Merck for Mothers

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Global health and development challenges are multi-faceted and require a multi-sector approach.

Private sector expertise can support government efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals.
In the next decade, it is estimated that nearly three million women will die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.
A maternal death is devastating to family, community, country

- Baby less likely to survive
- Older children less likely to get healthcare and education; more likely to die
- Women’s unpaid work – farming, managing homes, caring for children and other tasks – equals about one-third of the world’s GNP
“Today, Merck commits itself to a world where no woman has to die from complications of pregnancy or childbirth.”

- Ken Frazier, President & CEO

On September 20, 2011, Merck announced a 10-year, $500 million initiative to reduce maternal mortality
Leading causes of maternal mortality — **postpartum hemorrhage** and **preeclampsia** — as well as access to **family planning**

- **Innovation**
  - High quality life-saving technologies
- **Access**
  - Affordable, quality maternal health care
- **Advocacy**
  - Increase investment in maternal health

**External Evaluation and Employee Engagement**
Merck for Mothers Reach -- So Far
Spotlight on the Philippines

Community Health Partnership to train, coach and mentor:
- Mayors
- Community leaders
- Municipal health workers
- Front-line providers
Thank you!