



**MAKE MATERNAL CARE
FREE FOR ALL WOMEN
IN BURKINA FASO**

**HEALTH IS A
HUMAN RIGHT**

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Dear President,

During a meeting with an Amnesty International delegation on 12 February 2010, you committed yourself to lift all financial barriers to emergency obstetric care in Burkina Faso.

The removal of financial barriers could save the lives of thousands of women in Burkina Faso and prevent others from suffering serious injuries. Many women die because they cannot pay for the treatment they need.

I am aware that the Burkina Faso government subsidizes 80 per cent of the cost of emergency obstetric and neonatal care. Making emergency obstetric care free would be an important step in ensuring that women can access life-saving quality health care.

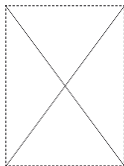
I urge you therefore to ensure that all women in Burkina Faso can access emergency obstetric care free of charge.

Sincerely,

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Image: Maimouna with her one-day-old baby, Yalgado Hospital, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. © Anna Kari

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