

ResultsinHealth's working areas



Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Our vision

Maternal, newborn and child mortality and morbidity are often the result of poverty and inequity in the world. Every year, close to 300,000 women die from pregnancy-related complications, 2 million newborns die within a week after childbirth and an additional 2.6 million babies are stillborn. Almost all of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries.

Common approaches to address this inequity have not been sufficiently effective, and although low-cost and proven effective interventions are available, applying them has

remained a major challenge.

ResultsinHealth works to design creative and distinct interventions that have a high potential to improve maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). Those interventions focus on increasing access to midwife based pregnancy care. Primary level midwife based care is seen as the most disruptive innovation needed to create the massive reductions that are needed in maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in the world .

A selection from our track record

- The development of a social enterprise model, providing high-quality and accessible obstetric services to the hardest-to-reach communities (the "Melati Maternity Care Initiative"). Several countries
- A collaborative partnership with the Mamana Foundation in order to force a significant reduction of maternal and child mortality and morbidity in Maluku Province. Indonesia
- A review of supply chain systems, processes and options to market the Progesterone Vaginal Ring for use by breastfeeding women. Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal

Our Strategy

Project Title: Sparking health and development in Maluku

Location: Maluku, Indonesia

Main partner: Mamana Foundation

Period: 2014 and ongoing



Project Summary

Maluku Province is one of the poorest provinces of Indonesia. Maternal, newborn and child mortality rates are high, and the proportion of women giving birth with a skilled attendant is very low.

Geographical and financial barriers, the shortage of medical personnel on remote islands, and the limited and poor quality infrastructure and supplies are a tremendous challenge for MNCH service provision.

Mamana is a Netherlands-based foundation that aims to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidity in Maluku. To help plan future strategies for the Mamana Foundation, ResultsinHealth performed a baseline assessment of MNCH needs in the province.

The ResultsinHealth - Mamana consortium, in collaboration with the Maluku Provincial Health Department and other key partners, developed a plan to strengthen maternal and child health through interventions that range from research studies to an innovative midwife based approach. This new approach, expected to start in 2016, is based on a concept that combines health improvement with the creation of job opportunities.

One of our experts

Maaïke Esselink Programme Officer

“ResultsinHealth offered me the environment that allows me to participate in the global efforts to stop the tragedy of maternal and child mortality and morbidity.”



ResultsinHealth's MNCH team consists of experienced professionals and “out-of-the-box” thinkers, who thrive on developing solutions for hard-to-reach populations in rural areas, where health indicators are poorest and population density is low. Exactly these areas need newer and better solutions.

With this team, ResultsinHealth explores opportunities to engage the NGO and the private health-care sector in improving maternal, newborn and child health. Substantially strengthening first line care is key in these activities, while incentive-based systems and income-generating opportunities are a prominent feature of these approaches.