

A photograph of a woman with dark skin wearing a white hijab with a green headband, holding a baby in a green shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting. The image is overlaid with a green banner at the top and a blue banner at the bottom.

Venture Strategies Innovations

**Saving mothers' lives,
Strengthening communities**

working with our partner
Venture Strategies
for Health and Development



Venture Strategies Innovations

is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization committed to improving women's health in developing countries by creating access to effective and affordable technologies on a large scale. In our programs we work collaboratively with a host of local partners to implement programs that advance women's health, strengthen communities and ultimately save lives. Our mission is grounded in these values:

Equity • Respect • Collaboration • Expediency • Accountability

Every 90 seconds, a woman dies in pregnancy or childbirth. This is **preventable** and **unacceptable**.

In many parts of the world, pregnancy and childbirth are still life-threatening, despite technology that exists today.



BANGLADESH:
1 in 5 women

has a chance of dying in pregnancy or childbirth

4 in 5

births lack attendance by a skilled health provider

VSI and our partners trained 600 birth attendants who are reaching tens of thousands of mothers with misoprostol in clean delivery kits for safer births and healthy mothers and babies.

For mothers unable to reach a medical facility, home births are **safer and healthier** with clean delivery kits containing misoprostol tablets.

Support VSI and help make a difference
in the lives of women.



1 in 27 women

has a chance of dying in pregnancy or childbirth

47% of births lack attendance by
a skilled health provider

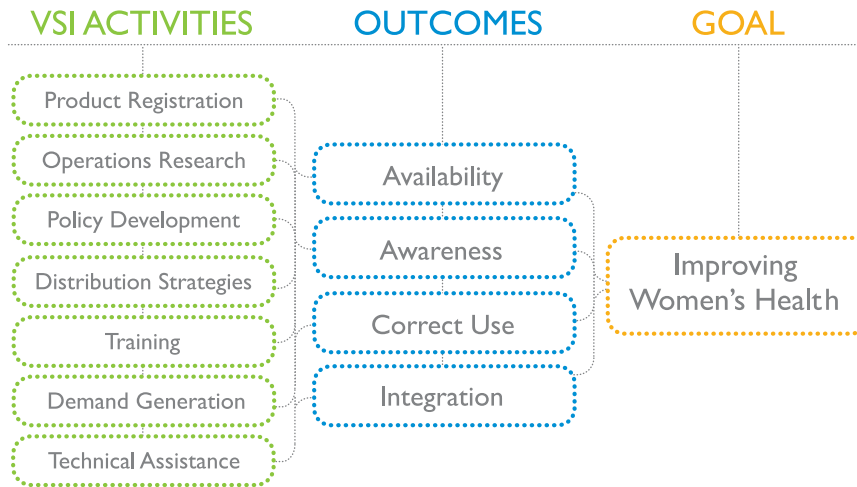
28% Unmet Need for
Family Planning

VSI is supporting the Ministry of Health in
distributing misoprostol to expectant mothers
in prenatal care ensuring they have protection
against life-threatening bleeding after
childbirth, wherever they deliver.

Statistics Source: PRB, 2010

Three simple tablets, taken immediately after
the birth of her baby, can dramatically change
the outcome of childbirth for a mother.

*VSI's proven, practical solutions are grounded in science,
and implemented in partnership with local organizations and medical professionals.*



Safe Motherhood

Around the globe, too many women are dying from conditions that are preventable. VSI is working to help save their lives by increasing access to a generic medicine called misoprostol. Misoprostol tablets hold tremendous promise for women whose lives are threatened by excessive bleeding in childbirth, unsafe abortion or miscarriage.

Maternal Health Policy

Advancing women's health must involve the top, so VSI works closely with government ministries of health, sharing our research and building coalitions to affect policy decisions. VSI supports efforts that ensure accessibility to the vital health services and products which make motherhood safer and healthier.

Family Planning

Developing nations often bear the greatest burden of disease while simultaneously facing serious shortages of highly skilled medical professionals. Transferring less-specialized reproductive health services from these in-demand professionals to more generally skilled health workers offers an immediate solution.

Availability means women can access needed medicines and services **no matter where they are**, in a medical facility or close to home, urban or rural.

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