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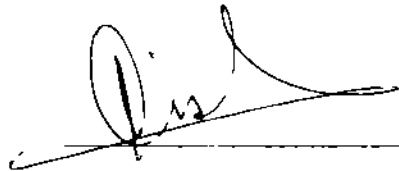
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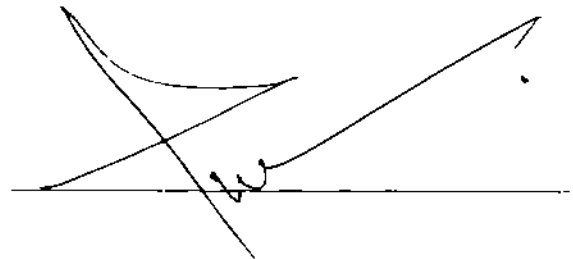
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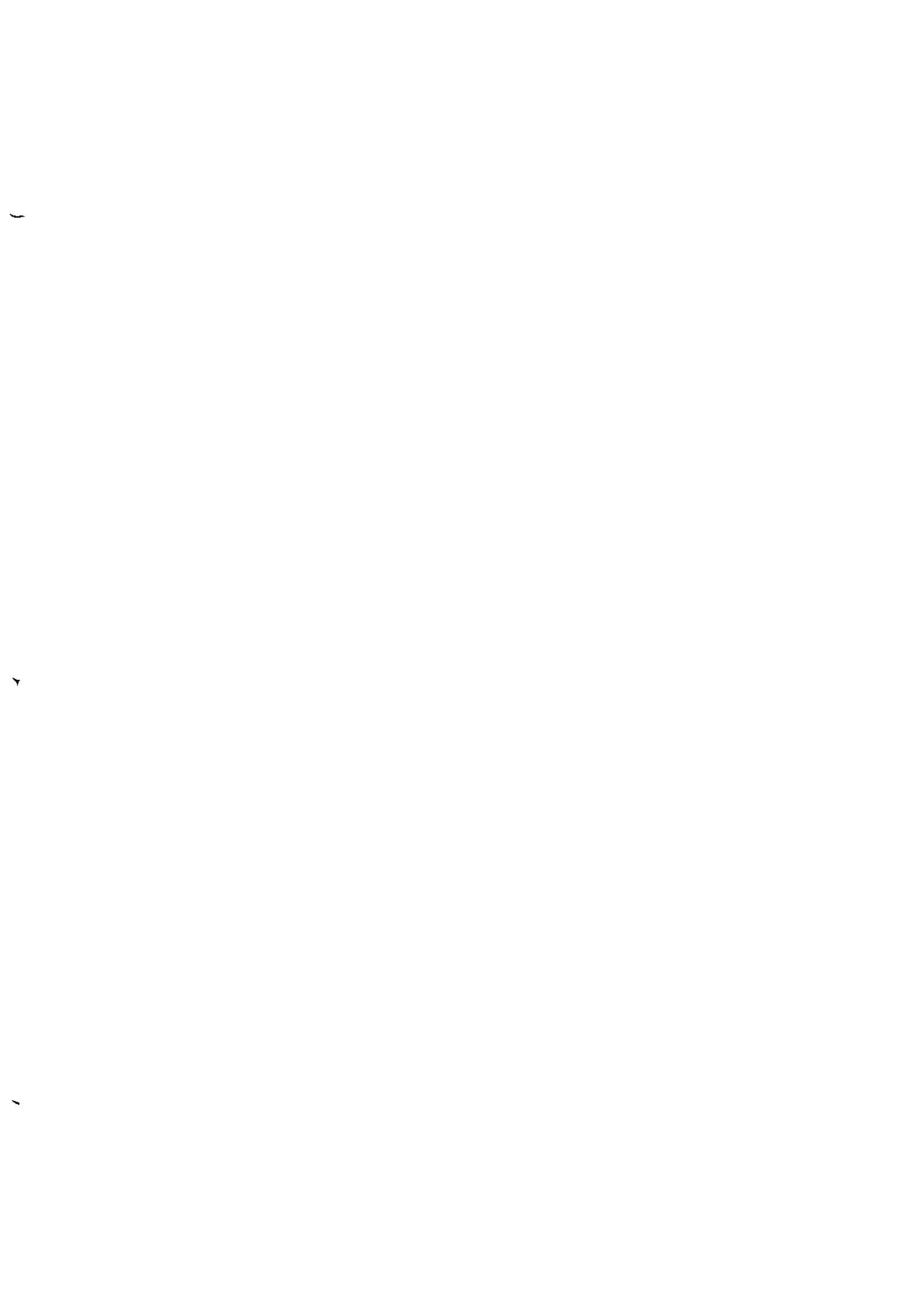
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ABBREVIATIONS

BHU	Basic Health Units
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
EmOC	Emergency Obstetric Care
EOC	Essential Obstetric Care
EmONC	Emergency Obstetric and Neo natal Care
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
LBW	Lower Birth Rate
LHW	Women Health Workers
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
NHSRCD	National Health Service Regulation and Coordination Division
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
TBA	Traditional Birth Attendant
UMHFW	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
USMR	Under-Five Mortality Rate
WHO	World Health Organization

ABSTRACT

The fundamental objective of this work is to investigate the right to use of social insurance facilities by the women of Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. There are numerous issues encompassing in the fulfillment of right to health. The in-depth detail is provided regarding the problems women are facing in the attainment of their reproductive health right so that the proper understanding can be achieved of the problems linked with the access of women health rights in these three countries. The health services in these countries are somehow poor which need proper attention. Furthermore, there should be punishment if poor health services are provided which lead to maternal morbidity and mortality.

This study examines the problems of women reproductive health existing in these three countries on the basis of existing literature. The study found that this sector is one of the most neglectful, poorly arranged and unnoticed. Along with that, the check and balance system needs attention which has no valuable intervention in the health sector. Mostly the hospitals which are in the reach of a common person are of poor condition, lack quality medicines and have inefficient staff. The Health trained aptitudes ought to be enhanced keeping in mind the end goal to diminish the death rate. Additionally the cutting-edge Health framework would make the quality Health more viable.

Chapter 1:

Introduction

Statement of the Problem:

The right of access to availability, quality and efficiency of maternity health services under International Human Rights Law can overcome the mothers and infant deaths in the developing countries caused due to the insufficient dietary intake

Research Questions:

- What impact women health care has had in the three of the countries?
- What are the laws and are they discriminating?
- What steps have been taken at international and national level to improve women reproductive health care?
- Are those steps in conformity with international law or not?
- Which violations have of Human Rights have occurred in those countries?
- What steps are needed to overcome problems and causes in the way of women access to health care?
- How gender-biasness in health sphere can be eliminated?
- Can the social change be brought through providing health rights?
- What are the similarities and differences of women health care in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka?
- What is the state responsibility for the protection of women health care facilities?

Research Methodology

Descriptive, analytical and comparative methods were used for the purpose of study. While conducting the research primary sources in international human rights documents like conventions, treaties and declarations are consulted, and in the secondary sources of data collection, international conventions and declarations, books, journals, reports of various national, regional and international organizations, press releases and moreover, available electronic material is included.

Mostly Qualitative research is used in the research which has focused on the priority problems, design and evaluated policies and programs that were deliver in the greatest health benefit, making optimal use of available resources.

The methodology of the entire study consisted of analytical and comparative study. The extensive review of available information on the reproductive health of women and health facilities situation in Pakistan, and other developing countries are compared, the differences and similarities in their health system are identified by giving the recommendations for the implementation of International Human Rights Law where needed.

Significance of the Study:

The study aims at highlighting issues related to the protection of women health rights and right to access to reproductive health facilities in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. Women were focused because of the fact that they face more societal pressures in enjoying their rights. This thesis is to identify the differences and similarities in the health system of the three developing countries. Along with it, it has examined the variation in reproductive rights in three developing countries. One dimension of reproductive rights has examined, focusing on the mother and child issues, with their access to health care facilities. Also it has recommended that how the barrier

between access to basic health facilities can be overcome. There was a need to highlight the problems which occur in protecting and guaranteeing human rights irrespective of gender-based discrimination.

Chapter 2:

Right to Health and Women's Health Rights

This chapter discusses the introductory part of the research. It basically includes statement of the problem, purpose and the significance of the study. Besides, this part is separated into three areas. Firstly, the prologue to women health care in South Asia would be discussed and the issues which are the main focus of my research. Secondly, International and legal provisions regarding the women health care will be taken into consideration. Finally, real scenario regarding women health care in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka will be discussed. While in the end, conclusion will summarize my findings.

Introduction

Women and children human services administrations are the spines to a prosperous society. In South Asia, the accessibility, openness, and nature of women's human services require much more changes. Health, a fundamental prerequisite, is key for the survival and general prosperity of every individual. Due to this reason access to medicinal services, health facilities are viewed as a basic human right. Nonetheless, in developing nations this basic right might be open to a couple, while dominant part is denied of this right.¹

In South Asia, many women of the reproductive age die due to the complexities from pregnancy and childbirth than from some other cause.² There, the life expectancy of women is

¹ Sofin Gruskin and Daniel Tarantola. Health and Human Rights. In Gruskin et al (eds) *Perspectives on Health and Human Right* (New York: Routledge, 2005),49 (Last accessed 28/9/14) [Hereafter mentioned as Gruski and Tarantola, 2005]

² "Women of the World: Laws and Policies Affecting their Reproductive Lives (South Asia)", 15 *The Centre for Reproductive Rights*
Available at http://reproductiverights.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf_wowsa_overview.pdf.(Last accessed 5/10/14)

less than men Day-to-day social realities are harsh which contribute in women's increased mortality³ The increasing maternal demise rates crosswise over the vast majority of the locale are ascribed to the social, financial and legal factors The most critical of these are the absence of access to social insurance. General medicinal services in the area are by and large obliged by insufficient human, specialized and budgetary assets. Sex based treatment constitutes one of the alarming dangers to women' Health and lives around the world The danger is particularly astonishing in South Asia.⁴

Health is the important human right which is important for the existence of an individual Also taking the benefit from the physical and emotional health of the greater part of the standard is old It was first completely communicated in the World Health Organization Constitution, which belief in health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" The principles further state that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, and political belief, economic or social condition"⁵

Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 likewise states that well being and Health are necessary to a satisfactory way of life The entitlement to health was over

³ Aditi Sinha, Isabel Crosby, Camuna Rose Gilhotti, Eva Marie Bohnstehn, Emily Barnes, *The Convention For The Elimination Of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Implementing CEDAW In South Asia, Successes and Challenges*, Available at http://pages.uoregon.edu/aweiss/intl421.521/CEDAW_Report_South_Asia.pdf (Last accessed 12 11 14)

⁴The Centre for Reproductive Rights, "Women Of the World Laws And Policies Affecting Their Reproductive Lives (South Asia)", (New York 2004) Available at http://www.reproductiverights.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf_wowsa_overview.pdf (Last accessed 28 2 15)

⁵The Right to Health, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights *World Health Organization* Available at <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Factsheet31.pdf> (Last accessed 20 1 15)

again acknowledged as a human right in the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁶

Today, the circumstances are drastically more awful. Nearly each nation has services of Health (with changing flexibility to do something), and even though every nation, as individuals from the World Health Organization, have submitted themselves to implement the provisions of its charter, the acknowledgment of the right to health is undeniable. The recognition of Health as an essential human right and the significance of its involvement with other human rights are essential to clear up the duties of those variously caught up in its realization⁷

Women in South Asia are near 33% of the world's female population. Not only in South Asia in other crowded districts, yet populace development have rates been much higher than midpoints in other nations⁸. In the context of South Asian region, it has been argued that patriarchal family structures are perhaps the most important feature of the region which undermines the women autonomy. Neither economic nor other maternal factors can provide the total explanation for the poor health conditions of women in this region. It has as of late been perceived that social and political variables are of considerable significance in recognizing those nations/locales where low mortality has been accomplished from those which fall behind as does the South Asian region. The lower position of female relative to male in the region and in other developing countries is a large contributing factor in determining excessive morbidity and mortality faced by women here⁹

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Melik Ozden, "The Right to Health", *Human Rights Programme of the Europe-Third World Centre (CETIM)* Available at <http://www.cetim.ch/en/documents/bro4-sante-A4-an.pdf> (Last accessed 20/1/15)

⁸ Zebe A. Sathar and Bilquees Raza, "Safe Motherhood in South Asia: Current Status and Strategies for Change", *The Pakistan Development Review* 33:4 Part II (1994) Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41259816> (Last accessed 18/2/15)

⁹ Ibid

By making use of organizational and technical innovations women health and urban health system can be improved. There is a need of not only ideas but also for ideals. It is our responsibility to care for each other, in our determination not to leave anybody behind, in our vision of health as a right-related objective that we may find the building blocks for a better world¹⁰

a) The main components of the right to health.

The Right to Health is frequently related to access to human services and the working of Hospitals. The Right to Health additionally incorporates an extensive variety of elements other than the health care services which the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the body in charge of observing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, calls the "fundamental determinants of Health". It states as

- Safe drinking water and adequate sanitation,
- Safe food,
- Adequate nutrition and housing,
- Healthy working and environmental conditions,
- Health-related education and information,
- Gender equality

• **The Right to Health contains benefits.**

The benefits of health consist of:

- The right to an arrangement of Health security giving uniformity of chance to everybody to appreciate the most elevated feasible level of Health,
- The right to counteractive action;

¹⁰ Edited by Afaf Ibrahim Meleis, Eugenie L. Birch and Susan M. Wachter *Women's Health and the Worlds Cities, The City in the Twenty-First Century* (2011) [Hereafter mentioned as Birch and Wachter, 2011]

- Right to use of vital solutions
 - Mother and child collective Health,
 - Effective and efficient use of Health administrations,
 - The procurement of Health associated with training as well as data,
 - Contribution of the masses in Health linked choice at the local and group levels
- **Health administrations, merchandise in addition to offices must be given to all without discrimination.**
 - Discrimination must be accepted as a principle while extending rights to individuals

a) The connection among the right to Health and additional human rights:

Human rights are interlinked. If the right to health is violated, then other rights would also suffer and there will be hindrance in it.

The significance specified in the "fundamental determinants of Health", that is, the elements and circumstances which secure and elevate the right to Health, Health administrations, demonstrates the intention of the right to Health is based upon, in addition to, the affirmation of various additional human rights. It incorporates the rights to nourishment, to water, to a sufficient way of life, to satisfactory lodging, to liberty from inequity, to protection, right to information, to involvement, and the right to take advantage from scientific development along with its application.

The first step in this direction is to endorse the idea of social security as a human right. Such rights are, by definition, inherent to every person. The implications of a rights-based approach are clear. It is dishonest to constrain access to Health administrations due to the gender

discrimination or ethnicity of an individual. This opens a tremendous field of activity for universal support and worldwide unity.

The second step in this direction is to create the necessary consensus to turn what is sometimes an abstract right in legislation so as to make sure the successful activity of the right to health.

Finally, other rights related to the health of women also need to be supported and guaranteed, including reproductive rights, sexual rights, the right to be free from torture, and the right to a life free of violence.¹¹

II. International and National Legal Frameworks:

➤ International Provisions

Various International arrangements and documents exercise the concept of rights for addressing Health issues. Its articles include extra paragraphs listing the measures that need to be addressed by the state parties in order to make sure the enjoyment of rights. All of these are considered in Section IV, on the extent of the right to health.

In spite of the fact that the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights is not a treaty, the greater part of its adoption is currently well thought-out by jurists as constituting as minimum global standards. Article 25 of the Declaration peruses everybody have a right to a way of life satisfactory for the Health and prosperity of one own self and his family unit that contains nourishment, apparel, lodging and therapeutic consideration and the right to protection in the occasion of. illness, incapacity .."

The language of the WHO Constitution has inspired the provisions of several treaties. *WHO Constitution (Preamble) The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the

¹¹Eugenie L. Birch and Susan M. Wachter, "Women's health and the world's cities" *University of Pennsylvania Press*, (2011). [Hereafter mentioned as Birch and Wachter, 2011]

fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social conditions

- **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Article 12(1):** The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
- **Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 24(1):** States Parties recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health
- **African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights Article 16:** Every individual shall

Have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health

- **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination Article 5(e)(iv)** gives that States Parties attempt to preclude and dispose of racial discrimination in the interests regarding "the right to public health, medical care, social security and social services."
- **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Article II (1)(f)**

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is the international treaty which establishes the rights of all young girls and women. It is an imperative understanding about equality between young girls/women and young boys/men.

