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5th Annual Global Nossal Forum Meeting MDG 5: Country Response: India



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PRESENTATION

Meeting MDG 5 globally depends on India's success

Maternal Deaths

Global	525,000
India	100,000

~ one-fifth of the burden



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MMR (2007-08)

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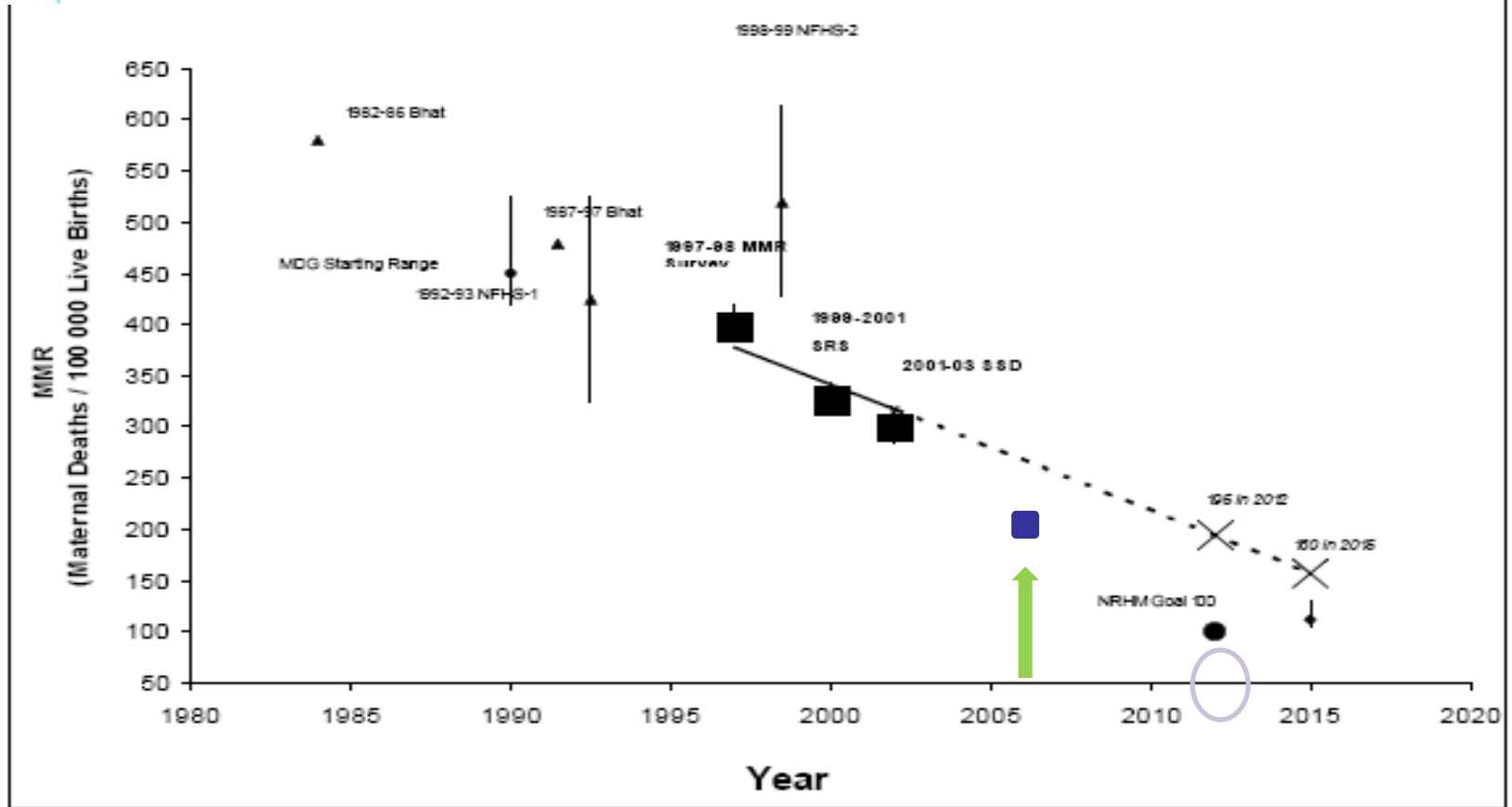
MDG 5 Target (2015)

