



# **Agra Declaration on improving Maternal Health**

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Every woman is entitled to the best possible and affordable maternal health and safety—as basic human rights. Although the health of women in the South Asia region has shown improvement in recent years, most of the SAFOG member countries may not achieve MDG 4 and 5 by 2015.

SAFOG, the only joint professional organization of the obstetricians and gynecologists of South Asia, proposes the wide spread evidence based, all around maternal healthcare and enhancement of healthcare systems by widening of the healthcare provide base with the involvement of skilled birth attendants and the availability of 24/7 universal, affordable, accessible and quality maternal health services.

In order to achieve these, SAFOG proposes the active collaboration and partnership of governments of each of the constituent country along with the private sector, UN agencies, NGOs, donor groups, developmental partners and women's groups to leverage the individual strengths. SAFOG also proposes a formal role for each national professional society in planning, implementation and monitoring of national programs to improve the maternal health and reduce pregnancy-related morbidity and mortality.

SAFOG believes that such a partnership would be a force multiplier that would accelerate each member countries progress toward achieving millennium development goals.