In few regions of the world, women are dealt with diversely or unreasonably due to a mere fact that she is a woman, despite the fact that they have the same rights as men. As a

consequence of this attitude, girls and women may not get an appropriate share and social insurance¹²

It expresses that State Parties ought to take each and every appropriate action to take exploited women in the happiness regarding "the right to protection of health and to safety in working conditions, including the safe guarding of the function of reproduction "

Article 12 of the same convention gives that every suitable measure ought to be taken by States Parties to take out victimization women "in the field of health care in order to ensure on a basis of equality of men and women, access to health care services, including those related to family planning "

Governments must ensure that girls and women are not oppressed in social insurance. Girls and women must get human services on the same terms as boys and men. Specifically, women have the right to benefits identified with family arranging and pregnancy.¹³

➤ **Domestic/National Legal Frameworks**

In my thesis, the situation of women health care in three of the countries would be discussed. Special emphasis will be on the concern of reproductive health oriented rights and the protection of those rights in Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka. That how these rights are preserved and in which way are they violated. Right to health has been the part of these countries constitution but there have been many factors which have contributed in keeping the reproductive health status low in these countries.

¹² Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women. United Nations International Children Emergency Fund. 2011. Available at http://www.unicef.org/gender/files/CEDAW_In_Brief_For_Adolescent-Web_Version.pdf (Last accessed 13/15)

¹³ Ibid

- **Legal Position on Right to Health Care in India**

Article 42

“Provision for just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief- The State shall make provision for securing just and humane conditions of work and for maternity relief

Article 47

Duty of the State to raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living and to improve public health- The State shall regard the raising of the level of nutrition and the standard of living of its people and the improvement of public health as among its primary duties and, in particular, the State shall endeavor to bring about prohibition of the consumption, except for medicinal purposes, of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health ¹⁴

- **Legal Position on Right to Health Care in Sri Lanka**

The Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, as of 20 December 2000 ¹⁵

Article 27. Directive Principles of State Policy

(9) The State shall ensure social security and welfare

Ninth Schedule (Provincial Council List)

11:1 The establishment and maintenance of public hospitals, rural hospitals, maternity homes, dispensaries (other than teaching hospitals and hospitals established for special purposes),

11:2 Public health services, health education, nutrition, family health, maternity and child care, food and food sanitation, environmental health,

11:3 Formulation and implementation of Health Development Plan and of the Annual Health Plan for the Provinces.

¹⁴Part IV, Constitution of India adopted on 26th November 1949,
Available at <http://www.cehat.org/rthc/paper3.htm> (Last accessed 29/1/15)

¹⁵ Government of Sri Lanka, Available at <http://www.priu.gov.lk/Cops/1978Constitution/index.html> (Last accessed 29/1/15)

I. Health Profile in South Asian Countries.

➤ Health Profile of Pakistan

The physical condition of a woman has been not considered as a foremost subject and little attention is given to them. Due to customs, beliefs and religion they were always discriminated. A society which is based on the basis of inequity will never give their due rights to women.

One of the agenda of fifth millennium development goal is to expand the maternal health and support the decrease of maternal death ratio by three-quarters between 1990 and 2015. In support of its positive implication, Pakistan needs to have a realistic approach, which is accepted and supported by its people.¹⁶

Gender discrimination is deeply inhibited in the Pakistani society, where the customs and values are different for both the genders. This significant diversity on the basis of class, region, and the division of rural/urban, due to the irregular socioeconomic advancement effects heavily on women lives that lead to small share of resource allocation for them.

Health Profile of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is well known in having the highest life-span than any other country in the region. It has achieved a lot mainly in the health of women and girls. Because of it, it has significantly dropped the mortality rate in comparison to men. It is said that low female mortality might be an indication of a high association of Sri Lankan women in administrative process over medicinal

¹⁶Mouzzam Ali, Mohammad Ayaz Bhatti, Chushi Kuroiwa "Challenges in Access To And Utilization Of Reproductive Health Care In Pakistan" *Department of Health Policy and Planning Institute of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo*
Available at <http://www.gyubmed.edu.pk/JAMC/PAST/20-4/Moazzam.pdf> (Last accessed 9/1/15)

services and over nourishment practices which has given profit to their health and that of their children, particularly their daughters.¹⁷

This state has an excellent record in the healthcare of mother and child compared to the other states in the region. The percentage of the deaths of mothers and their health has revealed endless progress since 1930. Midwives also play their role in providing the public health at the door to door while 99% of the deliveries happen in the hospitals. Even though on the objective of the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, it still remains as a challenge on the maternal and child health such as postpartum haemorrhage, unsafe abortion, and prenatal deaths because of the congenital abnormalities and prematurity.¹⁸

The decline in the casualties during pregnancy and labor has been the most important international public plan; however various states are having difficulty in creating improvement towards it. Many spectators at the moment have the same opinion that there are no short cuts, and the way out would appear with the growth of now-poorer health systems in most of the developing countries, structuring the guidance of trained and untrained health employees, increasing the right to use to both basic and higher-level services, along with it, making sure the accessibility of essential health medical equipment and medicines to accord with obstetric problems. The example of Sri Lanka is in front of us, where it can be seen that progress is quicker if building blocks are in speed.¹⁹

¹⁷ Indrani Priens and Bruce Caldwell. Gender and Health in Sri Lanka. *Health Transition Review*. Vol 7, No 2. Available at

<http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.2307/40652277?uid=21105951122083&uid=4&uid=70&uid=2134&uid=3738832&uid=2> (Last accessed 13/15)

¹⁸ Senanayake H, Goonewardene M, Ranarunga A, Hattotuwa R, Amarasekera S, Amarasinghe I. Achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in Sri Lanka. *Brit J Obstet Gynecol* 2011;118(2):78-87

¹⁹ Saving Mothers' Lives in Sri Lanka. Available at http://www.cgdev.org/doc/millions/MS_case_6.pdf (Last accessed 13/15)

Through the last couple of years, the child indicators have mainly enhanced in the developing countries and also the fertility rates have decreased the World Health Organization estimates that the deaths of mother have not yet changed highly as on a bigger level. Few countries have still made considerable improvement in order to make the pregnancy safe for women, still beyond what might be predictable with common improvement in livelihood circumstances and female health. The teachings from those settings are presently informing the improvement that international organizations encourage.

Health Profile of India

Even though human health and the standard of life is a very essential thing in life, but still it is mostly absent from the public speeches and democratic politics in India.²⁰ The second opinion is that India needs to go to the back to basic approach in respect to public provision of healthcare services, that includes preventive and curative kind, with an improved focal point on the primary health centres, village level health workers, preventive health measures, and other resources of ensuring well-timed health care on a regular basis.²¹

The requirement for open association is especially solid in a scope of exercises went for counteracting as opposed to curing sickness, for example, vaccination, sanitation, cleanliness, waste transfer, man women reconnaissance, vector control, Health training, sustenance security regulation, et cetera (what is in fact known, as said prior, as 'general Health') As a rule, the

²⁰ Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen "India's Health Care Crisis, An Uncertain Glory", August 2013 Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt32bcbm?searchUrl=%2Faction%2FdoBasicResults%3FQuery%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2Bsr%2Blanka%26amp%3Bprq%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2BIndia%26amp%3Bgroup%3Dnone%26amp%3Bwc%3Don%26amp%3Bacc%3Doff%26amp%3Bhp%3D25%26amp%3Bfc%3Doff%26amp%3Bso%3Drel%26amp%3Bvf%3Dbk&Search=yes> (Last accessed 14/1/15) [Hereafter mentioned as Dreze and Sen, 2013]

²¹ This is again an issue in which the idea of 'cost of inaction' can be very important (Anand et al 2012) Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt32bcbm?searchUrl=%2Faction%2FdoBasicResults%3FQuery%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2Bsr%2Blanka%26amp%3Bprq%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2BIndia%26amp%3Bgroup%3Dnone%26amp%3Bwc%3Don%26amp%3Bacc%3Doff%26amp%3Bhp%3D25%26amp%3Bfc%3Doff%26amp%3Bso%3Drel%26amp%3Bvf%3Dbk&Search=yes>

counteractive action of ailment instead of curing illness has a tendency to be recognized as especially the obligation of society and the state.

The main message is that the National Rural Health Mission is not a solution to the crisis in India's health system. Indeed, this mission (even though it has been extended, was built on the plan as a short-term program, and was to end in 2012) is very small for this. Rather, the lesson here, as in the field of education and early childcare, is that well-planned efforts to improve public facilities – even some that have functioned rather poorly for a long time – can indeed lead to significant results. Especially as a lead in a very important lesson – is clearly a great deal of good health, promote the general probability of success (international experience at a lower price) for India's poorest countries specifically.²²

The challenge ahead is to consolidate these initiatives and build on comparative lessons from the world as well as from within India. There is a need not only for improved Health delivery, by the help of organizational transformation, additionally to devote a great deal of more assets, as an extent of the GDP, to open use on Health.²³

The ratio of maternal mortality in South Asia region is higher than that of all other regions except sub-Saharan Africa. Two are the constraints which dispirit women from seeking maternal

²² See Balabanova et al (2011) and the literature cited there, including Halstead et al (1985), where the possibility of 'good health at low cost' was first highlighted based on specific international experiences—from China, Costa Rica, Kerala and Sri Lanka. Other recent experiences of interest discussed in Balabanova et al (2011) include Bangladesh, Tamil Nadu and Thailand, among others. Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ct32bcbm?searchUrl=%2Faction%2FdoBasicResults%3FQuery%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2Bsr%2Bblank%26amp%3Bprq%3Dwomen%2Bhealth%2Bcare%2Bin%2BIndia%26amp%3Bgroup%3Dnone%26amp%3Bwc%3Don%26amp%3Bacc%3Doff%26amp%3Bhp%3D25%26amp%3Bfc%3Doff%26amp%3Bso%3Drel%26amp%3Bvf%3Dbk&Search=yes>

²³ Compared with India's measly 1.2 per cent, national expense on wellbeing condition as a proportion of GDP is 2.7 per cent in China, 2.9 per cent in Thailand, 3.1 per cent in Mexico, and 4.2 per cent in Brazil (*World Development Indicators*, online). These countries, of course, are significantly richer than India in terms of per-capita GDP, but that does not apply to Vietnam, which also spends 2.6 per cent of its GDP on Public Health expenditure, and is much closer to universal health coverage than India is.

healthcare in India are the accessibility and charges of these services. The shortage of close by services in particular is problematic in the case of home deliveries²⁴

Even though a few advances have now occurred, accomplishment of the Fifth Millennium Development Goal (75% diminishment in maternal death proportion from 1990 by 2015) objective is by all accounts unattainable by 2015²⁵. The initiation record regarding the follow up on the mothers and child's endurance ratio, as positioned by the Millennium Development Goal, reported starting late that India's progression lacks in diminishing infant mortality²⁶

Conclusion

The right to a proper health care has been recognized by the international and local governing bodies. WHO Constitution (Preamble) states "The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, and political belief, economic or social conditions"²⁷

The right has been defined broadly encompassing safe drinking water and adequate sanitization, gender equality, etc. One of my main targeted people in this paper is mother and child collective health. It has been endorsed in International Convention's that mother and the child deserves "highest attainable standards" in health care without discrimination.

In my thesis, I discuss the health care for this group of people in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India. In Pakistan, women are treated as a second class citizen, therefore care for them is sub-standard. In contrast, Sri Lanka has the lowest maternal death rate in South Asian countries. The

²⁴ Keera Allendorf, "The Quality of Family Relationships and Use of Maternal Health-care Services in India", (*Studies in Family Planning, December 2010*), pp 263-276. Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27896276> (Last Accessed 19/2/2015)

²⁵ Rai RK, Tulchinsky TH. "Addressing the Sluggish Progress in Reducing Maternal Mortality in India". *Asia Pac J Public Health* 2012. [Hereafter mentioned as RK and TH, 2012]

²⁶ Ghosh R. Child Mortality in India: A Complex Situation. *World J Pediatr* 2012;8(1): p 11-8. [Hereafter mentioned as R, 2012]

²⁷ Constitution of the World Health Organization

improvement in health care in Sri Lanka has been pointed out in these factors structuring up the guidance of trained and untrained health staff, developing the right to use of both general and higher-level services, and making sure the accessibility of necessary health medical equipment and medicines to deal with obstetric problems.

Two factors that prevent Indians from benefitting from better health care are cost and availability of these services. Right to health has been the part of these countries constitution but there have been many factors which have contributed in keeping the reproductive health status low in these countries.

It is important to guarantee evenhanded appropriation of Health administrations for guaranteeing value for Health. Area of Health administrations and offices ought to be such that these are effectively open and accessible to individuals, particularly the under-favored areas of the general public.

The MDGs electrifies world pioneers to create worldwide organizations to accomplish these all inclusive goals by 2015. These objectives are,

- Eradicate poverty and hunger
- Obtain common important training
- Encourage sexual orientation correspondence and engage women
- Decrease child deaths
- Enhance mother's welfare
- Battle HIV/AIDS, enteric infection and other diseases.
- Guarantee environmental support.
- Build up a universal corporation for improvement.

While the main five objectives are unmistakably identified with women and their social insurance, every one of the objectives address the difficulties and chances of giving quality and available human services for women. The dissimilarity in the middle of rich and poor nations makes it troublesome for poor nations to accomplish the MDGs. By all signs, the majority of these objectives have not been accomplished in a large portion of the world.²⁸

Women's Health must be underscored through a whole deal intensive technique. From the period when a woman is expecting a child and after delivering it, this idea ought to be based on almost all practically by sharpening and including key individuals around her (spouse, relative) and highlighting the significance of her part as guardian of her posterity.²⁹

²⁸Birch and Wachter, 2011

²⁹ Ali, Bhatti, Kuroiwa, 2008, 6. Available at <http://www.avubmed.edu.pk/JAMC/PAST/20-4/Muazzam.pdf> (Last accessed 14/3/15)

Chapter 3:

Women Access to the Health Facilities

This chapter is divided into three parts, the first part deals with women access to health facilities in few of the states of South Asia. The second part of the chapter is focused on the women's health rights which are mainly they are deprived from. Lastly, the third part deals with the issues which are faced by both, mother and child.

Introduction:

As far as reduction in reproductive health related problems and access to medicine is concerned, it has been covered by various instruments of national, regional and international nature. While identified with the change in accessibility and openness of maternal human services specifically of anemic mothers not much work has been done. The greater part of the current writing just clarifies the current laws with no strong and target investigation of their relevance. Unfortunately, not many writers took pain to mention about anemic mothers as an important problem in reproduction, be that as it may, they even neglect to cover all the principle parts of it. During the search and reading of present literature, it was revealed that related to the issue few work had been done as regard to Pakistani women but no such writing present or was experienced to discuss obstacles confronted by Indian and Sri Lankan women. That is the reason need was felt to highlight the hurdles and problems confronted by women of these three states all together.

Regardless of the massive raise in the economic development around the globe, there still exist many issues which need to be addressed and are of the core problems in the developing countries. The health scenario of Sri Lanka is much likely according to the developed nation while there are problems like maternal mortality, suicides, mental health, non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases which are arising because of the lack of investment in the area of Public Health.³⁰ In Sri Lanka the significant medicinal reasons for mother's death incorporate hemorrhages, sepsis, extreme preeclampsia, and entanglements during labor and delivery.³¹ Thus, lack of access to crisis obstetric believed as an answer of confinement to maternal Health, which contains poor quality organizations due to the deficiency of organized and well equipped Health employees, poor referral and transport to Health workplaces, and an absence of curative equipments. In Asia, growing charges of caesarean sections for non-medical causes have been watched that is connected with expanded danger of mother's death. Although the larger number of women deliver in government hospitals. In satisfactory right to use of maternal consideration has a tendency to be concentrated among poor people and less taught, and in regions influenced by clash, where administrations are regularly disturbed and faculty are occupied, and in addition the estate locales, where moms need to travel long separations on troublesome territory to look for consideration.

