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The Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health
Presents the 2013 Resolve Award for Service Delivery to:

ZAMBIA



Zambia is improving health outcomes by restructuring its health sector, committing new resources to primary and reproductive health, and pioneering new strategies for integrated service delivery.

Challenges

A decade ago, Zambia's rates of HIV/AIDS and maternal and child mortality were among the world's highest, and access to family planning and reproductive health care was limited. Years of "structural adjustment" had decimated the country's health and social service sectors.

Policy Innovations

The Zambian government is meeting these challenges by boosting investment in primary and reproductive health; offering client-friendly integrated services; and placing maternal and child health at the center of its health initiatives. For example, Zambia:

- Increased spending on primary and reproductive health by 50%
- Is constructing 650 new rural health posts, to facilitate delivery of integrated primary and reproductive health services
- Offers family planning, and maternal and child health services free of charge in the public sector
- Provides access to a broad range of contraceptives, including long-term and injectable methods
- Is scaling up an acclaimed HIV program that works to prevent maternal-to-child transmission
- Developed a Malaria Control Program, which is focused on children and pregnant women
- Works with NGOs to avoid, prevent and mitigate the effects of unsafe abortion

Results

These efforts are producing measurable results. In the decade since Zambia adopted its integrated approach to health care:

- Contraceptive use increased from 15% to 41%
- More than three quarters of pregnant women living with HIV are provided with anti-retroviral drugs and counseling to prevent transmission
- Maternal mortality has declined by 40%
- Malaria deaths have been reduced by 67%



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