

Objective of today's Meeting

- To assess the validity of the Millennium Development Goals and Targets for Afghanistan
- To review the statistical data available for each indicator
- To set realistic national targets for 2010 and 2015

Improve maternal health – MDG 5

Target

Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

Indicators

1. Maternal mortality ratio
2. Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

Issues for Discussion

Goal – Improve maternal health

- Is this a valid Development Goal for Afghanistan?
- Do we know the nature and extent of the problem as reflected in the Goal?

Issues for Discussion...

Target - Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

- Is the suggested Target achievable by 2015 given the current situation in Afghanistan?
- Given the present situation, what would be a realistic target for the indicator for 2010 and 2015?

Issues for Discussion...

Indicators

1. Maternal mortality ratio
 2. Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel
- Do we have reliable baseline data for the indicators to monitor progress?
 - What is a suitable baseline year for the particular indicator?
 - If not available at present, can data be collected in the future?
 - Constraints in collecting reliable data in the future?
 - Which agency should collect the data and how often?
 - In case it is difficult to collect data for an indicator, what can be a proxy indicator?