Despite the fact that health structure emerge as a major cause to maternal mortality disappointment, poor diet for the women of reproductive age additionally cooperate a part

³⁰C U Thresta, KS Mohindra, *Public Health Challenges in Kerala and Sri Lanka* Available at <http://ejournal.narotama.ac.id/files/Public%20Health%20Challenges%20m%20Kerala%20and%20Sri%20Lanka.pdf> (Last accessed 12/9/14)

³¹ Ibid

towards least good conditions for women and child which leads in higher rates of deaths
Maternal deaths due to anemia are relatively low in Sri Lanka ³²

Numerous developing nations have attempted to diminish maternal mortality via preparing customary birth orderlies; still maternal deaths ratio is high especially where the birth took place at home under the supervision of untrained person "Professional" birthing care relies on training for a clear position of certain clinical maternity specialists, and frameworks that give supervision, support for emergency situations and referrals, and credibility in the eyes of communities, obstetricians, and referral hospitals. ³³

"Societies that have achieved the lowest levels of maternal mortality have done so by preventing pregnancies, by reducing the incidence of certain [pregnancy] complications, and by having adequate facilities and well-trained staff to treat the complications" ³⁴

The World Health Organization has surveyed that around 15 percent of all pregnancies in all countries will have one or more troubles that need "fast and gifted obstetric consideration to counteract passing or genuine long haul dismalness " Though, on the grounds that the event of most life-debilitating expectant and labor confusions can't be anticipated precisely for individual women, Health frameworks should be arranged to give Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) and other fundamental consideration to every single expecting women

Since understanding the particular reasons and different conditions of these critical complications in a populace is vital for a health system to arrange and put into practice useful

³² Ibid

³³ Ibid

³⁴ James McCarthy and Deborah Maine, "A Framework for Analyzing the Determinants of Maternal Mortality," *Studies in Family Planning* 23 no 1 (January/February 1992) 23-33 Available at http://esis.org/files/publication/121003_Nieburg_MaternalMortality_Web.pdf (Last accessed 17 3 15)

intervention, various different plans have been endorsed to sort out the reasons of maternal deaths in specific settings³⁵

In South Asia, the availability, accessibility, and quality of women's health care needs much improvement. Article 12 of CEDAW calls for 1) equal access to health care services by both men and women, and 2) pregnancy-related services for women. Regional women's health concerns in South Asia include high Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), shorter life expectancy, non-availability of treatment facilities for victims of violent crime, hunger and malnutrition, high risk for communicable diseases, and a lack of reproductive rights. Articles 5b, 10h, and 16c address issues of maternity and family planning as shared responsibilities between men and women. CEDAW's overarching critique of health services and reproductive rights in South Asia emphasizes an overall lack of political will to implement changes. Despite vast regional advances in technology and access to medicines, the Maternal Mortality Rate remains unacceptably high in most South Asian Countries³⁶

1) Mother and Infant Health in South Asia

Maternal health care seizes antenatal, intra natal and postnatal care, the beneficial intra natal care is very essential to obtain for a mother and a health child at the last part of pregnancy. The deaths of mothers are calculated by mother's death rate, mother's mortality ratio and life span danger of mother's death. They are a symbol of danger that is linked with all pregnancies and their reasons

³⁵Improving Maternal Mortality and other aspects of Women's health. Available at http://csis.org/files/publication/121003_Nieburg_MaternalMortality_Web.pdf Page 8 (Last accessed 23/3/15)

³⁶Carmina Rose Gilotti, Eva Marie Bohnsteh, Emily Barnes, Aditi Sinha, Isabel Crosby. The Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Available at http://pages.uoregon.edu/awciss/intl421_521/CEDAW_Report_South_Asia.pdf

Millennium Development Goal- 5 concerns maternal health and aims to reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio between the years 1990 and 2015³⁷ On daily basis, almost thousand of women die due to the preventable factors linked to pregnancy and child birth, these casualties mainly happen in the under developed states. The death of mothers is more in the rural areas amongst the poor and developing countries Usually, adolescent girls face high danger of problems and casualty as a consequence of pregnancy than older women Their lives can be saved if proper skilled care is given during antenatal, intranatal and postnatal period In between the year 1990 to 2008, the maternal deaths reduced by one third³⁸ The frequent reasons of mother's deaths are hemorrhages, infections, hypertensive disorders, hindered labour and problem of insecure abortion. Moreover, 40% of deaths amongst the three million neonatal deaths are of the infants below five years of age These deaths mostly happen in the early stage of their lives. Few of the reasons for that are premature birth, infections, and asphyxia³⁹

The connection along with the estimation of financial position is troublesome in creating nations like absence of arranged information⁴⁰ Joining distinctive parts, for example, preparing, training, procurement of supplies and overhauling of hardware, transport foundation might diminish mother and infant death⁴¹ The region of South-East Asia deals with more than the 174,000 maternal deaths and 1.3 million neonatal deaths regularly, that is around 33% of the overall weight The region furthermore speaks to one million stillbirths and 3.1 million deaths of children under five years old each year In this way, the South East Asia district defies a

³⁷ Islam M. Progress towards Achieving Millennium Development Goal 5 in South-East Asia. *Brit J Obstet Gynecol* 2011,118(Suppl 2) 6-11

³⁸ World Health Organization. Maternal Mortality Media Centre 2012. Available at <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs348/en/index.html> (Last accessed 10/8/15)

³⁹ Souza JP, Gulmezoglu AM, Carroli G, Lumbiganon P, Qureshi Z. The World Health Organization Multi-Country Survey on Maternal and Newborn Health Study Protocol. *BMC Health Serv Res* 2011,11:286

⁴⁰ Nwaru BI, Klemeti R, Kun H, Hong W, Yuan S, Wu Z, Hemminki E. Maternal Socio-Economic Indices for Prenatal Care Research in Rural China. *Eur J Public Health* 2011, doi: 10.1093/eurpub/ckr182

⁴¹ Ross L, Simkhada P, Smith WC. Evaluating Effectiveness of Complex Interventions Aimed at Reducing Maternal Mortality in Developing Countries. *J Public Health (Oxf)* 2005,27(4):331-7

phenomenal test in diminishing mother's, infant and adulthood deaths as engaged in the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5.

In the under developed nations, high hazard expectancy ought to be overseen at minor centers with appropriate offices, antenatal visits and auspicious referral administration⁴² Diminishing the mother's death generally to the extent of 75% some place around 1990 and 2015 is the goal of Millennium Development Goal 5.⁴³ Enhancing mother and baby Health make the district of eagerness and worried to the worldwide Health bunch, in particular for the World Health Organization Taking after the Millennium Declaration in 2000 and the founding of the Millennium Development Goals, the accentuation on the betterment of mother and infant child Health has reinforced.⁴⁴

Maternal mortality remains an important test to Health system around the globe Dependable data regarding the charges and examples in maternal death is pivotal for resource get together, masterminding and assessment of progression in the way of Millennium Development Goal 5 by lessening the maternal death extent as center by 2015⁴⁵

Children's health is the domain of pediatrics and it is worried with the health of babies and adolescents, their development and improvement, and the chance to accomplish maximum capacity as grown-ups⁴⁶ Around the world, 7.6 million under five years children pass away each year. More than 66% of these early child's are because of the circumstances which may possibly be kept away from or dealt with a pathway towards basic, reasonable intercessions Driving

⁴² Elizabeth Lule, Ramana GNV, Nandini Ooman, Joanne Epp, Dale Huntington, James E. Rosen Achieving the Millennium Development Goal of Improving Maternal Health Determinants, Interventions and Challenges IINP Discussion Paper, Health Nutrition and Population, World Bank, 2008

⁴³ Bajwa SK, Bajwa SJ, Kaur J, Singh K, Kaur J Is Intensive Care the Only Answer for High Risk Pregnancies in Developing Nations? J Emerg Trauma Shock 2010,3(4) 33 -6

⁴⁴ Coltart CE, Souza JP, Gulmezoglu AM Prioritizing WHO Normative Work on Maternal and Perinatal Health a Multi-Country Survey Reprod Health 2011,8 p 30

⁴⁵ Hogan MC, Foreman KJ, Naghavi M, et al Maternal Mortality for 181 Countries, 1980-2008 a Systematic Analysis of Progress towards Millennium Development Goal 5 Lancet 2010,375(9726) 1609-23

⁴⁶ Webster Webster's New World TM, Medical Dictionary, 3rd Edn 2008 [Cited 2012 March 1]

reasons for death in less than five children are pneumonia, looseness of the bowels, intestinal sickness and Health issues amid the main years of their life. More than 33% of all child deaths are connected to lack of healthy sustenance. Children in low-wage nations are around 18 times more at risk to die before the age of five than children in high-income countries⁴⁷

The diminishment of maternal and child deaths are a top requirement on behalf of the overall gathering, mainly in context of the extended thought on the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5. The South East Asia region speaks to practically 33% of overall deaths in infants along with adolescents under 5 years of age. Regardless of broad incongruities within money related as well as Health pointers, various countries around there are doubtful to accomplish Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5⁴⁸

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The county alone records for about 33% of the overall mother and child deaths yearly. Mother's and infant Health are interrelated. The consistent weight of mother and infant Health comprehensive, and in the South East Asian Region particularly, is always an imperative test in acquiring both of the MDGs, 4 and 5 as immense charges of infants passing away add to child and under-5 mortality limiting advancement towards the MDG 4 center of minimizing youth deaths by 66% some place around 1990 and 2015⁴⁹

India. Although a few advances have occurred, accomplishment of the Fifth Millennium Development Goal (75% diminishment in maternal death proportion since 1990 to 2015) target is by all accounts impossible to achieve till 2015.⁵⁰ The beginning record to indicate the mother and child survival rate, as lay down by the Millennium Development Goal, reported starting late

⁴⁷ World Health Organization. Children Reducing Mortality Media Centre, 2012. Updated at September 2014. Available at <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs178/en/> (Last accessed 10/10/15)

⁴⁸ Acuin CS, Khor GL, Lubsuetrakul T et al. Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health in South-East Asia: Towards Greater Regional Collaboration. *Lancet* 2011, 377(9764): 516-25

⁴⁹ Islam M. Progress towards Achieving Millennium Development Goal 5 in South-East Asia. *Brit J Obstet Gynecol* 2011, 118(Suppl 2):6-11

⁵⁰ RK and TH, 2012

that India's headway is not worthy in diminishing newborns and child deaths⁵¹ The revelations of the accompanying examination exhibit that the consumption of mother and infant social protection organizations amongst adolescent women is distant from worthy point in India To some degree more than 10% of Young girls utilized antenatal thought, around half utilized safe transport organizations furthermore, around 41% of the successors of immature women got full immunization.⁵²

Pakistan The maternal mortality ratio stays higher at few places, for each 100,000 live births and pre-birth demise ratio is 50 for every 1000 The example of mother's and pre-birth death looks at moderate development regardless of the way that different exercises, it is flawed whether country will finish Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 till the year 2015 In this manner, Pakistan is centered around finishing an abatement in child's death rate from 72 to <55 per 1000 live births, the infant child demise rate from 55 to <40 per 1000 live births and the maternal death rate from 276 for each 100,000 to 140 for each 100,000 live births by 2015 Maternal, infant, and child health services assume an integral part in decreasing destitution and advancing social and financial development. Development in maternal and child health is a main concern of the Government of Pakistan. Intense, Pakistan appears to be unrealistic to accomplish MDGs 4 and 5 by 2015.⁵³

Sri Lanka It has amazing proceedings in mother and baby restorative administrations in the region. The mother's death extent with the substitute records of mother's and youth Health have demonstrated nonstop walk up resulting to 1930 General Health birthing specialists give care at the doorstep and 99% Deliveries happen in doctor's facilities Admitting the fact that the major

⁵¹ R, 2012, 11-8

⁵² Singh L, Rai RK, Singh PK *Assessing the Utilization Of Maternal and Child Health Care among Married Adolescent Women Evidence from India* J Biosoc Sci 2012,44(1) p 1-26

⁵³ Mahmud G, Zaman F, Jafarey S, Khan RL, Sohail R, Fatima S *Achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in Pakistan* Brit J Obstet Gynecol 2011,118(2) 69-77

agenda of Millennium Development Goals 4 & 5, but there are few difficulties left on maternal and child Health, for example, baby blues drain and dangerous fetus removal, and pre natal deaths because of inherent abnormalities and imprudence⁵⁴

In the area, there are wide isolation, unevenness and distinction in budgetary and Health position amongst the states. The mothers and adolescent ratio of death are higher than the 33% in the South East Asia. Various states in the region are farfetched in accomplishing the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, regardless of the way that maternal and child Health is the need arrangement of the significant number of countries of this district⁵⁵

2) Malnutrition and Gender Discrimination in South Asia

a) Malnutrition in South Asia

In developing countries, over a quarter of children less than five years of age are malnourished. The comparison rate in developing countries is underneath 3%. Sadly, being undernourished as a child is associated with extra regrettable monetary results as a grown-up, to a great extent a result of more regrettable grown-up Health. Consequently, malnutrition amongst children is one of the severe disparities in individual prosperity in the middle of developed and developing countries. In spite of fast monetary development in the previous 20 years, South Asia, for instance, keeps on having excessively elevated amounts of undernourished children⁵⁶

Lack of healthy sustenance has turned into real issue in the developing nations. There are significantly two primary components of lack of healthy sustenance, i.e. financial and that the sexual orientation of the child. Firstly, in nations such as, Pakistan and India, need is given to Young boys over Young girls. Besides, control of the father (patriarchal system) additionally

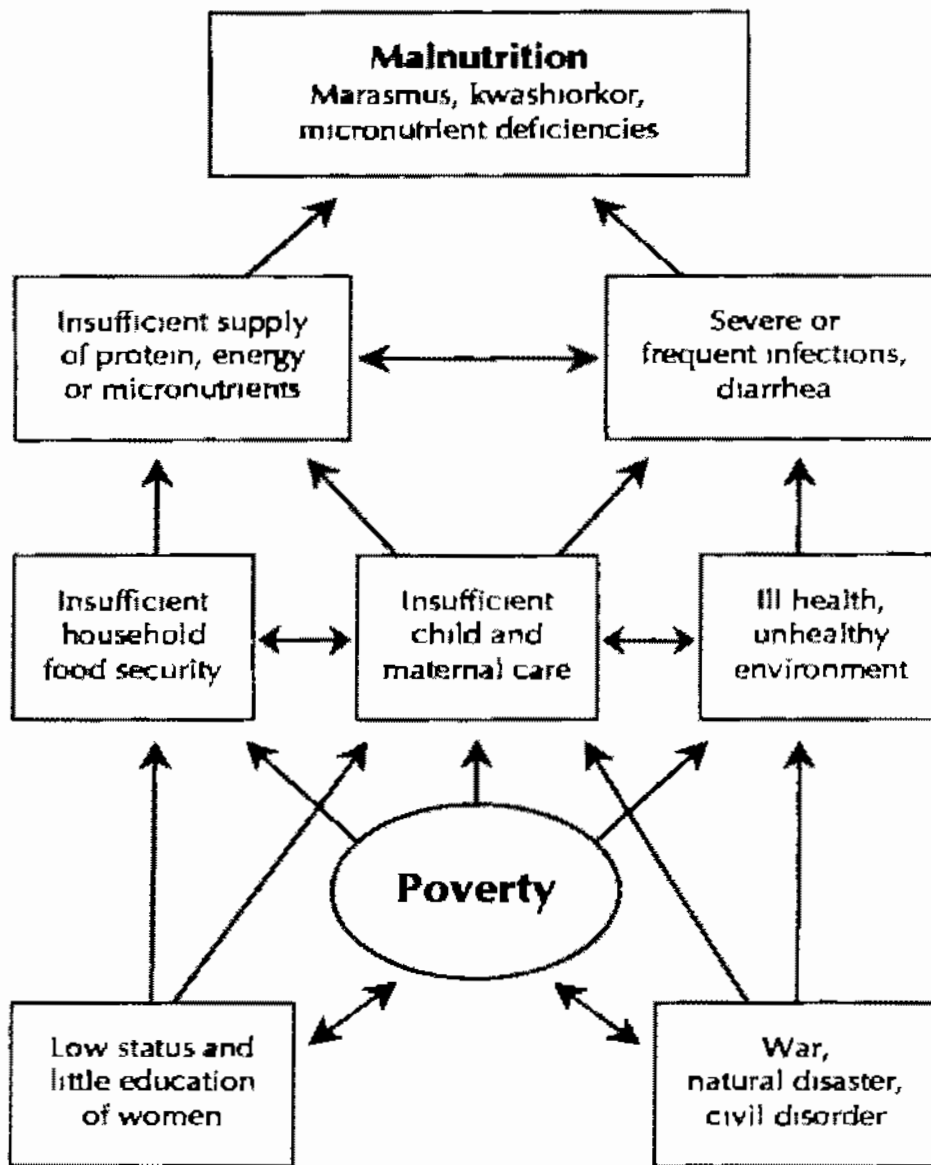
⁵⁴ Senanayake H, Goonewardene M, Ranatunga A, Hattotuwa R, Amarasekera S, Amarasinghe I. *Achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in Sri Lanka*. *Brit J Obstet Gynecol* 2011;118(2): 78-87

⁵⁵ TR, 2012

⁵⁶ Seema Jayachandran and Rohini Pande, *Introduction to Issue on Malnutrition*, Available at <http://cesifo.oxfordjournals.org/content/58/2/253.short> (Last accessed 5/5/15)

contributes in the ailing health of any child⁵⁷ It is internationally the most essential danger component for sickness and deaths, with a huge number of pregnant women and youthful children especially influenced. Regardless of the way that healing conventions for extreme lack of healthy sustenance have lately turned out to be more proficient, most patients (particularly in rustic zones) have for all intents and purposes zero right of entry to proper Health advantages as well as are unavailable in such centers. For being effective, each and every such intervention requires running with sustenance preparing exertion and Health mediations. To accomplish the craving and lack of healthy sustenance regarding the Millennium Development Goals, concentration should be given to extreme poverty that is unmistakably connected in the midst of shaky contribution of nourishment and sustenance.

