Maternal Mortality facts and figures

Maternal Deaths

202,000 (68.7%)*
Maternal Deaths occurred in Africa, with 66% in Sub-Saharan Africa

*in 2017

Causes of Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa
hemorrhage, hypertensive disease in pregnancy, infections including HIV and malaria

Globally for every maternal death

30–50% suffer

Injuries (with consequences such as infertility)

Diseases (that affect the quality of life)

Infections (that in many cases lead to premature death)

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Countries with highest maternal mortality rate are from Africa

Global Trends in Maternal Mortality Rate Decline
2010 - 2017

Europe a decline of 53%

Americas a decline of 21%

Africa a decline of 39%

Eastern Mediterranean a decline of 50%

Western Pacific a decline of 46%

South-East Asia a decline of 57%