

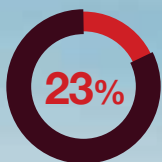
# ZERO MATERNAL DEATHS FROM HEMORRHAGE

Pregnant women face special health risks that can sometimes be fatal to them and their babies



More than  
**1 out of 5**  
maternal deaths are from hemorrhage (bleeding)

The main causes of maternal deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean are:




pregnancy-induced high blood pressure (eclampsia)


hemorrhage (bleeding), which is also a leading cause worldwide





complications from abortion


## ALMOST ALL MATERNAL DEATHS BY HEMORRHAGE ARE PREVENTABLE

 Families and communities should make sure women are able to reach a health center in case of emergency and should support them in getting to their prenatal appointments. Everyone should donate blood to make sure it's available for transfusions.

 Mothers should visit their healthcare providers and avoid unnecessary C-sections.

 Health professionals and service workers can offer pregnant women proper treatment that respects their culture and ensure no woman is turned away from health services.

 Health workers can provide pregnant women and their families with information on the risks and warning signs of obstetric hemorrhage.

 Decision-makers need to ensure support for health systems, including staff training and equipment, and the means to employ them.

## JOIN US

in bringing maternal deaths by hemorrhage down to

# ZERO.



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