⁵⁷K. Sasto, J.R. Korzenik, J.F. Jekel and S. Bhattacharji, *A Case-control study of maternal knowledge of malnutrition and health-care-seeking attitudes in rural South India*. Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine. Available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2589065/> (Last accessed 8/5/15)



The above picture clearly depicts the reason for malnutrition in the region

A mixture of dealings are required, including farming and agreement on the smaller loans by UN and the procurement of safe intake of water and hygiene, instruction in relation to as well as sustenance for better weight control plans, extraordinary consideration regarding sexual orientation issues and defenseless gatherings, for example, pregnant women and young children,

and quality Health administrations⁵⁸ To accomplish the yearning and ailing health related Millennium Development Goals, poverty should be discussed, that should be obviously linked with the problematic delivery of sustenance and support⁵⁹

A combination of exercises are required, including agrarian and development interference and the acquirement of harmless water and hygiene, along with the direction regarding the maintenance for improved weight control arranges, extraordinary thought with respect to sex issues and defenseless social events, for instance, expecting women and children, and worthy Health organizations. The preparation of food should include the combination of vitamins and minerals which is powerful and absorbable for the body⁶⁰

Child ill health has long lasting ramifications Lack of healthy sustenance regularly begins in utero and expands well into youthful and grown-up life It moreover crosses times Regardless, low-start weight (LBW) babies who have driven forward intra-uterine headway obstruction (IUGR) as creating lives are envisioned malnourished and are at a far higher danger of going ahead in the pre-birth period or-later early stages In the event that they live, they are unrealistic to get up to speed with this missing change later and have an upper likelihood of misery an assortment of formative insufficiencies Secondly, in the midst of earliest stages and early adulthood, and lacking affirmation of supplements gets severe in the effects of fetal improvement hindrance. The majority of development wavering, bringing about underweight and hindering,

⁵⁸ Victora CG, Hanson K, Bryce J, Vaughan P *Achieving universal coverage with health interventions* *Lancet* 2004,364 1541-8 Available at <http://www.cmaj.ca/content/173/3/279/full> (Last accessed 20 4 15)

⁵⁹ Penny ME, Creed-Kanashiro HM, Robert RC, Narro MR, Caulfield LE, Black RE *Effectiveness of an educational intervention delivered through the health services to improve nutrition in young children a cluster-randomised controlled trial* *Lancet* 2005,365 1863-72 and Dewey KG *Infant nutrition in developing countries What works?* *Lancet* 2005,365 1832-4 Available at <http://www.cmaj.ca/content/173/3/279/full> (Last accessed 20 4 15)

⁶⁰ Santosh Mehrotra, *Child Malnutrition and Gender Discrimination in South Asia* Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/441794> Vol 41, No 10 (Mar 11-17, 2006), pp 912-918 (Last accessed 20 4 15) [Hereafter mentioned as Mehrotra, 2006]

happens from before conception until around two years old - the impacts of which proceed Underweight children have a tendency to have more serious diseases, including the runs and pneumonia. Thirdly, amid adulthood a second time of fast development might serve as a window of chance for making up for right on time adolescence development disappointment. In regardless of the possibility that the pre-adult gets up to speed with some lost development, the impacts of early childhood lack of healthy sustenance on intellectual advancement and conduct may not be completely rectified. "A hindered Young girls is therefore destined to end up astunted youthful and later a hindered women. Aside from direct impacts on Health and profitability, grown-up hindering and underweight increase the possibility that her children would be conceived by less conception weight. Thus the sequence proceeds.

Other than in utero development, child nutritious status is for the most part the aftereffect of the child's sustenance admission and Health status - at a quick level. Be that as it may, each of these valuables has their own detectable influence.⁶¹ The child's Health condition is controlled by natural situations (harmless water, clean technique for excreta exchange, incredible cleanliness), Health administrations, and the mother's minding limit. The adolescent's nourishment admission is controlled by sustenance accessibility and the mother's minding limit normal to both principle determinants of child nutritious status.

Insightfully one can notice that the women's own particular Health, her substantial capacity to bosom nourish for an expanded time (particularly the beginning six months), her comprehension and emotions, her power on the money related assets, her freedom in basic leadership - all these minding limit. Toward the day's end, her status in appreciation to other family unit people and her general status in the general population stadium are essential distinct of her ability to give the

⁶¹ Second Report on the World Nutrition Situation, Volume I, Administrative Committee on Coordination/Sub-Committee on Nutrition, United Nations. Geneva. Available at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4417941> (Last accessed 25 6 15)

thought that her youths need, for them to comprehend the ability of their bodily and psychological improvement

Sustenance accessibility is influenced by creation and circulation of nourishment - appropriation inside of the nation, as well as inside of the family unit (the last being a basic zone where Young girls and women might be burdened) Women' status even influences the accessibility of nourishment and family sustenance security In numerous nations, particularly in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, women are firmly included in sustenance creation and obtaining. Yet their absence of control over how nourishment is circulated inside of the family unit is of basic importance to their own particular Health and prosperity, and that of their children Moreover, women' learning of the healthful advantages of various sustenance's and their capacity to direct family unit assets toward nourishment for home utilization can likewise critically influence the child's prosperity. Moreover, paying little respect to the likelihood that Health organizations are open, whether the mother or the child can get to the organizations now and again of need, might be a choice made by the mother. Within a manner of speaking, the immediate influence of the adolescent nutritious condition - the child's sustenance affirmation and the child's Health status - are at danger to be influenced by the mother's position

The child's Health and nutritious condition will in like a way to be examined, as said above, by the way of external surroundings- harmless water, clean technique for waste matter exchange, cleanliness sharpens - and the way of Health organizations The limit of youths to acclimatize supplements would be disturbed by its shortcoming

The past talk has now demonstrated that the most prompt years of an adolescent's life, mainly the beginning three years are fundamental to the advancement of the child in later years After the introductory six months, the child needs additional sustenance with a particular final

objective for meeting the protein, imperativeness, and micronutrient requirements of adolescents. As the South Asian mothers can't give breast milk in attractive sums, it is significantly likely that south Asian infant children need complementary sustenance impressively more and sooner than six months. In any case, clearly in south Asia only 33% of children age six months get such additional food.

Finally, brief act is needed as the right to use of harmless water and hygiene is connected with all the people. In an area depicted by an extreme thickness of masses, the Health of all the people, mainly mothers and children should be well considered. South Asia is portrayed by a standout amongst the most decreased extension rates in the world for safe sanitation.⁶²

a) Inclination of male posterity and its suggestions regarding the position of the girl child.

One of the essential sorts of separation and one which has extensive results for women is the inclination consented to the young boy over the young girl. This observation contradicts the young girl's remarkable Health, preparing, preoccupation, monetary open entryway and the benefit to pick her associate, slighting her rights under articles 2, 6, 12, 19, 24, 27 and 28 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Child liking alludes to an entire extent of characteristics and demeanors that are appeared in an extensive variety of practices, the ordinary component of which is a personally view point for the male child, habitually going with young girls are ignored. It might induce that a girl child is upset from origination; it might choose the value and measure of parental thought and the level of enthusiasm for her headway, and it might provoke extraordinary isolation, particularly in settings where resources are uncommon. Regardless of the way that negligence is the

⁶² Mehrotra, 2006

fundamental, in convincing cases a small child may provoke particular untimely conception or female child murder.

In various social requests, the family inheritance is passed on by male teenagers. The protection of the family unit name is guaranteed through the son(s). In any case, in two or three countries (e.g. Ethiopia); a young woman adopts her companion's family unit name, losing the name by her own gatekeepers. The apprehension of losing a name prompts families to wish to have a child. A couple of men marry twice or thrice in having a baby boy. In all the locales, capacities are accomplished by the males. Clerics, ministers, sheikhs and particular spiritual pioneers are males of heavenly position who are considered as remarkable enormity in the society, and this essential part for men obliges individuals to wish for a male child. Pious pioneers have a critical commitment in the spread of child inclination.⁶³

Child inclination is a trans-social miracle, more set separated in Asian social requests by large settled in the men-controlled system. In the particular Asian states, the miracle is fewer overwhelming than some of the others. A boy child is more grounded in the states who has the firmly settled men controlled and biased system. Ethnic social requests, which are regarding the married social requests, tended to be more sex libertarian until the methodology of developed cultivating.

Child inclination in the Asian district shows itself either secretly or unmistakably. The conception of a child is invited with festivity as an advantage, while that of a young girl is seen as an obligation, an approaching monetary channel. As indicated by an Asian axiom, "bringing up girls is like watering the neighbor's garden."

⁶³ *Harmful Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children*, Fact Sheet No 23. Available at <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet23en.pdf> (Last accessed 26.6.15)

i) Emotional and physical condition outcomes

The mental outcome regarding the child favoritism on women is the cover of the low respect decided for them by the people. Investigative verification of the destructive result of child favoritism on the Health of girl child is uncommon, however odd sex degrees in baby child and lively child death ratio, in maintaining position pointers and also in masses figures display that uneven observance are in all cases and have certifiable side effect Topographically, there is periodically a near to association between the extents of well-built child inclination and of Health affront for females.

Partition in the reinforcing and being concerned of the young girls and top rates of dismalness along with the lack of healthy sustenance have been considered in the immense popularity of the nations Addition to the 66% of the world's populace, there are people who reside in those nations who have no enlistment of death and in many of the states where demise rates are not dispersed by gender In addition, victimization Young girls must be compelling to develop in death rates For each developing Young girls who bites the dust, there are numerous whose Health and potential for development and improvement are for all time hindered Unlimited news over the world has verified that, in social orders where child inclination is honed, the strength of the female child is unfavorably influenced In a couple of bunches in the Asian areas where child inclination is exceedingly stamped, tries to discrete a girl child from a boy child by the help of different money related measures and observance, that begin as ahead of schedule as the fetal period and proceed all through the whole life span.⁶⁴

⁶⁴ Ibid

ii) Female Child Murder

Sex predisposition or child inclination puts the girl child in an inconvenient situation since conception. Within a few groups, in any case, especially in Asia, the act of child murder guarantees that some female children have no life by any stretch of the imagination, damaging the fundamental right to life set down in article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of the child. Specific untimely conception, foeticide and child put to death all happen in light of the fact that the female child is not esteemed by her way of life, or on the grounds that specific monetary and administrative actions have administered her life ineffective.

For example, in India, child's homicide was officially authorized in opposition to in the middle of British guideline, following quite a while of practice in a few groups. Be that as it may, late news has shown about its rebuilding.

Specifically, in some places of India and Pakistan, women are still viewed as superfluous indecencies. Previously, when successful armed forces took their vengeance on vanquished groups, women were assaulted as a feature of the crown jewels of war. Along these lines, these groups turned to executing their girls during childbirth or when the foe was progressing, to save the female populace and group from disgrace.

Present day procedures, for example, amniocentesis and ultrasound tests have given women more prominent energy to distinguish the sex of their infants so as to prematurely end. Unlawful premature birth, especially of female babies, whether by one's own demand or carried out by clumsy origination authorities, in unfortunate clean circumstances have incited extended mother's death, mainly in South and South-East Asia.

Female feticide is a rising issue in two or three sections of India, and the Legislature has commonplace a bill in Parliament with boycott the utilization of amniocentesis for sex-determination reasons

iii) Child matrimony and endowment

Child matrimony is also one of the foremost issues that are faced more by the young girls, rather than boys. The act of giving adolescent girls for marriage at the age of 11, 12 or 13, after which they should begin delivering children, is predominant amongst some of the cultural gatherings in Asia and Africa region. The essential explanation of this following is the Young girls' virginity and the women cost. Immature girl child is more averse to be in the sexual contact and hence are accepted to be virgins upon marriage; according to them, this act of theirs, enhances the position of a family unit and additionally the share to be given via the spouse

Adolescent marriage misuses a girl at her youth time, physically and mentally. Child marriage causes uneasiness as the girl is taken away from her guardian's home to that of her life partner and in-laws. Her partner would be many years older than her. It thus becomes difficult for her to have a healthy relationship with required privacy,

Societies where early marriage takes place are also the victim of son privileged action and they most likely are malnourished, and accordingly they have underdeveloped physical growth. The carelessness against little girls, especially in the public with strong son inclination, furthermore contributes towards the early marriage of girls. It has been usually recognized at United Nations seminars on customary practice affecting women and children, and on the center of research, that early marriage lessens the value of women in few of the societies and that this practice go on with the outcome of son preference that leads to low weight and malnutrition issues in girls

Personal laws that permit child marriage or restrict girls' right to leave such marriages trap married girls in situations that endanger their health and survival. Married girls face grave risks to their bodily integrity stemming from early pregnancy and sexual and other forms of physical violence.⁶⁵ International human rights law recognizes "the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health."⁶⁶ Governments have an immediate obligation to ensure this right without discrimination, including by adopting "effective and appropriate measures to abolish harmful traditional practices affecting the health of children, particularly girls, including early marriage."⁶⁷ Ensuring the right to health requires states to refrain from imposing or enforcing discriminatory practices relating to women's health status or needs.⁶⁸ Where personal laws undermine legal protection against child marriage and expose girls to risks of sexual violence and reproductive health harm that often occur within child marriages, the right to health requires states to take corrective action. The CEDAW Committee has specifically criticized states parties whose official policies reflect the influence of religious ideologies that compromise women's health.⁶⁹ Governments have an obligation to review and, where necessary, amend laws to ensure the protection of the right to health without discrimination.⁷⁰ This requires the enactment and effective enforcement of laws prohibiting the marriage of girls, regardless of parental consent, under the age of 18.⁷¹

⁶⁵ Center for Reproductive Rights, *Child Marriage in South Asia: Stop the Impunity* 16-17 (2013) available at http://reproductiverights.org/sites/crr.civicactions.net/files/documents/ChildMarriage_BriefingPaper_Web.pdf

⁶⁶ ICESCR, *supra* note 38, art. 12. See also ECSR Committee, General Comment No. 14: The right to the highest attainable standard of health (Art. 12), (22nd Sess., 2000) in *Compilation of General Comments and General Recommendations Adopted by Human Rights Treaty Bodies*, at 84, para. 30, U.N. Doc. HRI/GEN/1/Rev.9 (Vol. I) (2008) [hereinafter ESCR Committee, Gen. Comment No. 14].

⁶⁷ ESCR Committee, Gen. Comment No. 14, *supra* note 75, para. 22.

⁶⁸ *Id.* para. 34.

⁶⁹ CEDAW Committee, Concluding Observations: Ireland, para. 180, U.N. Doc. A/44/38 (1989).

⁷⁰ CRC Committee, General Comment No. 15: The right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health (Art. 24), 62nd Sess., para. 73, 93, U.N. Doc. CRC/GC/C/15 (2003).

⁷¹ CEDAW Committee, General Recommendation No. 24: article 12 of the convention (women and health), (20th Sess., 1999), in *Compilation of General Comments and General Recommendations Adopted by Human Rights Treaty Bodies*, at 364, para. 15(d), U.N. Doc. HRI/GEN/1/Rev.9 (Vol. II) (2008); CRC Committee, General

iv) Pre-mature pregnancy, nourishing taboo and observance identified with infant deliverance

Pre-mature pregnancy can have dangerous results for both mother and a child. According to United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), no girl should become pregnant before the age of 18 because she is not yet physically ready to bear children. Offspring of moms of 18 or much younger than that be likely be considered inauspicious by having the less body mass; such newborn children will presumably kick the pail in the fundamental years of their existence. The risk to the immature mother's own particular Health is in like manner more conspicuous. Shortcoming is ordinary among poor expecting and deficient women.

In various divisions while making the scene, particularly in rustic regions, Young girls wed not long after adolescence and are required to begin having children promptly. In spite of the fact that the circumstance has enhanced subsequent to the mid 1980s, in numerous territories the lion's share of Young girls under 20 years old are as of now hitched and having children. Even though, various states have increased the honest to goodness period of marriage, this had least effected on the standard social requests where marriage and youthful carriage present "status" on a women.

