

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT + MATERNAL HEALTH

What do we need to save the life of a mother?



~~"reproductive rights"?~~

After decades of research from around the world, **NO DATA** proves that access to abortion solves the problem of maternal mortality.

IN FACT: THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE



In countries such as **Malta** and **Chile**, maternal health is among the best in the world, yet abortion rates are some of the lowest.

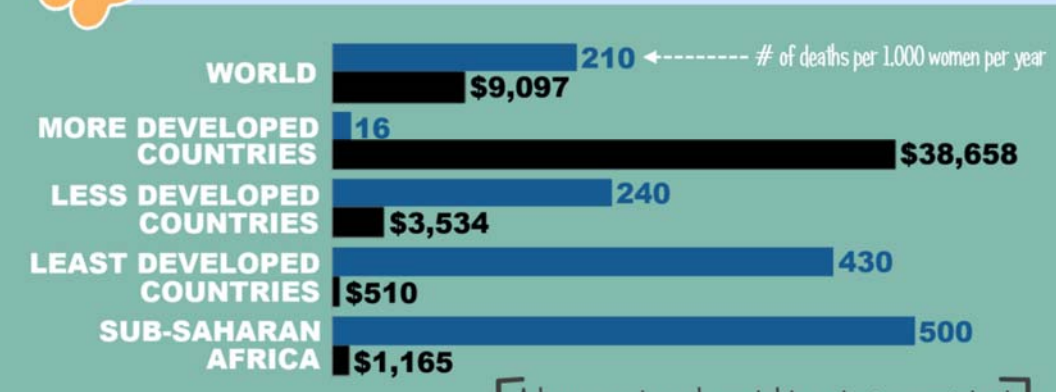
✓ **POVERTY ERADICATION**

The # of maternal deaths in a country is a reflection of economic prosperity → NOT access to abortion.



Maternal Mortality Rates<sup>1</sup> (MMR) and Per Capita Income (PCI) in 2010

Sources: MMR = UNFPA, "The State of the World Population 2012"; and PCI = World Bank, World Development Indicators database as of July 1, 2011. Both sources relate to 2010.



as **DEVELOPMENT** rises  
MATERNAL MORTALITY falls

A lower maternal mortality ratio is consistent with higher income: the more developed an area, the lower the MMR.



**MORE DEVELOPMENT**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** means more healthy mothers and more healthy babies

- stronger health care systems
- increased # of skilled birth attendants
- adequate pre- and post-natal care
- higher levels of education for women

KEEP THE FOCUS ON **POVERTY ERADICATION**

Keep **"reproductive rights"** OUT of the Sustainable Development Goals (in line with the "Future We Want" & the Millennium Development Goals).

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\*Neither of these UN documents currently include "reproductive rights" nor does any international human rights treaty.