

# Uganda's Future: Improving the Health of Mothers and Children

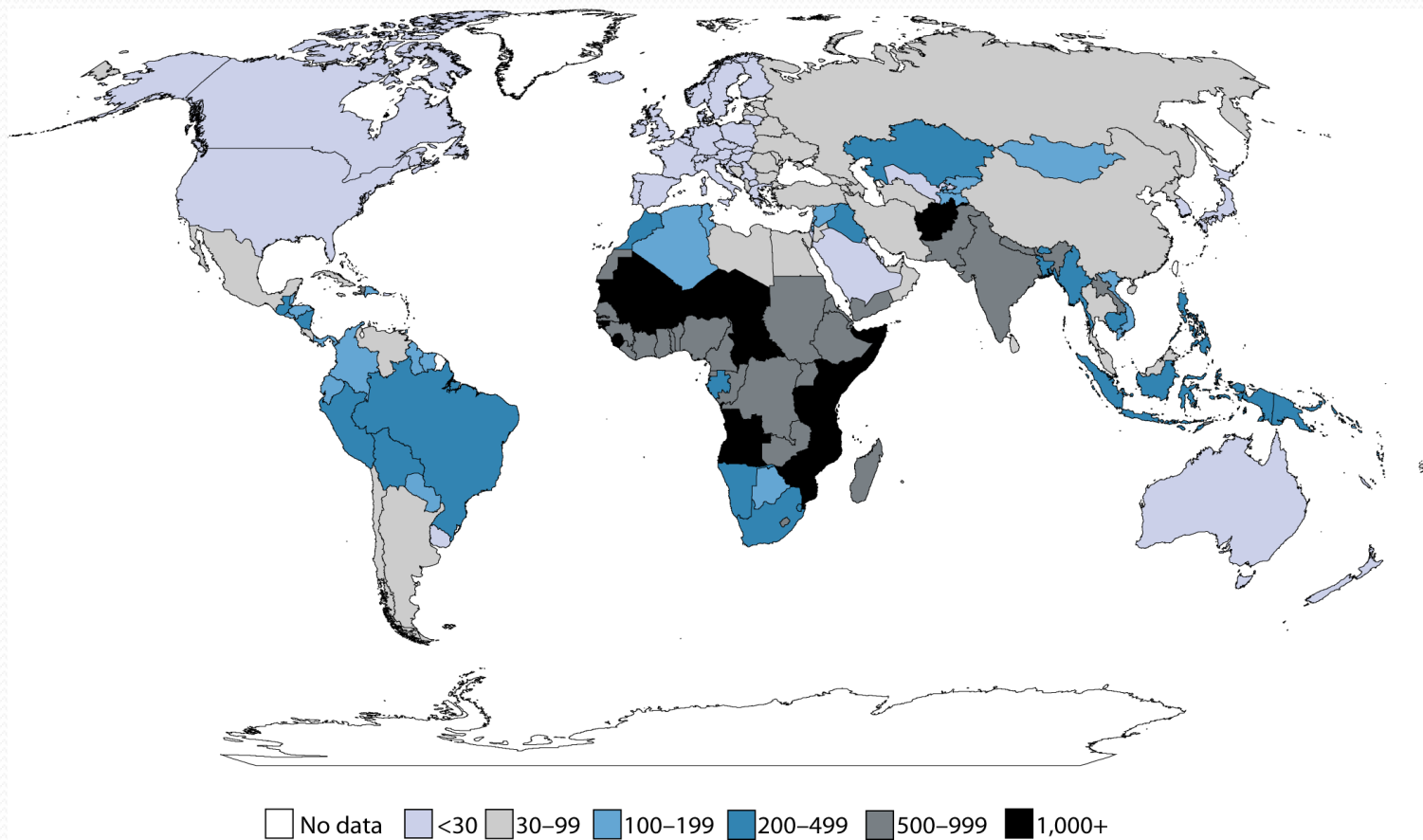
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# Map of Maternal Mortality, Worldwide

2000 Maternal deaths per 100,000 Live Births



Source: WHO, UNICEF, and UNFPA, *Maternal Mortality in 2000: Estimates Developed by WHO, UNICEF, and UNFPA*, 2004.

## Lost: Life, Rights, and Productivity

- **Globally, one woman dies every minute** from complications of pregnancy and child birth.
- High maternal death rates are an indicator of inadequate health care system, which is clearly a **direct violation of women's fundamental rights to life, health, and self determination.**
- Every year, **the world loses US \$15 billion to lost productivity** by letting women die in pregnancy and childbirth.