Generally all through the making scene, the typical sustenance affirmation of expecting and nursing mothers is far underneath that of the ordinary male. Social chips away at, including wholesome taboos, ensure that pregnant women are prevented from securing pivotal nutriments, and consequently they tend to encounter the evil impacts of insufficient iron and protein.

Comment No. 4 Adolescent health and development in the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, (33rd Sess., 2003), in *Compilation of General Comments and General Recommendations Adopted by Human Rights Treaty Bodies*, at 416, para. 20, U.N. Doc. HRI/GEN/1/Rev.9 (Vol. II) (2008).

Weakness can be enhanced by a more adjusted eating routine. The decision of sustenance expended is controlled by various components, including accessibility of normal assets, financial aspects, religious convictions, economic health and conventional taboos. Since these variables place limits in some way on the admission of nourishment, groups and people are denied of crucial nutrients and, subsequently, physical and mental advancement is weakened.

Nonappearance of key data of human generous limits can incite unreasonable ending when affliction sets in or in particular when a mom or her child fails horrendously. Enveloped by myths and false notion, what may be an essential bad luck could be elucidated in significantly more wretched terms as the aftereffect of hatred feelings or dreadful signs.

For the most, country ranges all through the creating scene have excessively less health focuses and centers, prepared maternity specialists, medical caretakers and specialists than urban territories. For most provincial occupants, health treatment must be achieved from Traditional birth attendants (TBAs). Most of the TBAs have no proper education in health, however obtain their aptitudes by method for traineeship. These are capacities gone down through times of women. By seeing the certain circumstance, the TBA acknowledges which treatment should be used for what disease, or by watching the situation he sees the way of carrying out different sorts of transport. On the off chance that the circumstance transforms, they attempt to adjust their insight and cures and trust that works. In the event that things turn out badly, in any case, uncommon elucidations are already specified, shortcoming is on no account credited to the TBA.

By World Health Organization (WHO), more than a broad part of the births in developing countries are gone to the TBAs. Regardless of these women have each awesome plan to help their patients, demise ratio are more in those nation zones where they do their work.

Treatment of blocked work by incapable and damaging routine systems can lead to the uterine burst. Affected of the uterus still includes one of the fundamental purposes behind maternal going in obstetric practice in developing nations. Despite when blocked work does not realize maternal end, it prompts drawn out or even never-ending wiped out Health in the predominant piece of cases.⁷²

b) Role of Midwives in Maternal and Child Health

Talented participation amid pregnancy and delivery has been shown to be a standout amongst the best method for decreasing maternal demise and handicap. Achieving this conclusion has been a serious formative procedure of exploration and mediations spreading over more than 15 years, which has seen much improvement in the talented organized description along with the limitations of their amplexness to extra lives.

In the midst of 90s, the expression "Trained Birth Attendants" was utilized by numerous offices, and state-run measurements on scope inclined to assemble together expert and non-experts (e.g. prepared TBAs) mutually the length of they had gotten some kind of "preparing". From 1996 beyond, be that as it may, "gifted" was utilized, perceiving that somebody who has been prepared is not as a matter of course talented. Along these lines "prepared" infers however does not ensure application, whilst "talented" infers the skilled utilization of learning.⁷³

"Skilled attendant"⁷⁴ was then characterized, in light of the joint WHO/UNFPA/UNICEF/World Bank explanation as

"People with midwifery skills (for example doctors, midwives, nurses) who have been trained to proficiency in the skills necessary to manage normal labor and deliveries, recognize the onset of

⁷² Ibid

⁷³ Graham et al (2001), *Can Skilled Attendance at Delivery Reduce Maternal Mortality in Developing Countries?* In De Brouwere, V and Van Lerberghe, W (2001) *Safe Motherhood Strategies: A Review of the Evidence*. Studies in Health Services Organization & Policy, 17, Belgium [Hereafter mentioned as et al 2001]

⁷⁴ WHO (1999) *Reduction of Maternal Mortality, A Joint WHO/UNFPA/UNICEF/World Bank Statement*. Geneva

*complications, perform essential interventions, start treatment, and supervise the referral of mother and baby for interventions that are beyond their competence or not possible in the particular setting*⁷⁵”

In 2000, on the other hand, the Safe Motherhood Initiative Inter-Agency Task Group went ahead in formulating an advanced and extremely basic, refinement between “skilled attendants” and “skilled attendance” “Skilled attendance” is described as “the process by which a woman is provided with adequate care during labor, delivery and the early post partum period” needs equally a talented orderly along with the empowering situation. An “enabling environment” incorporates sufficient supplies, hardware, and framework and in addition powerful frameworks of referral. It additionally incorporates “the political and policy context in which skilled attendants operate the socio-cultural influences, as well as proximate factors such as pre- and in service training, supervision and deployment and health systems financing.”⁷⁶

The prerequisite of origination pros arranged to handle details in an emergency condition is one of the primary techniques to avert maternal passing and incapacity. Mediations that decrease results of quick reasons for maternal mortality are demonstrated to work with gifted conception specialists prepared to handle difficulties in a crisis circumstance. The level of births went to by talented staff is utilized as a key pointer⁷⁷ in minimizing the deaths of mothers, where the aim of South Asia is have capable escorts at 90 percent of births by 2015.⁷⁸

It can be used as a motivated target to keep an expansive number of lives, sets an unstable test for South Asia as only 35 percent of births in the zone happen with the cooperation of capable

⁷⁵ World Health Organization Department of Making Pregnancy Safer, *WHO Recommendations for the Prevention of Postpartum Haemorrhage*. Available at <http://www.pphprevention.org/files/WHORECOMMENDATIONSFORPPHAE hemorrhage.pdf> (Last accessed 8/1/16)

⁷⁶ Safe Motherhood. Available at: <http://www.safemotherhood.org>

⁷⁷ The extent of births went to by gifted well-being staff is the rate of conveyances went to by faculty prepared to provide the vital supervision, consideration and guidance to women amid pregnancy, work and the pre-birth period to lead conveyances all alone, and to administer to infants.

⁷⁸ IMF/OECD/UN/World Bank (2000) *A Better World: Progress towards the International Development Goals*. USA

thought, the most decreased rate in the world paying little respect to the huge people size⁷⁹ The greater part of women convey babies went to by a relative or a conventional conception specialist (TBA), who frequently do not have the learning to distinguish risk signs, not to mention react skillfully to entanglements with medications, for example, oxytocics to quit dying India has the superior rate in it, as the 35 percent of births went to by Traditional Birth Attendants, and somewhat more than 40 percent went to by Health specialists⁸⁰ Nations in South Asia where the speed of talented specialists at transport is higher intend in having less maternal mortality. This is a proof from Sri Lanka's practice, that is, it has the most diminished maternal deaths extent in the zone, for treatment approximately 97 percent of transports went to by talented chaperons.

In like manner, neonatal passing and stillbirth, firmly connected to the mother's demise, will probably be anticipated when talented conception chaperons and crisis obstetric consideration are accessible, alongside antenatal consideration amid pregnancy.

Reinforcing and extending the unit of gifted birth orderlies is tested by the substandard level of abilities and few quantities of Health laborers per rustic population that exist The insignificant competency that Health specialists need to apply life-sparing procedures for women encountering pregnancy complexities is frequently an aftereffect of incapable preparing

All through South Asia, preparing has a tendency to be founded on educational programs and procedures that are outdated, left "as it seems to be" out of disregard or asset limitations without new strategies and examination fused Trainings tend to depend strongly on speculative data as opposed to offering circumstances to rehearse and teaching. This circumstance enlarges extra when "trained" workers come back to their specific Health workplaces and moreover the less

⁷⁹ UNICEF (2004) *State of the World's Children* New York

⁸⁰ Government of India and UNICEF (2003) *Master Plan of Operations, Programme of Cooperation for 2003 - 2007* India

amount of patients, dynamic arrangement of workers or preventive techniques keep them from utilizing their latest aptitudes, and in this way, capability fades. There is likewise the issue of overhauling aptitudes of staff in commonplace zones or what is conventionally known as the periphery, yet meanwhile challenging a high turnover. Various Health posts, particularly, which are in natural and far-off reaches have invalid point for possibly 6 months or further.

The planning of trained origination orderlies, either to improve or augment amounts of workers, therefore asks for orchestrating with key foreknowledge and obligation. The issue has been innovatively universal, originating since disintegrated practice, nepotism, incompetent association and blundering organization in the Health structure, opinionated dubiousness and moving need of dissimilar associations which are approaching towards ruling authority. These parts hang on in opposition to a foundation of separation on the way to women Health where concerning people in authority make an effort by and large absent and not a need.

a) Traditional vs Trained Birth Attendants

The greater part of women convey babies went to by a relative or a conventional conception specialist (TBA), who frequently do not have the learning to distinguish risk signs, not to mention react skillfully to entanglements with medications, for example, oxytocics to quit dying. The rate is to some degree top in India, with 35 percent of births went to by TBAs, and somewhat more than 40 percent went to by Health specialists.⁸¹ This, in any case, does not make her a "gifted conception assistant."⁸²

Continued with enthusiasm for the readiness of TBAs without placing assets into a working referral system and Emergency Obstetric Care Services (EmOC) administrations and in addition advancing backing from professionally prepared orderlies or Health specialists, is not convincing.

⁸¹ WHO/UNFPA/UNICEF/World Bank (1999) Reduction of Maternal Mortality. Joint Statement. Geneva.

⁸² UNICEF India (no date) Strategy Paper for Safe Motherhood. India.

in minimizing the maternal deaths TBAs must be arranged wherever the rate of organizational transports is less, right to use of the proper organized Health structure is deprived and the speed of movements by TBAs is excessive. Regardless, such preparing, notwithstanding routine of safe delivery, ought to concentrate on ahead of schedule acknowledgment of peril signs amid delivery and learning of the referral framework. TBA preparing will add to the diminishing of mother's death exactly when it is a bit of a more broad method that consolidates bracing the recommendation structure, control and assessment in this way cultivating the connection between the formal and casual frameworks of tend to women.⁸³

b) Obstetric Care during Crisis: Securing the presence of those most in need

Notwithstanding the accessibility of remedial development to take care of the troubles and neutralize mother's deaths, women and their newborn children will keep on dying on the off chance that they don't have admittance to a close-by, working EmOC office. Here, access and a working office are watchwords. The Commission on Macro financial matters and Health, arranged by the World Bank, expresses that first, the nonattendance of offices, framework, medications, gear and blood supplies required for typical deliveries are real imperatives to diminishing maternal deaths.⁸⁴ The pervasive nonattendance of obstetric administrations and absence of familiarity with their significance in South Asia put the lion's share of women at awesome danger. Crucial Obstetric Care (EOC) depicts the segments of what is required for the organization of common and frustrated pregnancy, movement and postnatal anxiety time.⁸⁵

⁸³ Collin Bullough (2000) *An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Traditional Birth Attendants in Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy and Delivery*. Centre for Sexual and Reproductive Health, JSI UK.

⁸⁴ Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (no date) *The Evidence Base for Interventions to Reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Low and Middle-Income Countries*, CMH Working Paper Series, WG 5 Paper No. 5.

⁸⁵ WHO, Fact Sheet No 245, June 2000.

Entirely, all of the extent organizations which handle origination complexities are a division of EOC, known as Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC). Most nations in South Asia have set up a system of region doctor's facilities and essential medicinal services focuses; Health posts or Health units that attempt to give administrations to the rustic greater part. Remembering government methodologies and strategies to amplify regenerative Health organizations in the region are extending in number, the enthusiasm for HR is moderate to arrange the pace required for MMR diminishment. EmOC organizations put recognition for Health workers to the extent their number and abilities. Be that as it may, the issue is not only one of expanding preparing, for the organization or substitution of staff is similarly squeezing because of the interminable absence of motivating forces for Health and medicinal professionals to go for fringe postings.⁸⁶

c) Dangerous Customary practice disturbing the Health of mothers and Children

Various universal lawful instruments on civil rights further strengthen singular rights, furthermore secure and deny oppression particular gatherings, specifically women. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, for occurrence, had been affirmed by 136 States as of January 1995. The Convention compels countries party to it, generally speaking, to "seek after by every single proper mean and immediately an arrangement of dispensing with victimization women" (article 2). It consoles the conventionality of social equality for women and men by and large society stadium and in the family, it forces countries get-togethers to make a move in opposition to the societal reasons for women's imbalance; and it requires the end of laws, generalizations, practices and biases that hinder women's prosperity.

⁸⁶ Surviving Child Birth and Pregnancy in South Asia, United Nations Children's Fund. Regional Office for South Asia. Available at <http://www.unicef.org/rosa/surviving.pdf> (Last accessed 3/6/15)

Customary social observation reveals qualities and feelings seized by people from a gathering for ages regularly spreading over times. Each party on the world has specific standard social practices and feelings, some of which are valuable to all people, while others are ruinous to a specific get-together, for instance, women. These damaging standard practices consolidate female genital mutilation (FGM), compelled sustaining of women, premature marriage, the distinctive taboo or observance which keep women from dominating their own specific productivity; dietary taboos and routine origination practices, young child and its recommendations for the position of the young girls, girl child murder, premature pregnancy, and settlement cost. Regardless of their perilous character and their encroachment of worldwide human rights laws, such practice proceed since they are not tended to and tackle a nature of significant quality as indicated by those sharpening them.

The worldwide gathering has wound up alert of the need to satisfy esteem between the genders and of the way that a reasonable social order could not be accomplished on the off chance that key human advantages of half of human culture, i.e. women, keep being denied and insulted. Regardless, the discouraging actually the frightful standard application being attentive on in this Fact Sheet have been performed for male purpose of inclination.

Different explanations are provided for the energy of standard observations badly arranged to the Health and position of women, which include the path that, some time recently, no governments and worldwide gatherings are worried of such malicious routines, which harm the civil rights to Health, life, honor ability and individual dependability. The general gathering stayed watchful about viewing such problems as a justifying question for worldwide and nationwide examination and movement. For instance, dangerous observance, i.e. female genital

mutilation was seen as insightful social problems coming within the circles of women and the team

Conclusion:

Mainly women in under-developed states are ignorant of their vital civil rights. It is this condition regarding the absence of mindfulness which makes sure their affirmation and, along these lines, the spread of hazardous customs takes a shot at impacting their success and that of their children. Despite when women got a level of money related and supporting care, they routinely sense weak to accomplish the alteration imperative to wipe out sex divergence. Authorizing women are fundamental to every methodology of advancement and to the end of these damaging standard performances.

Despite the fact that such national sanctioning and overall standards are crucial in taking care of the issue of perilous standard practices, there is a sincere prerequisite for a similar program that concentrate on the social atmosphere because of which this practice is created, with a particular finished objective to take out the distinctive backings intact in supporting them. It is the commitment of countries to amend the societal airs of both the genders, with a viewpoint to slaughtering standard works on considering the thought about the average quality or predominance of either sex or on stereotyped parts of sexual introduction.

Transformation in men and women learning, mind-set and behavior are crucial circumstances in realizing the symphonious association of both of them. It is vital to upgrade correspondence amidst them on the matter of sexuality and conceptive Health, furthermore, the comprehension

of their mutual commitments, so that men and women are equivalent assistants out in the open along with the personal living⁸⁷

United Nations also have recognized that the right to life is violated where women and adolescent girls experience preventable maternal mortality and morbidity, including from early pregnancy and from illegal and unsafe abortions⁸⁸ The Human Right Commission (HRC) has recognized that child marriage, early pregnancy, and maternal mortality and morbidity are linked⁸⁹ and has repeatedly expressed concern under the right to life where there are high levels of adolescent pregnancy⁹⁰ States parties are obligated to help adolescent girls avoid unwanted pregnancies as well as HIV/AIDS, including by strengthening access to contraceptive information and services and sexuality education programs⁹¹ States parties also must ensure that adolescent girls are not exposed to the life-threatening risks of illegal and unsafe abortions⁹²

⁸⁷ Convention on The Elimination Of All Forms Of Discrimination Against Women (art. 5 (a)), adopted by General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979 Fact Sheet No 23, "Harmful Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children" Available at <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet23en.pdf> (Last accessed 11/01/15)

⁸⁸ Human Rights Committee, Concluding Observations Mali, para 14, U N Doc CCPR/CO/77/MLI (2003), Madagascar, para 14, U N Doc CCPR/C/MDG/CO/3 (2007)

⁸⁹ Human Rights Committee, Concluding Observations Senegal, para 12, U N Doc CCPR/C/79/Add 82 (1997), Sudan, para 10, U N Doc CRC/C/15/Add 10 (1993)

⁹⁰ Human Rights Committee, Concluding Observations Guatemala, para 20, U N Doc CCPR/C/GTM/CO/3 (2012), Jamaica, para 14, U N Doc CCPR/C/JAM/CO/3(2001)

⁹¹ Human Rights Committee, Concluding Observations Lithuania, para 12, U N Doc CCPR/CO/80/LTU (2004) Kazakhstan, para 11, U N Doc CCPR/C/KAZ/CO/1 (2011)

⁹² Human Rights Committee, Concluding Observations Kazakhstan, para 11, U N Doc CCPR/C/KAZ/CO/1 (2011)

Chapter 4:

State Responsibility and Challenges to Health in South Asia

This chapter deals with the health scenario of Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. It comprises of three parts, the first part includes the present situation of these three states, the second part includes the key challenges faced in the maternal health; while the third part includes the role of state in overcoming the problems related to the reproductive rights. Human services access has fluctuating importance in various nations, particularly crosswise over creating and created economies. In the created economies, it is frequently compared to the entrance status of human services protection, while in the creating economies, it is seen principally crosswise over two measurements: the physical range of a medicinal services office, and moderateness to the patient.⁹³

Introduction:

Maternal Health is the exceptional issue in creating nations. Mother's and new born deaths and less origination mass are critical result markers of maternal Health. The data pointers join pre-conception care, right after the birth of a baby-thought and productivity control. At the period of pre-conception, concern should be given to the iron supplementation that plays a major role in the mother's Health in making the financial system.

