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First WHO Global Report on Women and Health

With its global report on women and health, which has been published today, WHO has taken stock of the world-wide health situation of women and girls for the first time. Although some areas lack data and evidence, women's health risks due to discriminations on social, cultural and gender-related grounds become particularly obvious. Many diseases, disabilities and deaths among women could have been avoided if they were also guaranteed access to a reasonable health care.

Only by joint efforts from all WHO Member States will it be possible to improve women's health world-wide and to reach the Millenium Development Goals, e.g. regarding maternal health and gender equality. At the same time, the global report on women and health makes it clear: Whoever improves the health situation of women and mothers, will at the same time strengthen their families and the society in which they are living.

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