Maternal Mortality in Europe

NO WOMAN SHOULD DIE GIVING LIFE.

But health systems in Europe are failing to deliver on universal access to high quality maternal healthcare for women regardless of nationality and background.
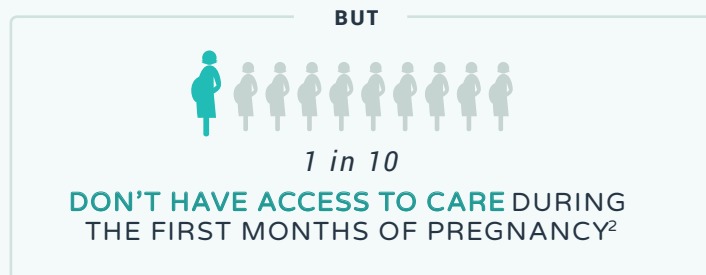
When it comes to maternal mortality, official data in the European Region may underestimate the full scale of the problem.[1]

THE ALLIANCE FOR MATERNAL HEALTH EQUALITY

brings together key actors at EU and national level to work towards ensuring that policies exist and are implemented to deliver equity of access to quality maternal health at all levels.

5 MILLION WOMEN GIVE BIRTH IN EUROPE EACH YEAR[2]

BUT

1 in 10

DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO CARE DURING THE FIRST MONTHS OF PREGNANCY[2]

IN 2013

THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED **1,900** **MATERNAL DEATHS** IN EUROPE[3]

PARTICULAR GROUPS OF WOMEN IN EUROPE HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF ADVERSE OUTCOMES OF PREGNANCY AND BIRTH:
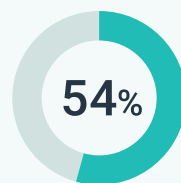
- ADOLESCENTS
- MIGRANTS
- ROMA

- WOMEN WITH LOW SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS OR EDUCATION LEVEL[4]

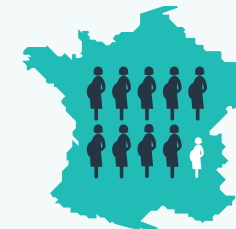OUT OF **8,656 SURVEYED WOMEN**

54%

OF THE **310 PREGNANT WOMEN** SEEN AT DOCTORS OF THE WORLD CLINICS IN 9 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES **LACKED ACCESS TO ANTENATAL CARE** AND A LARGE MAJORITY WERE LIVING IN POVERTY[5]

ROMA WOMEN ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE

9 out of 10 ROMA WOMEN IN FRANCE HAVE **NO ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTHCARE**[2]

WE WORK ON 3 PRIORITIES:

1. CAMPAIGNING FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY MATERNAL HEALTH ACROSS THE EU

2. CREATING A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT TO EMPOWER WOMEN TO MAKE CHOICES

3. FOCUSING ON REAL LIFE SITUATIONS AND ON CLEARER STATISTICS

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