Maternal shortcoming is portrayed as hemoglobin (Hb) < 110 g/L or 115 g/L in medical practice with a small assortment as indicated by the trimester of pregnancy. Regardless, a

⁹³ "Understanding Health care Access in India: What is the Current State?" *IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics*, (June 2013). Available at http://www.imshealth.com/deployedfiles/imshealth/Global/Content/Corporate/IMS%20Institute/India/Understanding_Healthcare_Access_in_India.pdf (Last accessed 21/8/15)

hemoglobin level <100 g/L suggests insignificance at each time of pregnancy that ought to be examined and treated in light of likely honest to goodness sways for mother and her newborn child. They may be in extended danger of intrauterine advancement obstruction, less origination weight, tinier skull limit and unfavorable origination. A champion amongst the most unremitting explanations behind sick Health is the necessity of iron. Expecting Mothers are all things considered at higher peril for iron deficiency. Pregnant women are by and large at high hazard for iron insufficiency.⁹⁴ A standout amongst the most incessant reasons for ill-health is iron lack. Pregnant women are all around at high danger because of the insufficiency of iron, that might be the less admission of iron from the eating routine by deficient admission of meat, products of the soil. The circumstance is disturbed in pregnancy in light of the fact that amid pregnancy iron interest is expanded with a specific end goal to permit the development of feto-placental unit. The higher thoughtful interest for iron in pregnancy is difficult to get together by the help of nutritional admission of iron-rich sustenance only. Along these lines if it is endorsed those women expecting a child ought to routinely get iron supplementation at any rate for three months amidst pregnancy.⁹⁵

Governments, during services of health and other related to offices, assume a vital role in Health improvement, through fortifying health frameworks. This authorizes Health frameworks to achieve the purpose of enhancing health, decreasing health inequality, protect the significance in medicinal services financing and responding according to the need of a population. The element of governments in health enhancement is particularly reported worldwide and is appeared by the incredible progress of health structures, began and maintained by the

⁹⁴ Izci-Balserak, B and Pien, G. W. Sleep-disordered Breathing and Pregnancy: Potential Mechanisms and Evidence for Maternal and Fetal Morbidity. *Current Opinion in Pulmonary Medicine* (2010)

⁹⁵ Rana Ejaz Ali Khan and Muhammad Ali Raza, "Maternal Health Care: The Case of Iron Supplementation in India" *Pakistan Journal of Commerce and Social Sciences* (2013) Vol. 7 (2), 263-275. Available at <http://www.jespk.net/publications/122.pdf> (Last accessed 14/7/15)

governments and looked after through in association with the private region, nongovernmental associations and selfless establishments

The sensational modification and complexity which took place in the most recent four many years of the twentieth century have extraordinarily inclined and encouraged a relocation of the administration's part in Health and also other social segments. Be that as it may, the occurrence of the Health area is unmistakable from different divisions, as business sector powers neglect to address legitimately the Health needs of populaces, for different reasons, leaving governments with unique obligations in Health advancement. As a result of business sector dissatisfaction, governments have an obligation to intervene keeping in mind the end goal to improve both value and proficiency, to do vital general Health capability and to distribute crucial open products which have a huge agreement of attitude on Health improvement.

Moreover, Health is found in the Region and somewhere else, not similarly as a business division item, but rather as an important human need and a social right, as said in various constitutions and stamped settlements. Such requirement incorporates essential elements and duties as for governments, not considering any shifting in political and social circumstances⁹⁶

1) Health Care scenario in Pakistan

The Health segment in Pakistan has experienced a background marked by disregards and is broadly acknowledged as seriously failing to meet expectations. Yet Health is vital to building a steady and prosperous economy and society. In Pakistan, the Health framework depends on government financed Health delivery and additionally secretly financed market delivery in a blended private and open framework. The area all in all experiences a progression of diseases

⁹⁶ World Health Organization, Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Fifty Third Session (July 2006) Available at http://applications.emro.who.int/docs/EM_RC53_Tech_Disc_1_en.pdf (Last accessed 13/5/15)

bringing about perilously low levels of access by the populace to moderate, quality social insurance⁹⁷

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) give duration-constrained destinations for beating awesome shortage and give the key human rights to Health, guideline, along with the safety that were guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and United Nations Millennium Declaration⁹⁸ In 2015, it is helpful to observe how Pakistan has performed in the Health related objectives on that were set in 2000. Health results are profitable in gauging a country's Health execution over past decades and in driving cross-country assessment

Pakistan is not on the pathway of fulfilling the majority Health related MDGs, health stays on the outskirts of the improvement outlook. With the eighth most elevated infant passing rate on the world, Pakistan is on the eighth most noteworthy.

One in every ten adolescents considered in Pakistan in the midst of 2001-07 passed away before completing the age of five years. Women have a 1 in 80 shot of going on of mother's Health causes in the midst of their regenerative life.⁹⁹ Pakistan in this way confronts an overwhelming test in enhancing Health results for children and grown-ups alike

Keeping in mind the end goal to accomplish significant changes in the Health area, it is basic to figure a balanced Health strategy that centers on fleeting Health results as well as on enhancing the long haul Health status of the populace on the loose. Given the present level of government use on Health, a change in this division appears to be far-fetched. The way of

⁹⁷ Antonia Settle, "Post Budget Orientation Series for Honorable Parliamentarians: Federal Budget: Health Sector" (2-July-2010). Available at <http://www.wanjishtar.info/pdfs/CP-PB.pdf> (Last accessed 18/5/15) [Hereafter mentioned as Settle, 2010]

⁹⁸ Commissioned by the UN Secretary General and Supported by the UN Development Group: Millennium Project 2002-2006. Available at <http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/reports/fullreport.htm> (Last accessed 23/5/15)

⁹⁹ The World Bank, "The World Bank Annual Report 2010" Available at <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXT/ANNREP2010/Resources/WorldBank-AnnualReport2010.pdf> (Last accessed 5/5/15)

general Health organizations has seen a downturn over the span of the latest couple of decades, and the rising people are extending weight on the national foundations. This has permitted the personal range to vanquish any obstacle among rising hobby and open acquirement of therapeutic administrations. The personal division's part in the acquisition of organization movement has extended tremendously. The poor state of open workplaces by and large has added to the decreased some portion of general Health workplaces. Out-of-pocket applied as a price of personal utilization on Health is around 98 percent, arranging Pakistan is one of those countries who have the most imperative offer of out of the money portions in appreciation to entire Health use¹⁰⁰

In spite of the way that future, Health, and desires for regular comfort have enhanced in the latest couple of years, this progression has not been uniform crosswise over nations, furthermore, even inside nations there exist severe varieties in Health results. South Asia has the best centralization of half-starved individuals on the world, where one in each five persons is half-starved or preserves micronutrient needs, for instance, Vitamin A and iron.

"Gages suggest that South Asian countries lose around 1 percent of their GDP due to such deficiencies"¹⁰¹

Pakistan is a party to the United Nations solicitation of the MDGs, which are to be able by 2015. Though it has done achievements in some of the areas, the country has not put together good in regard to the healthcare purpose. Quickly, death rates are higher for teenagers and women in South Asia, given that, it will pay no attention to meet MDGs 4, 5, and 6 (on child

¹⁰⁰ World Health Organization, "Global Health Risks, Mortality and burden of disease attributable to selected major risks" Available at http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/GlobalHealthRisks_report_full.pdf (Last accessed 11/4/15)

¹⁰¹ Uzma Afzal and Anam Yusuf, "The State of Health in Pakistan: An Overview" *The Lahore Journal of Economics* (September 2013) pp. 233–247. Available at <http://121.52.153.179/JOURNAL/LJE%20vol%2018%20se/10%20Afzal%20and%20Yousaf.pdf> (Last accessed 19/6/15) [Hereafter mentioned as Afzal and Yusuf, 2013]

demise, mother's health, and drawing in HIV/AIDS, intestinal tribulation, and various defilements, only) To meet the MDGs, infant child death rate ought to decay to 40 deaths for each 1,000 live births and the under-five destruction ratio to be almost 52 deaths for each 1,000 live births Deaths of mothers should lessen by basically 50 percent (140 for each 100,000) by 2015

Maternal mortality, in spite of being hard to gauge, is alarmingly high A considerable amount of this branches from the low rate of talented conception participation and high fruitfulness charges Moreover alarming is the charge of talented formulation in supports—a mediator for maternal death—has truly lessened from 48 percent in 2004–06 to 41 percent in 2008/09. The situation is significantly more monstrous in countryside regions which has the mother's death rate double than the urban zones 319 for each 100,000 in common place extents and 175 for each 100,000 in urban zones

Surveying the execution of the general Health administration in Pakistan is basic. In spite of idealistic cases by Khan¹⁰² relating to enhanced administrations, the picture is not very encouraging The circumstance is significantly all the more stressing when we take a gander at contrasts in administration procurement and usage among rustic territories They are at a practical disadvantage to the extent the usage of important and tertiary Health organizations

While the extent of organizations in nation Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) has extended after some time, the space in the middle of rustic and urban utilization of Health offices stays persistent in Sindh and Balochistan¹⁰³ Taking the case of full vaccination rates

¹⁰² Khan, A "Health and nutrition In Pakistan economic survey 2010–11" Islamabad, Pakistan Finance Division (2012) [Hereafter mentioned as Khan, 2012]

¹⁰³ World Bank "Delivering better health services to Pakistan's poor (Report No 68258)" Washington, DC Author (2010)

(confirmation and audit) in 2010/11, there is around 79 and 77 percent scope in common Punjab and KPK, however only 67 and 45 percent in Sindh and Balochistan ¹⁰⁴

Under the Family Planning and Primary Healthcare Program, the Women Health Worker Program had enrolled more than 103,000 Women Health Workers (LHWs) by March 2012. Around 76 percent of the objective masses is as of now secured by LHWs which has revived the practice inoculation for children the country over and accomplished some change in antenatal thought, precaution pervasiveness, and talented origination cooperation in the reaches secured. LHWs are arranged in a general sense at Basic Health Units (BHUs), to which they in like manner imply their clients. Regardless of absence and a deficient delivery of arrangements at the BHUs infer that various patients are still rejected both protective and restorative cure. The way of organizations passed on by the LHWs in like manner requires standard checking and appraisal—frames that are still to be totally completed ¹⁰⁵

With the announcement of the eighteenth Constitutional Amendment and the seventh National Finance Commission Award, Health is transformed into a typical topic. The regions' as of late empowered status renders epic commitments to the extent specifying methodology, reorganizing capacity, increasing support, along with the guarantee of the recent offices that run effortlessly. The National Health Policy of 2009 is not any more appropriate in light of the various leveled changes post-2010. Till today, there is no countrywide Health way to deal with the areas. While they are depended upon to add to their own methodologies, they will at present need bearing from the middle, mainly the less important areas, and Pakistan would even now require a clear nationwide inspiration for Health.

¹⁰⁴ "Pakistan social and living standards measurement survey 2010–11 (chap 3)" *Pakistan Bureau of Statistics Islamabad, Pakistan* (2011)

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The part and the circumstance for women in a customary, patriarchal society of Pakistan include an extraordinary bearing. Society has effectively characterized their parts. Oppression of a female child begins from her origination, and proceeds for the duration of her life. What transpires, when she turns into a grown-up, is subjected to a wide range of misuse running from mental and physical torment to sexual misuse. In patriarchal society as in Pakistan, family is the essential unit which sets the standards for male and female.

Research has exhibited that guideline is a sufficient variable to engage women to test sexual introduction relations, yet much is required to change the principles and the fundamental perspective of society. Capability rate has upgraded in Pakistan to the extent selection rate, yet there are numerous auxiliary requirements on women's instruction and their work decisions as far as work related rigidities and women's own recognitions and desires for grown-up life. Another disservice of being a woman in Pakistan is the hesitance of society to acknowledge the believability of a woman, and their significant part, required to elevate the financial status of family and society. However the predisposition against females does not restrict to male as it were. Intriguing finding is that females themselves are not prepared to acknowledge their own sex. On the reason of social feelings they have the viewpoint that males are more viable and strong than females.

Women in Pakistan encounter the evil impacts of a nonappearance of access to human administrations, because of an out and out nonattendance of Health workplaces and in addition in view of relative separation of such workplaces. Women need to confront conventional taboos against counseling specialist which depend on false customs and religious convictions. Issues in access to Health workplaces and conceded decision making at the family level if there ought to emerge an event of emergency are the key components for high maternal mortality. The maternal

mortality in the developing countries is unprecedented yet in making countries, millions of women face this risk every year. Greater parts of women endure interminable vitality inadequacy and ailing health. Numerous preventable and cure-capable ailments get to be life undermining for women because of absence of sufficient eating regimen and overwhelming household work. Women's Health issues are by and large related with their reproductive Health. By (2003) around 60 women pass on of pregnancy related complications in Pakistan consistently.

Health issues of women increment amid the reproductive age because of nutritional insufficiency and the presence of progressive pregnancies, which expand the danger of maternal mortality. An incompetent conception orderly is the fundamental variable in charge of such high maternal death rates. Only 20 percent of the transports are gone to by skilled Health personals. Generally births happen at homes, 86.5 percent of all births in nation ranges happens at home appeared differently in relation to 51.3 percent in urban zones.¹¹¹

Health is a vital piece of prosperity and has fundamental monetary advantages. Pakistan is one of the 115 nations on the globe that sees the hallowed right of Health. By means of this request, Pakistan has guaranteed to get better in the way of thought along with the performance of having the improved Health results all the way through another idea for Health put down in the principle of National Health Policy 2009. To diminish the bulk of ailments, satisfactory people advancement, bring to light the ways to deal with attaining Health regarding to the MDGs by 2015. Regardless, transferable illnesses can capture a mind-boggling duty in weight of contaminations and is obligated to progress further with fast urbanization, sustenance feebleness, worst nutritional inclinations, ecological danger, nonattendance of right to use the harmless

¹¹¹ "Situation of Women in Pakistan" Available at <http://pr.hec.gov.pk/Chapters/749S-2.pdf> (Last accessed 26/15)

drinking water and absence of instruction. Each one of these components braces the cost of debilitated Health.

Pakistan did the division of general health between the provinces as a result of eighteenth amendment of the Constitution in the month of June 2011, in it every Health obligations were regressed to territories so that better Health delivery administration must be guaranteed. Be that as it may, to catch the post decentralization intermittence of Health in Pakistan, the law making body have had united all the main Health organizations and Health associated capacity below the National Health Service, Regulation and Coordination Division (NHSRCD). Its name has been changed and its duty would be to provide the national capacities in Health in a merged way. It will have two powers, ruling through instructions and management that would be in accordance with soul of the eighteenth amendment. The latest Health organization will combine every main foundation that is spread crosswise over 8 Divisions into renamed Division which will fortify government harmonization, in this manner creating ideal effect on commonplace administrations also.