# Ugandan Population: Large and Growing Rapidly

Total population, 2008	31 million
Projected population, 2050	130 million
<b>Projected population change 2007-2050</b>	<b>319%</b>
<b>Population younger than age 15</b>	<b>50%</b>
Lifetime births per woman	6.7
<b>Maternal mortality ratio</b>	<b>435</b>



# Uganda: Why do pregnant women die?

Many high-risk pregnancies

- too early
- too close
- too many
- too late

Government unable to provide quality reproductive health services, especially in rural areas



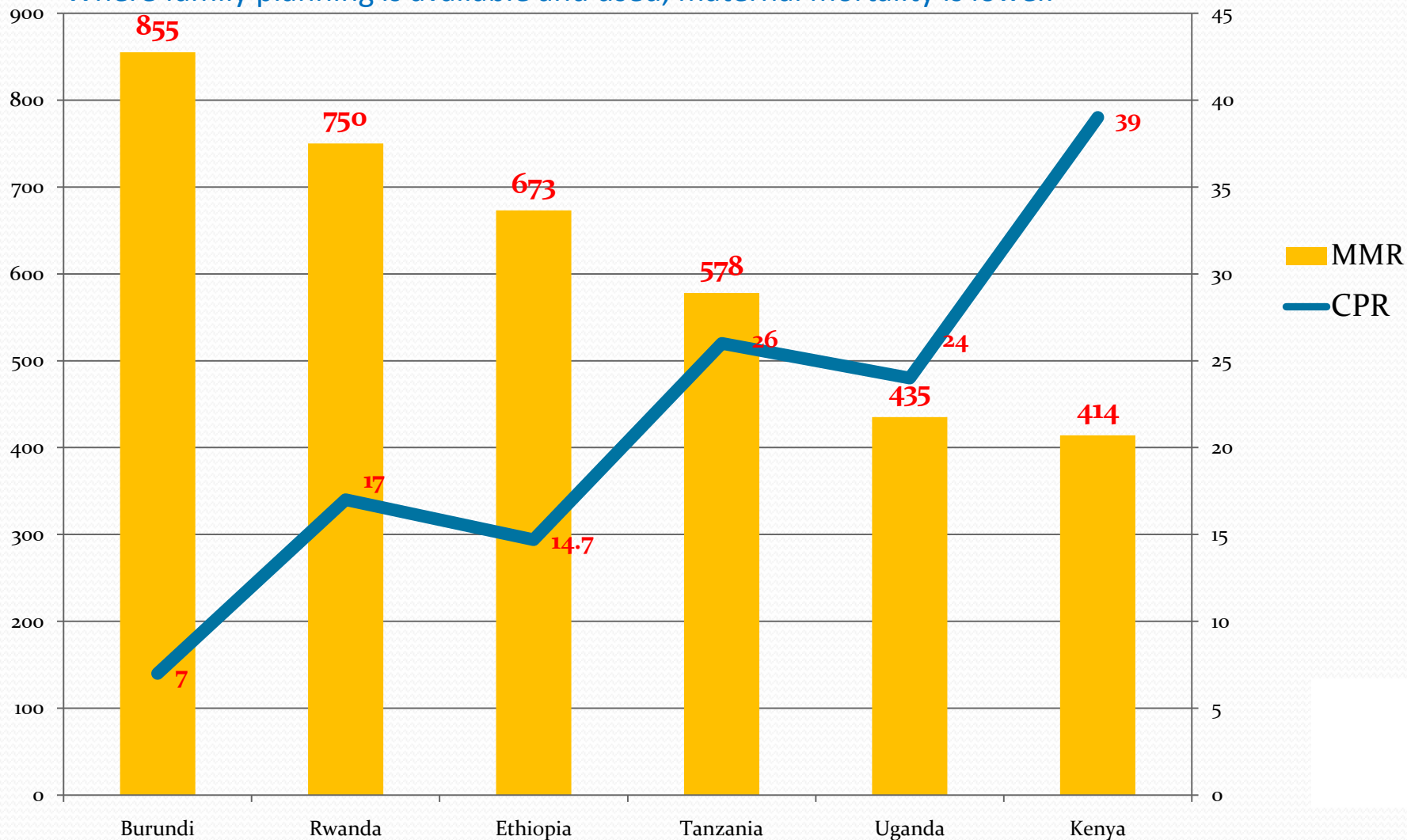
# Effective, Low-Cost Strategies Exist to Improve the Health of Mothers and Children

- Family planning and other reproductive health services
- Skilled care during pregnancy and childbirth
- Emergency care when life-threatening complications develop
- Immediate postnatal care for mothers and newborns



# Family Planning Reduces Maternal Death Up to 40%

Where family planning is available and used, maternal mortality is lower.



## A \$1 Million Family Planning Investment Prevents:

800	Maternal deaths
11,000	Infant deaths
14,000	Under-5 children's deaths
150,000	Induced abortions
360,000	Unwanted pregnancies

**Family planning is one of the most cost- effective ways for poor countries to make progress.**



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- Families with fewer children can devote additional resources to enhanced education, nutrition, and health.
- Mothers who space their children have more opportunity for paid labor, education, and personal development.



## What is the message?



**NO WOMAN SHOULD LOSE HER LIFE WHILE  
GIVING LIFE.**



# Thank you!

