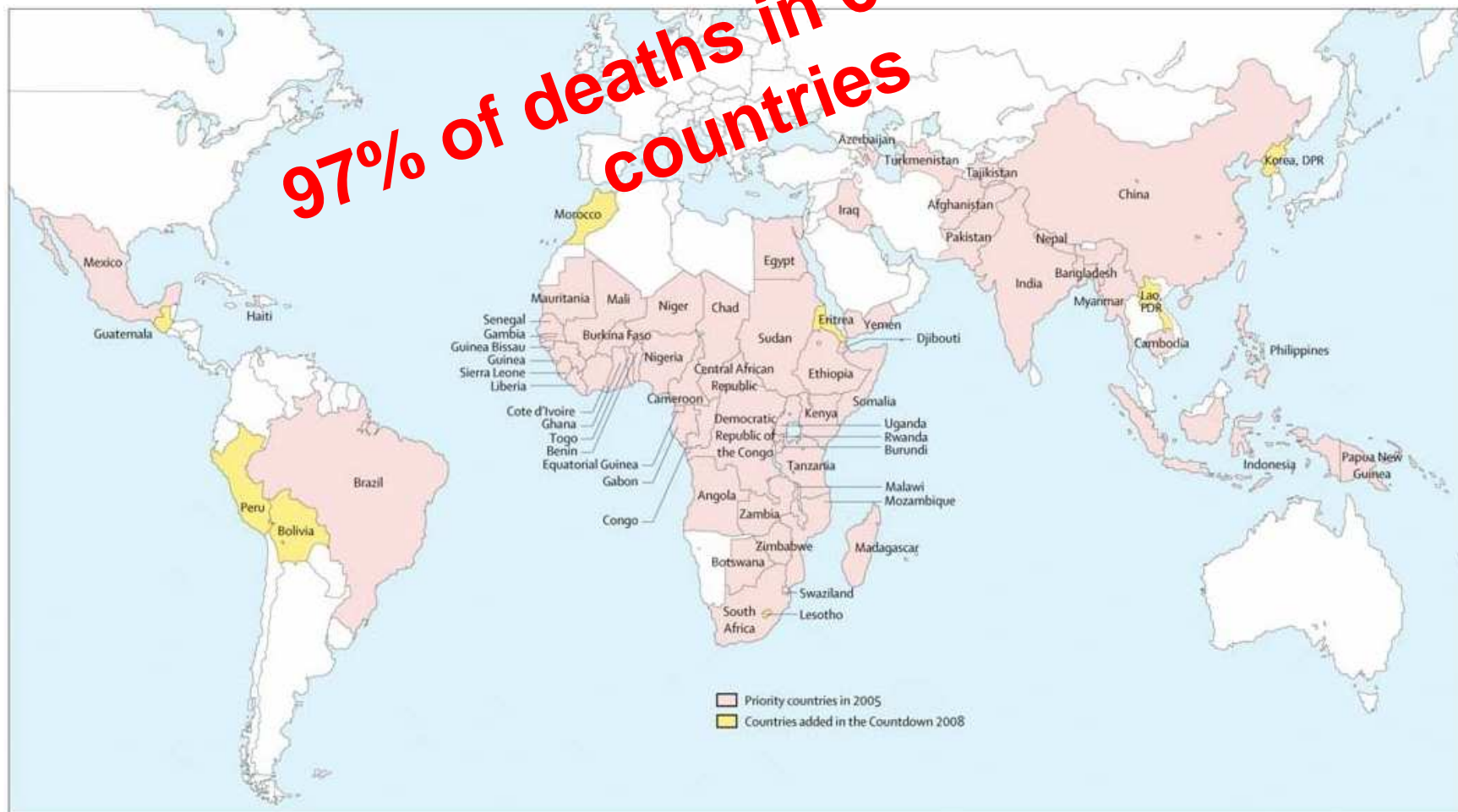
- 500 000 women die every year during pregnancy or childbirth  
*1 death every minute*
- 9.2 million children die before they are 5 years of age (3.3m stillbirths, 3m during the first week, 4m before they are 28 days old)  
*1 death every 3 seconds*

***More than 6 million maternal, newborn and child deaths would be averted yearly if essential MNCH and nutrition interventions were implemented at scale***

***Source: Lancet Series on Maternal, Newborn and Child Survival (2003-2006)***



97% of deaths in 68 priority countries



## The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

- Global Health Partnership launched in 2005 of over 260 members: NGOs, Donors, Countries, Health Professional Associations, Academia and Multilateral Agencies (UN)
- The Partnership joins the maternal, newborn and child health communities to work towards achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 & 5\*
- Countdown to 2015 – Multipartner initiative to track progress towards MDGs 4 & 5

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MDG4: reduce by two thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate  
MDG5: improve maternal health by reducing maternal mortality by three quarters and achieving universal coverage to reproductive health



## April 2008 – Countdown 2008 report launched alongside 118th IPU Assembly in Cape Town



Parliamentarians lead the change- we work with you

**PARLIAMENTARIANS LEAD THE CHANGE**  
for Women and Children

Achieving the Millennium Development Goals 4 & 5 for child and maternal health requires leadership of parliamentarians to:

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- Advocate** nationally and internationally for the Millennium Development Goals
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# Special session on Countdown & Maternal, Newborn and Child Health – Tuesday 12:00-13:00

## CASE STUDIES PRESENTED:

**ZAMBIA: Hon. Jean Kapata** - Chairperson, Parliamentary Caucus on Children; Member of the Committee on Health, Community Development and Social Welfare on Zambian experience.

**ITALY: Senator Barbara Contini:** Member of Parliament (Pdl) on bill presented to Italian Parliament to increase development aid targeted to maternal, newborn and child health.

## With:

**Mr Teshome Toga,** Speaker of the Ethiopian Parliament

**Dr Tedros Adhanom** - Minister of Health of Ethiopia & Co-chair of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) - Keynote speech.

**Dr Nicholas Alipui** - UNICEF Director of Programmes – statement on behalf of Countdown Partners

