

# Do You Want These Pregnant Women To



**YOUR ACTION CAN SAVE THEIR LIVES!**  
**SUPPORT THE KANO STATE FREE MATERNAL HEALTH BILL!!**

It will take you about ten minutes to read this message. In that time one woman would have died while giving birth. By the time you get home for dinner tonight one hundred and forty-five women would have died in the same way.

**Imagine it: in Kano State, one woman dies every ten minutes in childbirth and one hundred and forty-five die every day.**

This is not a story in a novel or in a home movie. It is real. Those women are real: they are the wives of men in Doguwa, mothers of children in Bichi, sisters of people in Gwale, daughters of old parents in Kumbotso, friends of people in Bebeji. Who knows, tomorrow one of them might be your wife, your sister, your daughter, or your friend.

This problem concerns YOU, it concerns us, it concerns EVERYONE IN KANO STATE!

## **What Has CHRICED Done About This Problem?**

The Resource Centre for Human

Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED) has been working to help solve the problem, to help save the lives of our women in Kano State. After we looked into the matter and after much discussion with men and women in local communities, with doctors, nurses, and traditional birth attendants, and with the Kano State government, we have prepared and submitted to the Kano State House of Assembly a bill for a law to improve the free healthcare programme for pregnant women in Kano State, so that we can reduce their numbers dying in childbirth.

## **How Will The Law Help Do This?**

1. It will make the government put more money into healthcare for pregnant women
2. Under the law, the government will build more hospitals and will provide them with more and better equipment and with medicines and vaccines to care adequately for these women
3. There will be more

doctors, nurses, and midwives to attend to these women, and they will be paid better for their work

4. Pregnant women will spend less of their own money to pay for care during pregnancy and both during and after delivery

5. The government will provide adequate training for traditional birth attendants

As a result of all this, the law will help to reduce or even end the problem of women dying while giving birth to children in Kano State. **But for this to happen, CHRICED needs your action to help have this bill passed into law.**

### **Why Do We Need Your Action?**

The state government is interested in working with CHRICED to have the law passed. However, they have many things they are working on at the same time and many groups of people demanding their attention. It is necessary, therefore, that you and others who are concerned about women dying in childbirth

should join hands with CHRICED and add your voices to our voice to encourage the government to quickly pass our bill into law. **We cannot do this alone. We need your support!**

### **What Will Happen If This Bill Is Not Passed Into Law?**

If the bill is not passed into law, women will continue to die while giving birth in Kano State.

**Remember: In this state, one woman dies every ten minutes in childbirth and one hundred and forty-five die every day. In a month, that is four thousand three hundred and fifty women, and in a year, fifty-two thousand two**



**hundred women.**

If the bill is not passed into law, these numbers will increase.

**And, who can tell, tomorrow one of these women may be your wife, your sister, your daughter, or your friend!**

## **What Can You Do To Help?**

1. Contact CHRICED to get the phone numbers and email addresses of the state governor and key members of the Kano State House of Assembly who have the power to pass the bill into law
2. Call these public officials or send them emails and text messages to tell them that you support passage of the bill

3. Tell your friends and family members, both male and female, about the law, give them the phone numbers and email addresses you got from CHRICED, and encourage them to call these public officials or send them emails and text messages to say that they support passage of the bill into law

4. Send us (CHRICED) emails and text messages to tell us that you support passage of the bill into law

By doing these simple things, you will be exercising your right as a citizen and helping to reduce the number of our women dying in childbirth. **Who knows, you might be saving the life of your wife, sister, daughter, or friend!**

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