

# Multi-sectoral Determinants of Maternal Mortality in Bangladesh

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**Abstract** - The findings that most of the maternal deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth-related complications result from emergency obstetric complications and take place within a short span of time underscore the need for strengthening the 1st level health care facilities with basic Emergency Obstetric Care services and continuous supply of essential life saving drug and other equipment, and also ensuring community ownership of primary health care centers and accountability of service providers to the community through decentralization of health programme.

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