

Giving birth without dying – Benin / Couffo



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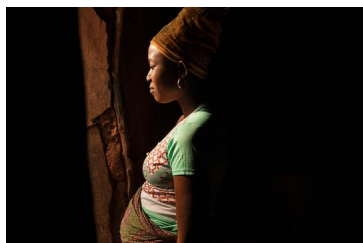
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Caption / Description: Hortense, 25, mother of 5 children, gave birth to a baby girl 3 days ago, while alone at home, and her husband Janvier, stand for a portrait in Agbodonhouin, Benin, on 17 January 2025.

Her husband was not at home for several days when she went into labour. She 'had to urinate' and when she went, 'the baby came out'. It was the middle of the night, and she says she was alone at home with her other...



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Caption / Description: Sidonie, 23, pregnant mother of 3, poses for a portrait in Agbodonhouin, Benin, on 17 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Victoire, 26, an MSF midwife, demonstrates how to insert an intra-uterine device (IUD) during a training session for midwives and state nurses at the Toviklin health centre, Benin, 16 January 2025.

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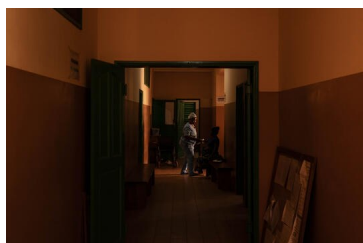
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Caption / Description: Bernadette, 44, a state-qualified care assistant for around 15 years, greets a patient at the Toviklin health centre, Benin, on 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Hortense, a 25-year-old mother of 5, gave birth to a baby girl 3 days ago, while alone at home, handing her newborn baby to Melanie, 16, 6 months pregnant, while both were waiting for a consultation at the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, on 16 January 2025.



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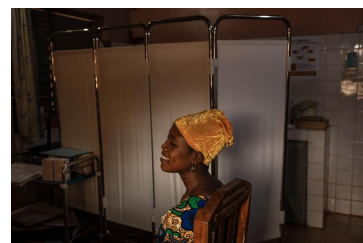
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Caption / Description: Hortense, a 25-year-old mother of 5, gave birth to a baby girl 3 days ago, when she was alone at home. She was advised by MSF women leaders, and finally went for a post-natal consultation at the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, on 16 January 2025.

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Caption / Description: Melanie is 6 months pregnant; it's her first pregnancy. The nurse's assistant Kwéba, 35, takes her parameters during a pre-natal consultation at the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, on 16 January 2025.

Her husband was the first to know and he was delighted: they danced together, listened to music and sang to celebrate the event. When Melanie fell ill, she went for a quick check-up because she was afraid...



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Caption / Description: (left to right) Sidonie, 23, mother of 3, about 6 months pregnant; Christiane, 18, about 5 months pregnant, her first pregnancy; Melanie, 16, 6 months pregnant, her first pregnancy, and Jeanne Nadin, 22, mother of 2, 5 months pregnant, listen to state midwife Natacha Gbotonhoun, 27, who has just taken their health records, at the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Pregnant women advised by MSF women leaders, then transported in a tricycle ambulance from their village of Agbodonhouin, walk towards the reception area for a pre-natal consultation at the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: (From left to right) Melanie, 16, 6 months pregnant, her first pregnancy, Christiane, 18, about 5 months pregnant, her first pregnancy, and Sidonie, 23, mother of 3, 6 or 7 months pregnant, laugh, in a tricycle ambulance taking them from their village of Agbodonhouin to the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, on 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Christiane, 18, around 5 months pregnant, her first pregnancy, and Sidonie, 23, mother of 3, 6 or 7 months pregnant, in a tricycle ambulance taking them from their village of Agbodonhouin to the Klouékanmè health centre, Benin, 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: (left to right) Sidonie, 23 years old, mother of 3 children, 6 or 7 months pregnant; Melanie, 16 years old, 6 months pregnant, her first pregnancy; Louise, 31 years old, mother of 4 children, about 4 months pregnant climb into the tricycle ambulance provided by MSF, accompanied by Lucienne, 25 years old, childless, MSF woman leader for 8 months (right), in Agbodonhouin, Benin, 16 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Lucienne, 25, woman leader, accompanies the tricycle-ambulance provided by MSF, to the amused cries of the children, for the referral of 5 women who need pre-natal care, in Agbodonhouin, Benin, on 16 January 2025.
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Caption / Description: Lucienne, 25, woman leader, talks to women in her village, Agbodonhouin, Benin, 16 January 2025. Before, there were maternal and child deaths. Since we started our activities, there haven't been as many deaths. I hope that things will change by highlighting the dangers for women. They are starting to become aware of them, and so to avoid complications linked to pregnancy.'



