

Teenage Pregnancy Among African Daughters in South Africa

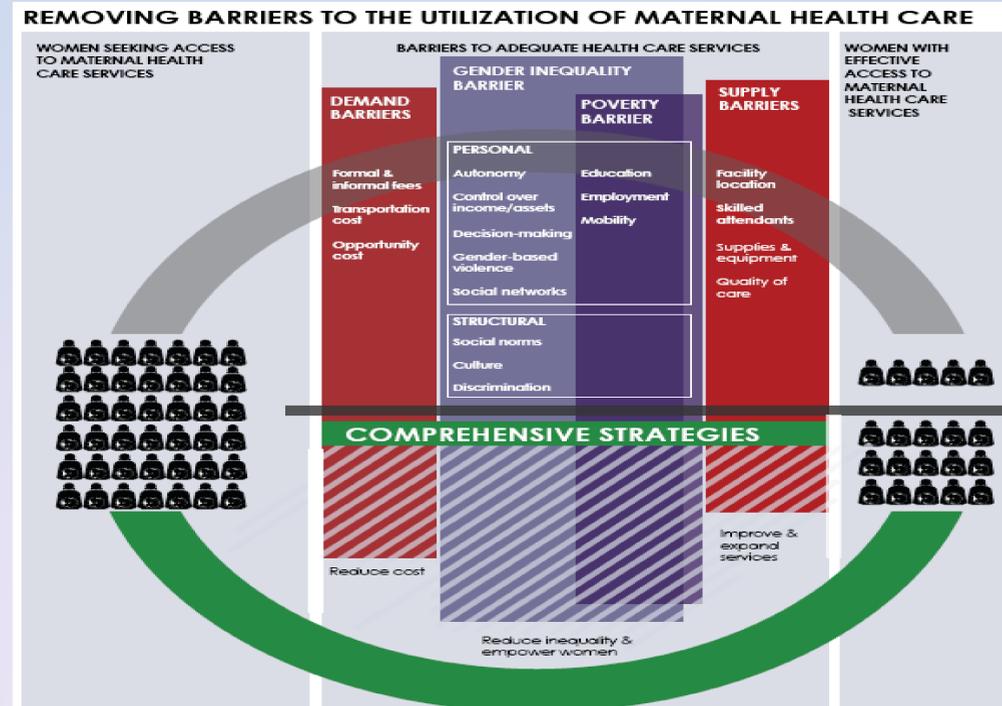


INTRODUCTION

WHO defines maternal health as the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. This is one of the Millennium Development Goals. In September 2001, 147 heads of states collectively endorsed Millennium Development Goal 5 amongst others, that aimed to reduce maternal mortality ratio by 3/4 between 1990 and 2015 and also improve maternal healthcare. Currently it falls under SDG 3 Well Being, Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, target 3.1 By 2030, reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births, indicator that says fertility rate for less 20-aged women (early births)



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INTERVENTIONS

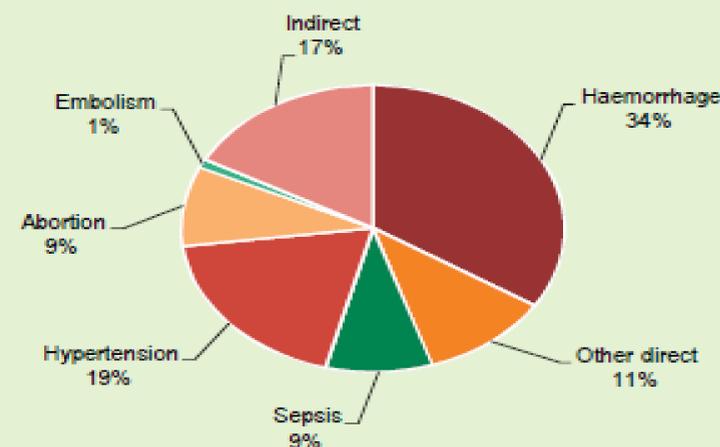
- ❖ Improving the health and nutrition of mothers-to-be and providing quality reproductive health services are **pivotal to addressing many underlying causes of teenage pregnancy.**
- ❖ Strategies that center on a continuum of care approach have been implemented.
- ❖ This approach includes improving access to antenatal care during pregnancy, improved management of normal delivery by skilled attendants,
- ❖ Access to emergency obstetric and neonatal care (EmONC) when needed, and timely post natal care for both mothers and newborns.



INTERVENTION



Causes of maternal deaths
Regional estimates for sub-Saharan Africa, 1997-2007



Teenage pregnancy in South Africa

Year	Share of 15-19 year olds pregnant in year before
2009	6.4%
2010	6.9%
2011	6.4%
2012	6.7%
2013	7.2%
2014	6.6%

Note: Data prior to 2009 is not available

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