



HER TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Every minute, every day, a woman in the developing world dies from pregnancy-related complications. Most of these—some 529,000 deaths a year—can be prevented. The solution boils down to a single word: **Access.** **Access** to information. **Access** to contraception. **Access** to quality care before, during and after childbirth.

At the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, 179 countries resolved to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015. The road has been rough. While family planning is the first line of defence against maternal death, global donor funding for it has declined by almost 40% during the past decade.

In Bangkok in 2006, parliamentarians and ministers from around the world reaffirmed the Cairo commitment. But commitment requires action. Without legislation and investment in reproductive health, every minute will bring a death sentence for another woman. Will we allow millions more to die needlessly?

The clock is ticking. What if you only had one minute to live?



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