

# CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION: ENDING PREVENTABLE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

## WE NEED TO ACT!

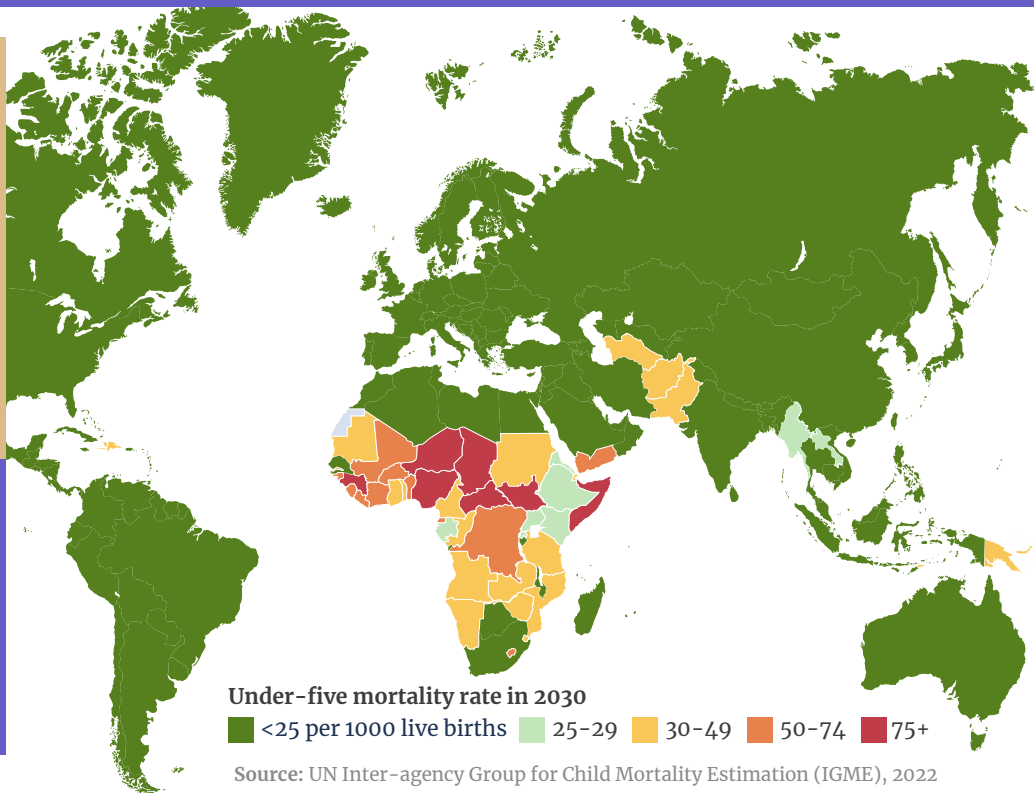
There are only 7 years left for countries to achieve the SDG targets

In 2021, 5 million children under the age of five died before their 5th birthday

Without accelerated action, 54 countries are not on track to meet the SDG target of 25 or fewer deaths per 1,000 live births

**54** countries need accelerated action to meet the child survival SDG by 2030;

almost **80%** are in Africa



- Pneumonia, Diarrhea and Malaria remain the leading, preventable causes of death in this age group
- Under-nutrition is a key risk factor for mortality
- Nevertheless, resource-constrained countries have demonstrated that the target is achievable

**A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF UNDER-FIVE DEATHS OCCUR AMONG CHILDREN AGED 1-59 MONTHS**



**WHAT DO WE NEED TO END PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS?**

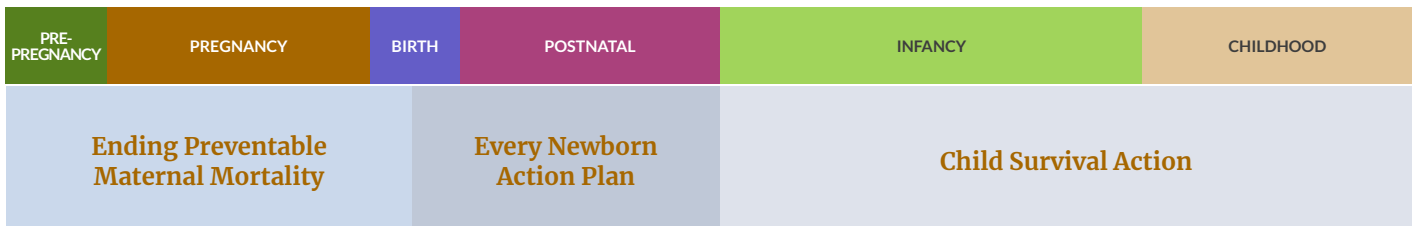
- 1** Political leadership and accountability
- 2** Game-changing action
- 3** Alignment of all partners in support of government-led priorities

Success in child survival action requires a country-driven agenda

- 1** People-centered and quality primary health care delivering high impact prevention, promotion and care
- 2** Accountability at all levels for change
- 3** Multi-sectoral responses that align with national strategies and plans
- 4** Meaningful engagement of communities
- 5** An equity-sensitive approach

**CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION**

A critical part of efforts to end preventable deaths along the life course



Child Survival Action seizes the opportunity to align across complementary efforts that strengthen Primary Health Care, inclusive of community health, disease- and topic-specific initiatives – for a common agenda.



**SPOTLIGHT**

Sierra Leone becomes the first country to launch their Child Survival Action Plan, under the leadership of the Minister of Health in April 2023



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