



7 REASONS

WHY WOMEN DON'T GET THE MATERNITY CARE THEY NEED

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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.

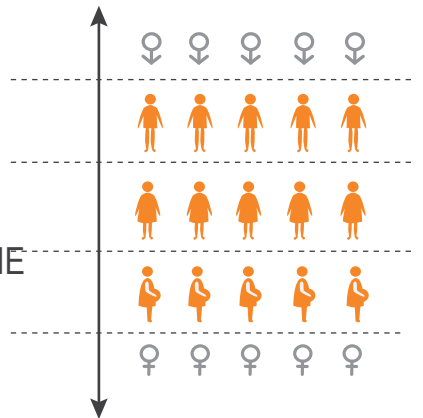


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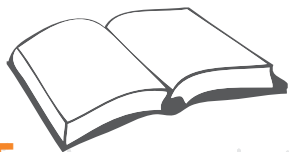
THE GENERAL

HEALTH STATUS

OF WOMEN IS A RESULT OF THE **LOW STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE FAMILY AND SOCIETIES.**



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A LOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION :

PREVENTS/DELAYS WOMEN OR THEIR RELATIVES FROM SEEKING MEDICAL CARE



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INADEQUATE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES

MAKE HEALTH FACILITIES **INACCESSIBLE** FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



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ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES

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



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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



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LACK OF

POLITICAL WILL

TO MAKE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND RIGHTS A PRIORITY.

