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Key Findings from

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- **An estimated 215 million women in the developing world have an unmet need for modern contraception.**
- **More than 60 million give birth each year without antenatal, delivery and newborn care.**
- **About 20 million have unsafe abortions each year, three million of whom need—but do not receive—care for abortion-related complications.**

If the need for family planning and maternal and newborn health services were met simultaneously,

- **unintended pregnancies would drop by more than two-thirds, from 75 million in 2008 to 22 million per year; and unsafe abortions would decline by 73%, from 20 million to 5.5 million;**
- **maternal deaths would drop by 70–72% and newborn deaths by 44%;**
- **the annual number of maternal deaths would decline by 240,000–390,000; and**
- **the annual number of newborn deaths would decline by 1.6 million from current levels.**

- **The total cost of meeting the existing need for modern family planning and maternal and newborn health services would be \$24.6 billion, an increase of \$12.8 billion annually.**
 - **Fulfilling the global unmet need for modern family planning methods would cost \$3.6 billion (in 2008 U.S. dollars), in addition to the current \$3.1 billion investment—for a total of \$6.7 billion annually.**
 - **Providing maternal and newborn care to all pregnant women and their newborns would increase current spending from \$8.7 billion to \$17.9 billion, assuming that unmet need for effective contraceptives is met.**

Ranges shown are based on the most recent estimates of maternal mortality.

**For additional key findings, see
*Adding It Up: The Costs and Benefits of Investing in
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