DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SAVE MOTHERS AND BABIES

KEEP NIGERIA ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS PROMISES ON LIFE-SAVING DRUGS

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**Drugs and medical equipment save lives!**

**Mothers need these drugs to survive**
- **Oxytocin and misoprostol** help address uncontrolled bleeding after birth, one of the three biggest causes of maternal death
- **Magnesium sulphate** is needed to treat eclampsia, a blood pressure disorder associated with childbirth

**Babies need these drugs to survive**
- **Injectable antibiotics** are needed to treat infections in newborn babies
- **Antenatal corticosteroids** can help pre-term babies develop their lung capacity before birth, in order to improve their chance of survival
- **Chlorhexidine** is used to disinfect the umbilical cord after birth, so that infections do not develop
- **Resuscitation devices** are crucial to prevent asphyxia in newborn babies disorder associated with childbirth

**Nigeria co-leads the world on life-saving commodities**

UN Commission on Life-Saving CommoditiesPresident Goodluck Jonathan is the co-chair of the worldwide UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children. The Commission has issued key recommendations to ensure that drugs and medical equipment:

- are available in sufficient quantity
- are well regulated
- are used appropriately, whenever needed

Progress made on these recommendations, in Nigeria and other countries, will be assessed in April 2013.

**Family Planning Summit**

Nigeria participated in the 2012 Family Planning Summit to mobilise financing and service delivery to support the rights of women and girls to use contraceptive information, services and supplies.

Nigeria committed to reaching a contraceptive prevalence rate of 36% by 2018 and spending an additional US $8.35 million annually over the next four years on reproductive health commodities.