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"The Health of a Nation can be measured by the health of its Women" - AU

Every minute of each day in Nigeria, One woman dies while giving birth in our Cities, Towns and villages, even next door to us, due to complications related to what should be a most joyful act-Giving Birth.

The most common causes are uncontrolled bleeding, infection and obstructed birth that leads to fistula. Indirect obstetric deaths accounts for about 25% of all maternal deaths while direct deaths accounts for 75%.

Childbirth is regarded as one of the leading causes of death and disability for women of reproductive age says the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

How to address these issues:

Every woman should have information on signs of trouble during pregnancy.
Every woman should attend ante natal clinic and have access to skilled care during pregnancy.

Facts:

- If Emergency Obstetric care is available and women can access it then many of their lives can be saved.
- If Emergency Obstetric care is available but it is difficult to access then women will continue to die.
- If Emergency Obstetric care is available and women refuse to use it they will continue to die.
- If Emergency Obstetric care is not available, women will continue to die.

Let us focus on strengthening the political will to save the lives and improve the health of Nigerian women, mothers and newborn babies.

Investing in maternal health and newborn health is a matter of human rights and equitable development

