



Calling on Mzimba district leaders

Help save the mothers and babies in your district!



LACK OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT
CONTRIBUTES TO **1 IN EVERY 5**
MATERNAL DEATHS IN MZIMBA¹



4 OF THE 7 FACILITIES WHERE WOMEN
GIVE BIRTH IN MZIMBA DO NOT HAVE
FUNCTIONAL AUTOCLAVES²



3 OF THE 7 FACILITIES WHERE WOMEN GIVE BIRTH
IN MZIMBA DO NOT HAVE DELIVERY PACKS²



Without these essential pieces of equipment,
it is difficult for health workers to provide a safe,
clean birth environment for mothers and babies.

Prioritise resources to buy and maintain
essential equipment to enable a safe, clean
birth for all mothers and babies.

CLEAN BIRTHS SAVE LIVES!

ONLY **3 OF THE 7** FACILITIES WHERE WOMEN
GIVE BIRTH IN MZIMBA HAD AN AMBULANCE
AVAILABLE THE LAST TIME IT WAS NEEDED²



PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES FOR AMBULANCES!



**AMBULANCES ARE INTENDED TO SAVE LIVES.
ENSURE THEY ARE USED RESPONSIBLY!**

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
**SUPPORT THE DISTRICT HEALTH MANAGEMENT
TEAM WITH TRANSPORT FOR EMERGENCIES**

Speak up for your district!

The mothers, babies and citizens of Mzimba are relying on you!

REFERENCES

1. Mzimba District Health Office, Ministry of Health [Malawi]. 2015. District data dashboards on maternal deaths.

The source of this data is from Mzimba District Health Office dashboards containing HMIS and maternal death surveillance and response data. From January 2013 to August 2015 there were 41 maternal deaths recorded, 24 of these were reviewed and 4 of these were found to have a lack of essential equipment as a contributory factor in that death. $(5/24) \times 100 = 20.83\%$ (rounded to 21% or 1 in 5).

2. Quality of Institutional Care data, rapid telephone based assessments. It takes a snapshot on a single day of the readiness of the facility to provide quality maternal and newborn services within a 24 hour period.

Data presented here were collected during assessments conducted between [August 2015] and [October 2015]. There are 7 facilities in Mzimba where women give birth.



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