

MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH



Each year the world loses almost 300,000 mothers as a result of preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Another 6.6 million deaths occur among children under age 5. At MSH, through the implementation of proven interventions and our work with governments and partners, we develop strategies to deliver a wide range of lifesaving services: creating national guidelines, mobilizing communities, building workforces of community-based health providers, and improving quality of care.

USAID-funded, MSH-led projects include:

- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)**
 Through the **DRC-Integrated Health Project (IHP)**, MSH-supported health workers provided comprehensive services to over **120,000** *women in labor* in the most recent three months of reporting including skilled birth delivery, essential newborn care, prevention of postpartum hemorrhage, and postpartum visits.
- HONDURAS**
 Through the **Local Technical Assistance Unit for Health (ULAT)** project, MSH supported the ministry of health in the revision of its national guidelines for maternal and newborn care and trained the government's team of trainers in their use.
- RURAL MADAGASCAR**
 Through the **Mikolo** project, MSH-supported community health volunteers referred **6,500** *pregnant women to health facilities for antenatal care* in a single quarter (October to December 2015). In the same time period, community health volunteers also referred **750** *pregnant women and 388 newborns* due to emergencies.

Number of women in labor receiving services, DRC-IHP, April to June 2015

