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SAVING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING

Thursday, April 6: Congressional Forum – Friday, April 7: White House World Health Day Event

Personal Stories and Policy Proposals Featured

Today, at least 1,600 women will die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Also today, more than one million people will be infected with curable sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and another 16,000 will be infected with HIV (six million in 1999 alone). More than 100 million women around the world have undergone Female Genital Cutting (FGC) with some 600 girls at risk each day.

Every minute, 380 women become pregnant, 190 of these are unplanned; 110 experience a pregnancy-related complication; 40 women have an unsafe abortion and 1 woman dies from a pregnancy-related complication.

There are more than one billion youth between the ages of 15 and 25 reaching the reproductive phase of their lives, with two billion more under the age of 15. The reproductive choices these young people make will determine the fate of the planet.

On April 6-7, events are scheduled in Washington, DC where people will tell their personal stories and others will put forward policy solutions for **Saving Women's Lives through International Family Planning**.

WHO: The President of the United States, Secretary of State, Congressional Caucus for Women Issues, International Family Planning Coalition; Hollywood celebrities, international family planning providers, experts, and activists from around the U.S. and developing countries.

WHAT: Congressional Forum and White House World Health Day Event on Saving Women's Lives through International Family Planning.

WHERE & WHEN: Thursday, April 6, 2000: 2:00 – 3:00 pm Congressional Forum, 2220 Rayburn House Office Building with a special reception at 4:30 pm in B-369 Rayburn.

Friday, April 7: 1:30 – 2:30 pm White House World Health Day Event with President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Nigerian Dr. Enyantu Ifenne. White House East Room. For White House press credentials, contact: Elizabeth Newman at 202-456-7150.

HOW: White House event will be webcast on www.planetwire.org and made available via satellite.

WHY: To increase U.S. support without restrictions for programs around the world that can mean life or death for millions of women, children and their families



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