

Voices OF HOPE

Lesotho

Mountainous terrain, limited transportation and a largely rural population make the delivery of health services challenging in Lesotho, especially maternal and newborn care. Lesotho's maternal mortality rate is 487 per 100,000 live births, and one in 61 women face a lifetime risk of dying during childbirth.

PWRDF in supporting Partners In Health Lesotho in providing maternal and newborn care in the catchment area of the Bobete Health Centre to prevent maternal and infant death. The program includes at least four antenatal care sessions and postnatal care for the mothers and newborns. Women who live far away will be provided with food and lodging, and accompanied to the Health Centre for safe delivery. Infants will be immunized and those exposed to HIV will be provided with the appropriate care.

PIH has shifted its focus on HIV case identification and treatment to a comprehensive primary health care approach and the Government of Lesotho has based its National Health Care Reform initiative on PIH Lesotho's model of care. PIH is a partner and a technical advisor at the community, district and national levels to reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, and combat HIV and TB through the progressive realization of universal health coverage for comprehensive primary care services.




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