

## **EDITORIAL**

## Why Should Bringing Life on Earth Endanger the Lives of Mothers in Developing Countries?

Prenatal complications are common in developing countries. The common ones include:

- Poor Progress During Labour,
- Perineal Tears
- Eclampsia Due to Poorly Controlled Blood Pressure During Antenatal Period
- Umbilical Cord Complications
- Premature Rupture of Membrane
- Excessive bleeding which may be both during delivery and after delivery.
- Prolonged difficult labour due to inadequate pelvic outlet and poor contractions
- Prolonged labour which may lead to vesicovaginal fistula and/or rectovaginal

fistula remain problematic in developing societies due to poor access to maternal services both in distance and user friendliness, low maternal education and therefore unaware of possible complication and rising levels of teenage pregnancies.

The above complications can be mitigated through increased utilization of maternal and child health services and prudent management of labour. This will also reduce maternal mortality in developing countries which remain unacceptably high.

Governments and the community at large should endeavour to rectify this anomaly.



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