100

MMR in recent years



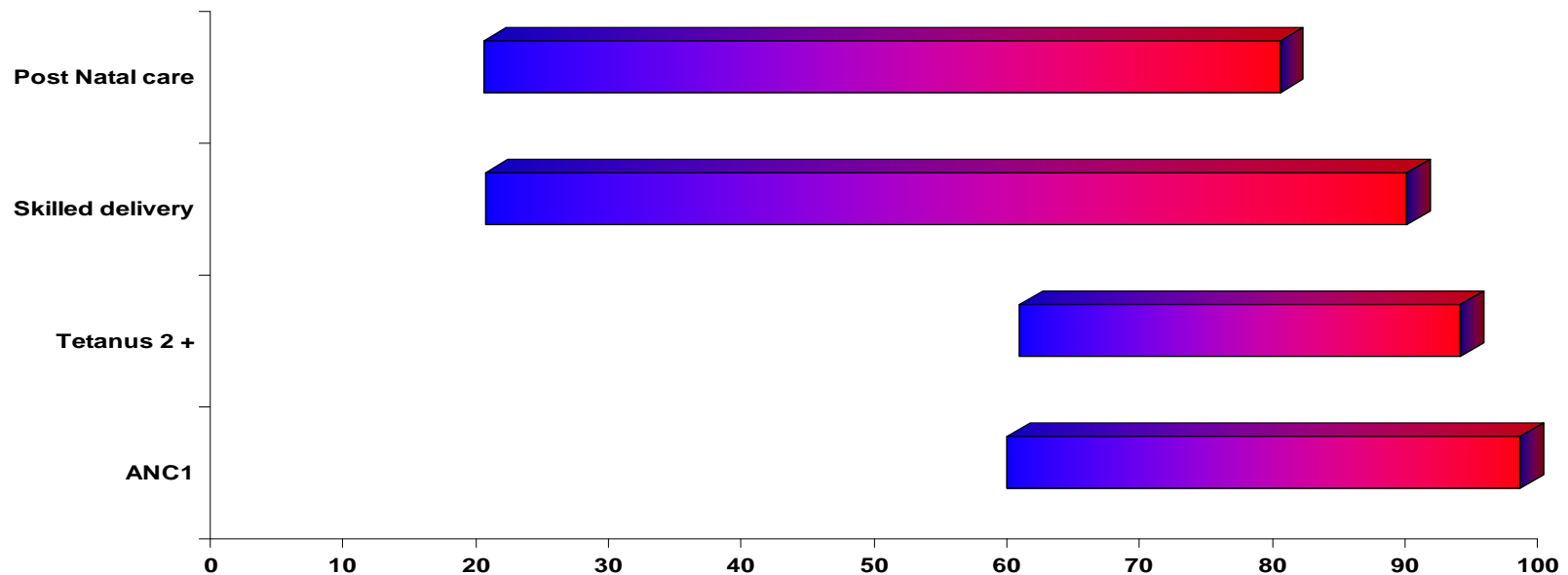
Chart 1a: Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India: Trends from 1980-2020



Source: Dr. Vinod Paul, AIIMS, New Delhi (Presentation at the Nossal-PHFI Round Table, September 14, New Delhi)

WORLDWIDE

Inequity in continuum of care coverage (between the poorest and wealthiest quintile)



Source INDIA DHS 2006

Policy includes most evidence-based interventions to reduce mortality

BUT

Poor programme implementation due to weak Health System

- Low utilization of public health facilities and high out-of-pocket payments (72% of total health exp)
- Majority deliver at home without skilled care (over 45%)
- Lack of skilled health workers, absenteeism
- Poor quality infrastructure, equipment, drug supplies...



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- Strengthen health systems – “architectural correction” of system
- Increase in funding from 0.9% of GDP to 2-3% of GDP
- Decentralized planning

Supply side

- Increased budget, untied funds, funds flow to the districts
- Increase in human resources, multi-skilling, more training
- Infrastructure development: Indian Public Health Standards for facilities
- Improved management capacity
- Partnerships with private sector

Demand side

- Cash transfer scheme for institutional deliveries
- Communitization of health services
- Village health and nutrition days
- ASHA workers to educate and motivate community

Health Systems take time to reform

BUT

- Institutional Deliveries have gone up (and MMR is lower)
- Human Resource problems are being addressed – more and better
- Increase in funding available – based on bottoms up planning
- 90% of Community Health Centres are now 24hrs
- Innovative partnerships with the private sector to provide emergency ambulances, delivery care



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