

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

PROGRESS AND RESULTS

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USAID's maternal and child health and nutrition programs have played a pivotal role in saving millions of lives by driving down mortality rates through improved health care access and delivery.

This success has been made possible through USAID's stewardship, the generosity of the American people and the bipartisan support of Congress.

Continued dedication is imperative as maternal and child survival still remains an urgent global health challenge. By saving lives, curbing the spread of infectious diseases, and promoting economic prosperity, these efforts bolster global stability and demonstrate America's compassionate global leadership.

*Note: The reported combined reach of USAID maternal and child health and nutrition programs in partner countries excludes contributions from supporting health areas, such as family planning and malaria, and does not factor in impact of the U.S. government's support to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.



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USAID's maternal and child health and nutrition programs* in the past 10 years have helped save:

more than
6 million
lives

Since 2000, across USAID's 25 priority countries, maternal and child survival has witnessed a remarkable decline:



under-five child mortality
↓ **58%**

maternal mortality
↓ **42%**



In 2021, USAID helped increase access to essential—often lifesaving—care for:

more than
59 million
women and children globally

EVERY YEAR, USAID DELIVERS ESSENTIAL, LIFESAVING CARE FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN

In 2022, USAID:

-  Helped **11.6 million women** to give birth in facilities receiving U.S. government support.
-  Resuscitated **247,000 newborns** who were not breathing at birth.
-  Supported **11 million newborns** with postnatal care within two days of birth.
-  Enabled **9 million infants** to receive their first dose of the measles vaccine.
-  Reached **31.6 million children** under age five with nutrition programs.
-  Counseled **4.6 million women** on maternal and child nutrition.

OVER THE PAST DECADE, USAID PROGRAMS HAVE TRANSFORMED THE LANDSCAPE FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Since 2012, USAID Has:



Enabled 57 million women to give birth in a health facility and helped provide care for 44 million newborns immediately after birth.

Giving birth in a health facility with a skilled provider reduces risks of life-threatening complications, improving the chances of a safe delivery for both the mother and the baby.



Provided 127 million treatments to children for diarrhea and pneumonia.

Diarrhea and pneumonia, while largely preventable and treatable with relatively simple interventions, are among the top killers of children under five years old.



Trained 14 million health workers in maternal and child health and nutrition.

When health workers have the expertise to provide timely and skilled care, they can prevent, detect, and manage complications during pregnancy, childbirth, and early childhood. And the provision of high-quality care leads to higher usage rates of maternal and child health services.



Helped 49 million people gain access to sustainable drinking water services.

Access to clean and safe drinking water is paramount in preventing waterborne diseases, like diarrhea and cholera, which can be life-threatening for pregnant women and children.



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