MDGs are an overall inspiration of exercises for human change. Several South Asian countries examine the headway on MDGs attests that there has all the earmarks of being little believability of meeting the MDGs. This is in all probability in light of benefit impediments and distraction of advantages a long way from Health to meet the crushing utilizations of essentialness, surges, sustenance and security over the span of the latest couple of years which fundamentally influenced the movement of Health organizations. In spite of the way that Pakistan has been enlisted in an imperative rejection in its adolescent and mother's death rate ensuing to 1990 from an extent of key mediation to fight the genuine illnesses wilderness fever, measles and HIV etc. Regardless, direct progression in the markers of mother's Health and child's death are genuine.

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The three branches of government (legislature, executive and judiciary) pay out only 23.8 for each penny of the entire utilization on Health organizations. NGO zone is just about not-present to the extent costs on Health organizations. Its offer is only 0.3 for every penny. Not only is the distribution of Health organizations are tilted transversely over strata, tiltiness in their scattering similarly established while examining Rural-urban access to Health organizations in India. Case in point, in common India there are 0.2 center beds for each thousand people as in opposition to 3.0 in urban reaches. Consequently in commonplace extents there are only 0.6 masters for each 1000 people, which is as it as 3.4 in urban zones. Common inner-city varieties are generally as declared by ethicalness of aftereffect of Health organizations.

The Government of India has taken another monstrous approach activity is called as National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to diminish the separation in the middle of urban and rustic territories in the area of Health. The significant goal of NRHM is to enhance the accessibility of and entrance to quality human services by individuals, mainly for those dwelling in country regions, poor people, women and children. A legislature supported survey of NRHM likewise uncovered its moderate advancement. The real issues in the execution of the NRHM are regulatory requirements, administration issues, insufficiencies in HR and also the poor interest in general Health administrations in the later past.

The uneven right of entry to Health organizations is minimally communicated by the eleventh Five Year Plan of India (2007-2012). " there is also a divide between those who have access to essential services such as health, education, drinking water, sanitation, etc, and those who do not. Groups which have hitherto been excluded from our society such as Scheduled Castes (SCs).

Scheduled Tribes (STs) and some minorities and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), continue to lag behind the rest”¹¹⁴

Sexual orientation inconsistencies in Health administrations are additionally extremely intense and merit extraordinary consideration of the approach producers. Sex variations are found by virtue of use of Health administrations both for in-patient and out-patient consideration. Despite dissimilarity in Health advantages, the nature of Health organizations and organization of general Health affiliations is also the reason of distress. Before, the road and rail network workplaces were missing path by their under right backing. Likewise the majority of general Health establishments are shorthanded joined by a far above the ground nonappearance pace amongst the staff. Thirdly, pharmaceuticals are not commonly available in the Health associations¹¹⁵

Notwithstanding expansive changes as of late, future in India stays underneath nations at a comparative level of improvement. Health results and administration procurement change essentially crosswise over states, with just a couple giving accesses to far reaching fundamental human services administrations to everybody. Albeit general medicinal services on a fundamental level offers free essential social insurance administrations to every, most state's Health frameworks experience the ill effects of lacking spending and deficiencies in administration, leaving numerous with deficient consideration. Thus, a great many people swing to private human services suppliers, which differ drastically in quality and charge for their administrations.

¹¹⁴ “Towards Faster and More Inclusive Growth: An Approach to the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) New Delhi: Government of India” Planning Commission (December 2006), p 9

¹¹⁵ Ghuman, B S Mehta, Akshat “Health Care Services in India: Problems and Prospects” (2009) Available at http://www.umdeipe.org/conferences/policy_exchanges/conf_papers/Papers/1551.pdf (Last accessed 14/8/15)

Aggravating the high amount of deaths in adolescent is the existent consequences of deprived sustenance among poor moms and their children. As a result of physical and mental advancement, lack of healthy sustenance lessens a potential Health sometime down the road, as hindered and frail children experience the ill effects of littler measure of training, concentrated proficiency and lesser wages as grown-ups. India has high extents of low birth weight children and supplement insufficiencies contrasted and other South Asian nations, China and even sub-Saharan Africa sometimes ¹¹⁶

India's national social insurance framework tries to give a far reaching exhibit of administrations to all and at no expense, yet battles to do as such practically speaking. General medicinal services administrations – centers in the group which convey fundamental bleeding edge human services administrations, local healing centers and tertiary doctor's facilities that can give profoundly specific techniques in urban areas – are subsidized by the countries and the central government and keep running by state governments. Social insurance specialists are utilized as government workers and doled out to offices. Past a chosen few states and pockets of brilliance, the general population area is missing the mark regarding its goal of meeting the essential social insurance needs of the populace. Administrations are regularly too far away, missing prepared work force and supplies, and not dependably open.

There are extensive issues of unfit medical caretakers and specialists working in private offices. There has been couple of endeavors to create controls to make sure that employees have the suitable restorative direction or displaying that major models of hygiene and security are being held fast to. Where such directions are present for Health experts, it is ineffectively upheld. All OECD nations have frameworks to assist patients and managers confirm a specialist's

¹¹⁶ Dreze and Amartya, 2013

specialization and mastery. These are worked by therapeutic affiliations, which embrace this part to shield the notoriety of the calling with managers and buyers

Where capacity for private healing centers as of now exists, they are as of now inadequately upheld. The 2010 Clinical Establishments Act is a long past due reaction yet the enactment is being executed gradually and not received by all states. Whereas India's majority modern personal area healing facilities have tried to have themselves authorize besides world's best guidelines, a fundamental form of official approval appropriate for all open and personal doctor's facilities ought to be produced

Medical Training ought to require involvement in rustic groups and in essential consideration. Late OECD research recommends that little monetary motivating forces have not been viable in urging specialists and medical caretakers to move to more denied and provincial regions. Administrative strategies, for example, obliging rustic administration or creating provincial medicinal schools, are more viable

The result of small level of open expenses and lesser entrée to open offices is that family units bear the expense of administrations in the private segment. Few of them can't get to human services while the rest of them come under the destitution as an aftereffect of Health expenses. Amongst those individuals who could not watch over a fleeting Health condition in India, 28% of those in rustic territories said it was because of money related issues, contrasted with 20% in urban zones¹¹⁷

The medicinal services administrations are isolated under State rundown and Concurrent rundown in India. While a few things, for example, general Health and doctor's facilities fall in the State list, others, for example, populace control and family welfare, therapeutic training, and quality control of medications are incorporated into the Concurrent rundown. The Union Service

¹¹⁷ Ibid

of Health and Family Welfare (UMHFW) is the central force accountable for usage of different projects and plans in ranges of family welfare, aversion, and control of significant mawomen. On account of Health the term foundation tackles a more extensive part than insignificant physical base. Social insurance focuses, dispensaries, or healing facilities should be kept an eye on by very much prepared staff with an administration point of view.¹¹⁸

Social insurance covers not just medicinal care but rather additionally all perspectives acc preventive care as well. Nor would it be able to be constrained to mind rendered by or financed out of open consumption inside of the administration segment alone yet incorporate motivating forces and discouragement for self consideration by means of classified nationals to recover from sick Health. Where, as India, private out-of-pocket use rules the cost financing medicinal services, the impacts will undoubtedly be backward. Medical services at its crucial center are broadly perceived to be an open decent.¹¹⁹

The administration's endeavors to enhance maternal Health won't be simple, given that destitution is boundless and immovably established in the nation. Four-fifths of Indians presently survive in below US\$2 per day; this aggregate incorporates the 33% who survive in wretched neediness, on under US\$1 a day.¹²⁰ Nevertheless, numerous hold fast on an unbending position framework that propagates intergenerational destitution and separation in parts of the nation. In spite of remarkable late financial development in more created state, the gross national salary per capita was only US\$950 in 2007.¹²¹

¹¹⁸ Laveesh Bhandari and Siddhartha Datta, "Health Infrastructure in Rural India" Available at <http://www.nrk.ac.in/3inetwork/html/reports/IIR2007/11-Health.pdf> (Last accessed 12/8/15)

¹¹⁹ R. Srinivisan, *Health Care in India- Vision 2020 (Issues and Prospects)* Available at http://www.planningcommission.nic.in/reports/genrep/bkpar2020/26_bg2020.pdf (Last accessed 13/8/15)

¹²⁰ Susheela Singh, Lisa Remez, Usha Ram, Ann M. Moore and Suzette Audam, *Barriers to Safe Motherhood in India (June 2009)* Available at <https://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2009/07/29/Safe-Motherhood-India.pdf> (Last accessed 16/8/15) [Hereafter mentioned as Singh, Remez, Ram, Moore and Audam, 2009]

¹²¹ Ibid

In June 2011, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram¹²² under the NRHM. This programme aims to provide free and cashless administrations for every pregnant woman for ordinary Deliveries and in addition Cesarean segment operations, and watch over debilitated new conceived babies (up to 30 days) in all administration Health offices – rustic and urban – the nation over. While this is a step towards universalizing an important aspect of maternal health care, it remains to be seen what barriers women will face in terms of elimination of 'informal payments' and provision of acceptable quality services.¹²³

Despite the fact that parts of India are growing quickly, the constructive outcomes of a blasting economy have not been equitably circulated and are not yet evident in expanded interest in the general Health framework. In addition to where the accessibility of restorative suppliers is the subject of whether women are yet ready to look for therapeutic administer to themselves in relation to portion of every Indian women, through moderately slight distinction by management authority or range of habitation (city versus provincial), state that they have less or nothing to do with choices about their own particular medicinal services. Spouses and relative keep on being essential chiefs with respect to whether and when women look for social insurance.¹²⁴

As the administration looks to grow its consumption on medicinal services, it must choose a methodology that gives the best social insurance access advantage to the Indian populace. Reasonable strategy answers for social insurance financing, base, and human asset difficulties

¹²² Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Maternal Health Division Guidelines for Janani -Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (English Translation Mother Security Scheme) NRHM, New Delhi, Jun 2011. Available at <http://cghealth.nic.in/health/2011/jssk/GuidelinesforJSSK1.pdf> (Last accessed 23/15)

¹²³ Subha Sri B and Renu Khanna, *Institutional Deliveries to Safe Deliveries* (2012). Available at <http://www.commonhealth.in/report-pdf/4a-%20monograph%20Maternal%20Health%20Policy%20in%20India-2012.pdf> (Last accessed 17/4/15) [Hereafter mentioned as Sri B and Khanna, 2012]

¹²⁴ *ibid*

are fundamentally required. Perceiving that not all that matters can be changed on the double and the timescale is long, a guide is crucial to guarantee crevices are organized, interconnections and conditions perceived, assets coordinated to the right regions, targets characterized, progress measured, and the group necessarily included along the way. Late advance and responsibilities by the Government and private area propose the ability exists to contribute and operationalize the progressions expected to widen social insurance access over the whole Indian populace ¹²⁵

Women's strengthening is thwarted by restricted independence in numerous territories that has a solid bearing on improvement. Their regulated inadequacy attributable to low levels of education, constrained introduction to broad communications and access to money and confined versatility results in restricted territories of skill and control (for occasion, cooking). The family is the essential, if by all account not the only locus for them. In any case, even in the family unit space, women's cooperation is much gendered. Broadly, about a large portion of the women (51.6%) are included in choice making on their human healthcare services ¹²⁶

The family unit has seen to be a conspicuous site for sex based separation in matters of human services in various different concentrates as well. Marriage in India is prevalently patrilocal with the new women migrating to her conjugal house after marriage. Early marriage more often than not takes after a truncated instruction, disadvantaging young girls from various perspectives. In such a setup, the new women, effectively unmindful about health procedures, might be in a troublesome position to look for human services ¹²⁷

¹²⁵ "Understanding HealthCare Access in India" *IMS Institute for HealthCare Informatics* (June 2013) Available at http://www.imshealth.com/deployedfiles/imshealth/Global/Content/Corporate/IMS%20Institute/India/Understanding_Healthcare_Access_in_India.pdf (Last accessed 15/4/15)

¹²⁶ Sunilkumar M Kamalapur and Somanath Reddy "Women Health in India: An Analysis" *International Research Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 2(10), 11-15, October (2013) Available at <http://www.isca.in/IJSS/Archive/v2/i10/3/ISCA-IRJSS-2013-135.pdf> (Last accessed 8/5/15)

¹²⁷ Ibid

To the extent of high deaths mirrors the little position of women, endeavors to expand the importance of women are an urgent stride towards parenthood more secure. The attention has been raised on to identifying the reasons of reducing the mother's death. The worldwide accord regarding the significance of conference the MDGs has given the access to an important porthole of chance to reinforce the administration desire to decrease mother's death, and this move forward by the administrative is required at all the stages; countrywide, state and nearby. Singular countries have tremendous weight beneath them to go along and they are required to report their advancement at regular intervals. Endeavors should be increased in those expresses that face more prominent boundaries to guarantee a quicker speed of advancement in the direction of attainable objective of secure parenthood for all the women.¹²⁸

Maternal health policy in India needs to go beyond institutional delivery care to seriously and decisively addressing determinants like anemia, malaria and tuberculosis. In addition, at the very least, a comprehensive maternal health package should consist of contraceptive services. Comprehensive interventions are required to bring down maternal mortality ratios. The immediate reasons for maternal mortality – haemorrhage, pre-eclampsia/eclampsia, sepsis, obstructed labour can be taken care of by skilled birth attendance and quality maternal health services. Utilizing the existing skills of the TBA at places where they are consolidated with some additional training on proper assistance at delivery and early identification of complications while using a standardized protocol used in midwifery practices will go far in obliging the requirements of a large number of women who deliver at home out of choice or otherwise. But the root causes also need to be addressed through community-level interventions as well as making maternal health a political issue, which is of concern for society at large. The importance

¹²⁸ Singh, Ramez, Ram, Moore and Audam, 2009

of dealing with the broader social determinants needs to be acknowledged by policy and programme makers and not expect narrow solutions to achieve sustainable results¹²⁹

Existing health services are poorly monitored and standards or regulations rarely enforced. There is evidence of idealistic goals for improvement combined with lowering of resource allocation to the health sector. South Asian countries must make a concrete investment in improving health services to comply with The Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) requirements.¹³⁰

3) Health care scenario in Sri Lanka

Up to this point, Sri Lanka had no critical provincial urban relocation, to a great extent since social administrations in countryside regions were great. Notwithstanding, with growing mechanization in the earlier tenfold, many individuals were moving into the city territories.

Sri Lanka's mortality move is to a great extent complete, and its mortality designs look like those of a created nation.¹³¹

The gains that Sri Lanka made were strengthened from numerous points of view by great instruction, an emphasis on sexual orientation value, and expansive Health framework improvement. However, the particular moves that were made to take care of the issue of mother's deaths had a different and certain helpful effect. In Sri Lanka, the fundamental Health framework gives out as a crucial stage from which to work yet did not itself create the amazing outcome. Those were because of a stage-to-step technique to give expansive access to particular clinical

¹²⁹ Subha Sri B and Renu Khanna, "Maternal Health Policy in India: From Institutional Deliveries to Safe Deliveries" *Publications by Common Health*. Available at <http://www.commonhealth.in/report-pdf/4a%20monograph%20Maternal%20Health%20Policy%20in%20India-2012.pdf> (Last accessed 13/7/15)

¹³⁰ The Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), *Implementing CEDAW in South Asia, Successes and Challenges*. Available at http://pages.uoregon.edu/aweiss/intl421_521/CEDAW_Report_South_Asia.pdf

¹³¹ Ravi P. Rannan-Eliya, Lankani Sikurajapathy, "Sri Lanka: "Good Practice" in Expanding Health Care Coverage" *Institute For Health Policy*. Available at <http://www.ihp.lk/publications/docs/RSS0903.pdf> (Last accessed 13/7/15)

administrations, to empower usage of those administrations, and to deliberately enhance quality¹³²

Sri Lanka is one of the countries who have less ratio of mother's death (the quantity of mother's death per 100,000 live births) on the globe in spite of the general neediness pervasive in it. Administrative strategies of Sri Lanka have for a long time underlined value in the right to use of fundamental requirements in framework, fitness along with the instruction. The approaches that have enhanced women's position and in this way decrease mother's death are recorded underneath.

Open training for all and equivalent enlightenment with instructive entree for Young girls, Immense female instruction, and expanded period of matrimony for Young girls are variables connected to the comparative higher position of women in the public eye.

