

A Happy IDM to you all from the Royal College of Midwives

International day of the Midwife

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**THE WORLD NEEDS MIDWIVES MORE THAN EVER**

The global maternal mortality figures are truly shocking. Every minute of every day a woman dies of pregnancy related complications. That's nearly 600,000 each year - 80% of these deaths would have been avoidable if the mothers had had access to skilled midwifery care.

The Royal College of Midwives, in partnership with the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, is calling today for action and commitment to reduce maternal and child mortality globally.

There are only seven years left to reach the Millenium Development Goal 5 (MDG5) To Improve Maternal Health and its target to reduce the Maternal Mortality ratio by 75% and increase the proportion of births attended by a skilled professional by 2015. Support our Voices for MDG5 Campaign calling for global action for progress.

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