- Birth control is exceptionally available; Planned Parenthood commonness is more, and the fertility ratio is less.
- During Pregnancy and delivery administrations are open because of fine street base, mother along with the child Health, administrations are coordinated with family arranging, and without charge administrations are available to groups through group support government offices. More than 90 percent of women convey with a talented specialist in an establishment.¹³³

Sri Lanka's Human Development indicator and achievement in the direction of the Millennium Development Goals have been hailed as an achievement in conditions of societal

¹³² Saving Mothers' Lives in Sri Lanka, Available at http://www.cgdev.org/doc/millions/MS_case_6.pdf (Last accessed 15 5 15)

¹³³ Jerker Liljestrand and Kristina Gryboski, "Reproductive Health and Rights—Reaching the Hardly Reached Article 12 Women Who Die Needlessly Maternal Mortality as a Human Rights Issue" Available at <http://www.path.org/publications/files/RHR-Article-12.pdf> (Last accessed 11 6 15)

benefit strategy making in a usual reason¹³⁴ In past it had an effective open advantage approach with a dynamic state mediation in the arrangement of fundamental needs that goes back to the colonial and post-autonomy periods. The state's motivating force and plan to seek such strategies has been firmly attached to political philosophies of the time.¹³⁵

Since the day, Sri Lanka got independence; it has highly centralized state composition which has resulted in the dependence of much of the population on state services and the entrenchment of support systems for individual and group enrichment.¹³⁶ A closest where political plans do better than the all phases of strategy building, the main purpose and means of national strategy making procedure on public safety are focal point of too much discussion¹³⁷

The point of state reunion of progress on strategies and projects between benefactor offices, government and civil society organizations (CSOs) stays an extremely politicized practice in Sri Lanka. The benefits, plans and power flow of the country molds it, along with the various other international organizations, institutions, groups and group leaders in society. Regardless of the way that techniques and decisions done at the global stage change into the opening of structural adjustment strategy, liberalized markets or poor advancement motivation at the state level, these are still center to critical collaboration.¹³⁸

The present schemes give help and compose the support for public interest arrangement and projects in Sri Lanka are summarized in two sets of key reports

¹³⁴ Millennium Development Goals Sri Lanka Country Report 2008/2009 Institute of Policy Studies (2010)

¹³⁵ Kabeer, N 'A Review of Social Protection in South Asia' Social Protection in Asia Working Paper Series unpublished draft (2009)

¹³⁶ Bastian, S 'Politics of Social Exclusion, State Reform and Security in Sri Lanka' IDS Bulletin Volume 40 No 2, pp 88-95 (2009)

¹³⁷ Peiris, P 'Evidence Based Policy Making in Sri Lanka: An Account of a Researcher' Core Group meeting for the South Asia Evidence Based Policy in Development Network, Colombo, Sri Lanka (2011)

¹³⁸ Diprose, R, Cader, A A, and Thalayasingam, P Conflict-sensitivity, development effectiveness, inequalities, and conflict in Sri Lanka: Understanding aid programming, voice and action in local conflict-affected environments Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE) (2010)

- The Mahinda Chintana documents to contain a pre-election proposal. the Mahinda Chintana: Vision for a New Sri Lanka - 10 year Development Framework for 2006 and 2016 (Department of National Planning, 2006) and Mahinda Chintana A Brighter Future 2010)
- The Sri Lanka Action Plan – in the light of its dedication to the SAARC Social Charter intended at the encouragement of public good of the people of South Asia (Government of Sri Lanka, 2008)

The Government of Sri Lanka enforces a diversity of plans with the purpose of focusing on providing the protection to the underprivileged groups. The Samurdhi programme is the focal idea to openly target poor and helpless families and groups. Additionally, various new programmes concentrate on particular parts of deficit, giving the money to families or persons, or financing access to specific items for example milk for the newborns, food supplements (Thripusha), school uniforms and text books.¹³⁹ Plans like these intend to be executed either by the Ministries of the federal government or through the Provincial Councils and consist of programmes which will help individuals under emergency conditions natural tragedies.¹⁴⁰ On the contrary, in the war, groups in the north and east got significantly additional help from the international organizations comparatively higher than the government programmes, that has distant them from other helpless groups in the state.¹⁴¹

The Samurdhi programme implements a triple advancement strategy welfare, microfinance and groups development. The most important principle is welfare, which comprises of

¹³⁹ Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) 'Rapid Scoping Study of Supplementary Welfare Schemes in Sri Lanka' Unpublished report (2009)

¹⁴⁰ (i) Asian Development Bank Scaling Up the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction Sri Lanka Country Report (2007)

(ii) World Bank Sri Lanka Strengthening Social Protection (2006)

¹⁴¹ Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) 'Moving Out of Poverty in Conflict – Affected Areas in Sri Lanka' Unpublished report (2006)

expenditure support (Samurdhi subsidy) and social protection for households whose earning falls under a certain point. The purpose of microfinance is to give the economic help to poor through a chain of Samurdhi banks made in all over the state. Community increase concentrates on sustaining the condition of economic and public organization, agribusiness and nourishment specifically regions. The evaluated text particularly does not consider the effect of Samurdhi welfare programme on the north-east, though it somehow believes on its appliance all over the country. Fieldwork did by CEPA in the north and east in 2005/6 show that, despite the fact that the Samurdhi Programme exceptionally dynamic in these zone, the programme was extremely appreciated by the groups, despite the fact that the asset exchanges were not extremely generous, it in any case permitted them to get to focal government services.¹⁴²

The administration's dedication to the SAARC social contract (2008-2015), planned to move forward the benefit of overall populace of the region through upgrading their standard of living, as figured in a National Plan of Action.¹⁴³ Public safety is expressed inside a wider approach of poverty decline and suppression, by means of a particular arrangement of security nets to avoid more worsening expectations for everyday comforts of poor people, alongside opening the earning doors for underprivileged. Extraordinary consideration is likewise provided to weak class on lesser wages; women in condition of directing the violence on the basis of gender and encouraging authorization strategy, while adolescents regarding education and child protection.¹⁴⁴

¹⁴² Ibid

¹⁴³ Government of Sri Lanka, "Sri Lanka Action Plan 2008-2015, SAARC Social Charter. National Coordinating Committee, Prime Minister's Office" (2008)

¹⁴⁴ Priyanthi Fernando and Sonali Moonesinghe, "Livelihoods, basic services and social protection in Sri Lanka"

Working paper 6 *Centre for Poverty analysis* (August, 2012) Available at

http://www.researchgate.net/publication/263928943_Livelihoods_basic_services_and_social_protection_in_Sri_Lanka (Last accessed 25/9/15)

Sri Lanka has enhanced maternal consideration amid pregnancy, at delivery and amid the lactation period. The worldwide target expects to guarantee that no less than 90 for every penny of births worldwide went to by talented Health staff by 2015. The decision of this pointer depended on authentic and observational proof on the relationship between having a gifted Health specialist at delivery and the decrease of maternal mortality. Extent of Deliveries went to by talented Health faculty, along these lines, is a key MDG marker. Institutional Deliveries are high and represented just about 99 for each penny of births in 2006/07. Practically all births are gone to by an expert Health supplier, this component has halted to depend on upon the beginning of asking the child or mother's age amid labor, as it was before some time. By Health framework side by side, pregnant moms who register at a Health office for antenatal registration typically get qualified to utilize the same office or a Health foundation for delivery regardless of the actuality whether the office is claimed by the legislature or private element.

The arrangement of Trained Birth Assistants helping with home deliveries, the expanded number of healing center Deliveries and access to crisis obstetric consideration has added to Sri Lanka's remarkable accomplishment in diminishing maternal mortality. In 2000, 96 for every penny of births were gone to by gifted Health staff, while an altogether lower rate of 84 for every penny was recorded in the bequest division. The rate in the domain area expanded to 96.5 percent by 2006/07, which is momentous. Somewhere around 1980 and 2006/07, Sri Lanka has recorded a predictable upward pattern in the rate of infants conceived in government or private Health office, which has expanded from 75.6 for every penny to 98.2 for each penny amid this period.

Deliveries in Health offices have gotten to be set up practice. Issues identified with nature of administration delivery, inside of doctor's facilities and nature of consideration given to moms

have been routinely gone to in the delivery of maternal Health administrations. Contrasts that exist between financial gatherings and in addition between land ranges have been gone to by posing more Health delivery and consideration work force to denied territories. Accordingly, antenatal scope has expanded to 90 for every penny.

Sri Lanka keeps up a solid system of ante-natal, intra-natal and post-natal administrations. Lessening the commonness of iron deficiency among pregnant moms, accomplishment of satisfactory weight pick up amid pregnancy and manageable supply of micronutrients are a percentage of the real worries in the current circumstance so as to enhance the nature of maternal consideration. Effectively, particular move has been made for specific mediations, for example, immunization and treatment of contamination discharge, still regard for sustenance has snuck past the holes in these territories.

With changing monetary arrangements and the rebuilding of the home part, there was a finished change in the administration of Health and welfare administrations. In the mid-1990s, the MMR in the domain segment was in the scope of 90-190 for each 100,000 live births, much higher than the figure for Sri Lanka. The troublesome territory and the long separations that pregnant moms in the domains needed to go to government organizations to get to crisis obstetric consideration might have added to expanding maternal mortality. At present, administrations in the minor regions are like those in the non-bequest Health administrations. Prepared maternity specialists, family welfare managers, Assistant Medical Practitioners and Estate Medical Assistants give the administrations. Utilized women are given transport offices and paid leave to go to antenatal centers.¹⁴⁵

The Key Challenges include

¹⁴⁵ "Millennium Development Goals Country Report 2008/-09" *Institute of Policy Studies* (July 2010). Available at <http://www.treasury.gov.lk/depts/npd/publications/MillenniumDevelopmentGoals2009.pdf> (Last accessed 10/4/15)

In spite of its solidness and achievement, the Sri Lankan Health framework is all things considered achieving a moment that generous changes will get to be unavoidable. Two patterns underlie this.

Regardless, it's amazingly accomplishment in decreasing deaths of women and their children, and from transferable infections infers to upcoming Health grabs obligc headway to be made in doing combating non-transmittable and unending contaminations, for instance, coronary ailment, sugar and hemorrhage. Its people are quickly developing, furthermore, its distress profile takes after that of a developed nation. There's a growing verification about the structure which has failed to get together with the test of giving the suitable drugs to these contaminations. An aggravating marker of this is male grown-up future has scarcely expanded in the previous thirty years. Viable reactions will probably include spending more on treatment intercessions, and modernizing the structure and flow arrangement of essential consideration to establish family professionals in dealing with continuous infections on a long term foundation. Not any of them are sensible with the present level of administration expenditure.

Secondly, expanding buyer desires for improved feature and enhance awareness of medicinal services offices as driving more Sri Lankans to select the secretive part. This is for the most part still for outpatient care, however the little private healing center division is becoming quickly. As of now majorly in the West part of the country, 62 percent or more than that, the outpatient consideration is presently taken in the private segment.¹⁴⁶ In the event that this pattern proceeds with, it dangers destabilizing people in general part if government specialists choose to go away from the personal area, and if the essential working classes pull back their political backing for keeping up open segment administrations. At last, enhancing the responsiveness of open part

¹⁴⁶ Central Bank of Sri Lanka "The Consumer Finances and Socio Economic Survey Report 2003/04 2 vols Part 1 Colombo, Sri Lanka Central Bank of Sri Lanka" (2005)

administrations will require some level of hierarchical change, yet these alterations mutually with overhauls in quality are not feasible without extensions in administration expenditure¹⁴⁷

As proposed, these two examples spot on the prerequisite for liberally extended administration expenditure. Sri Lanka has kept up its organization Health spending arrangement at 1.2-1.7% of GDP since the 1960's, however as a midst pay financial system with a developing and taught people this point is not any more adequate. Administrative Health expenses ought to extend to 2.0-3.0% of GDP in upcoming years if natures of thought, quality and purchaser agreement are not to persevere. The end of the road to it is not that inconsistent, which was reassured in the last few years. It is supported by the World Bank.

There are two decision that have been recognized are either to grow charge financing for the Health organizations, or to exhibit an across the board restorative scope structure to supplement the obligation financing. The tenet debate against the rule alternative is that the political association will discover it amazingly hard to raise commitments. On the other hand, the second option identifies with an important societal and governmental test, for which Sri Lanka has no past familiarity¹⁴⁸.

¹⁴⁷ Hsiao, William C., and Associates. "A Preliminary Assessment of Sri Lanka's Health Sector and Steps Forward." Cambridge, MA, USA: Harvard University (2001).

¹⁴⁸ Rannan-Eliya, Ravi P. "Sri Lanka's Health Miracle." *South Asia Journal* 14 (October-December 2006). Sri Lanka's Health System – Achievements and Challenges (2006). Available at <http://www.thp.lk/publications/docs/SAJ.pdf> (Last accessed 9/7/15).

Chapter 5:

Conclusion and Recommendations

The reason for this study is to analyze how women health care as an international human rights law is neglected in South Asian countries. Even when the world is developing, yet there are numerous difficulties which women of today's world are facing in achieving their basic rights. As one of the core idea of it is having an access to the quality health facilities in an affordable price. Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka were selected for case study and the factors influencing morbidity and mortality were observed.

There are many ways which are found to be discriminatory in giving the equal rights to women. The health system for both the women of urban and rural area should be same. Before providing the anti-discriminatory services, women should be aware of their rights and they should stand firm on it. Many of the women in these countries do not know how to acquire good health facilities from nearby hospitals. Few of them are even restricted to follow the old traditional practices which lead to severe problems.

The women in South Asian countries are mostly not independent in making the best choices for themselves. The fate of their lives is decided either by the husbands or mother in laws. The system is male dominant and which lacks woman empowerment that leads to the problems like gender discrimination, malnutrition, and early marriages and so on. They lack having the awareness of their due rights which makes their representation in making the choices for themselves lesser.

Pregnancy should be dealt timely with quality service especially in district hospitals and those hospitals should give proper care to the mother in order to overcome the high mortality rate. Along with that, there should be trained birth attendants in those areas where women have lack

of access to the hospitals. They should have proper knowledge about their case, proper sterilized tools should be used to avoid the infections. The international human right organizations emphasize on the improvement of maternal and child health as they both is their main focus in numerous policies. The World Health Organization and United Nations have given tremendous policies in this regard but they lack implementation.

By exploring the thesis, it was found that the traditional cultural practices are also the factor that is affecting the women and child health badly in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. It is a violation under the Convention against Torture, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Yet it has been in practice in the rural areas of South Asia particularly.

Nevertheless, the majority of nations have included the key rights in their constitutions with respect to Sexual orientation, correspondence and substantial security. Sacred norms are not simply optimistic, since an authorization strategy is likewise given. Therefore, the universal human rights guidelines can be linked in each of the three nations to make a distinction between social conventions which are unsafe practices that should be eliminated.¹⁴⁹

Water, Sanitary and Environment issues have been affecting a lot on women and child's health in Pakistan. Because of inefficient government and their failure to implement rules the public have been through difficult times. People of rural areas tend to suffer more than the people living in urban areas. Low incomes, little or no knowledge and poor facilities tend to make the situation worst. Along with that the death rate of babies in Pakistan is more than the mother's. Currently in rural areas Women Health Workers are playing their role and somehow the maternal mortality rate and other issues like skilled birth attendants, and proper medical care

¹⁴⁹ Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. Harmful Traditional Practices in Three Countries of South Asia: culture, human rights and violence against women. Available at http://www.unescapsdd.org/files/documents/SDD_pub_2530.pdf (Last accessed 11/16)

have been covered. Yet it needs improvement in the area of medicines. The unavailability of essential medicines contributes in the poor health of mother and child.

India is comparatively slow in progressing in health sector. The class system is the cause which lack in providing equal rights to every citizen of the state. The government hospitals have inadequate facilities and untrained staff which contribute in poor health system and high life expectancy. While the private hospitals are out of reach for every individual due to the high fee and being far from rural areas. Other problems like gender discrimination, malnutrition, untrained midwives/birth attendants are same in almost every country of South Asia.

Sri Lanka has remarkably progressed in health sector and continuously developing as it is done in a developed state. In comparison to Pakistan and India, Sri Lanka has low mortality rate as its Government has put an emphasis on giving equal opportunities to every one without any kind of discrimination.

The major finding of the research is that socio-cultural practices, gender-biasness, malnutrition, lack of essential medicines, availability and accessibility of hospitals have assumed an extraordinary part in depriving the women from obtaining the good health facility. The situation of health in South Asian countries is somehow not in conformity to International Human Rights Law. Additionally, there are certain difficulties which women are facing in accessing the available health resources. Moreover, there should be awareness programmes especially on rural level to give counseling regarding reproductive health. Also, the present laws should be revised and proper implementation is very important for the safeguard of access to health facilities. Security of reproductive rights is very important development of a society where due attention should be given to the mother and child.

The experience of all three countries shows that it is important to harmonize international human rights standards through legislative reform and put prohibitions in place. However, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka have national constitutions that incorporate fundamental rights regarding gender equality and bodily security but it lacks enforcement mechanism.

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