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Caption / Description: Lucienne, 25, woman leader, walks to give a training session on pre-natal care in her village, Agbodonhouin, Benin, 16 January 2025. Before, there were maternal and child deaths. Since we started our activities, there haven't been as many deaths. I hope that things will change by highlighting the dangers for women. They are starting to become aware of them, and so to avoid complications linked to pregnancy....



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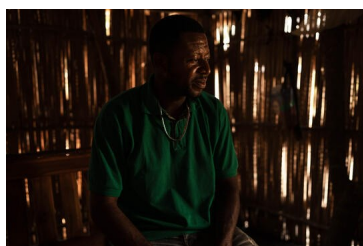
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Caption / Description: Marcelline, 25, (right) and two other women leaders trained by MSF talk about post-natal care during a visit to Reine, 20, who gave birth to her first child 5 days ago (left), in Zoundotan, Tohou department, Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025. Like MSF, Marcelline wanted to help her community to reduce mortality. 'With the health talks, I can see that women have changed their behavior, particularly...



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Caption / Description: Felix, 35, father of 6, after an awareness-raising session on contraception, in Zoundotan, Tohou department, Couffo, Benin, 15 January 2025. As one of the 160,000 people reached by MSF teams since the project began, he is now aware of the various methods of contraception.



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Caption / Description: Hippollite, 32, MSF health promoter for a year and a half, and three women leaders from the village give a contraceptive awareness event in Zoundotan, Tohou department, Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: A woman asks a question as Hippollite, MSF health promoter, and three village women leaders give a contraceptive awareness event in Zoundotan, Tohou department, Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025.

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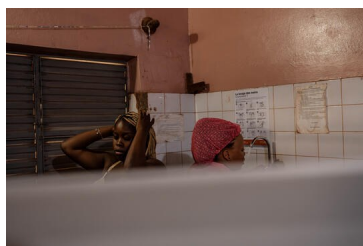
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Caption / Description: Harolda, 24, pregnant for the 2nd time, 8 and a half months, consults with midwife Prudence, 27, at the Klouékanmè health centre in Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025.

Harolda had all her pre-natal consultations for both her pregnancies, 'so that my child would be born healthy,' she says. 'I can't do this alone. I need midwives who are the only ones who can help us give birth. I don't know anyone who...'



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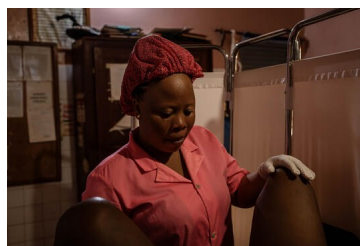
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Caption / Description: Prudence, a 27-year-old midwife, washes her hands while Harolda, 24, pregnant for the 2nd time, 8 and a half months, gets dressed at the Klouékanmè health centre in Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025.



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Caption / Description: Jules, 47, an ambulance driver on a tricycle provided by MSF, refers patients from remote villages to the Klouékanmè health centre in Couffo, Benin, on 15 January 2025. 'I have accepted this job because I am helping my community. During a transfer, a woman started bleeding. She arrived in time to give birth at the health centre. The operation probably saved her life, which made me very happy. On a...



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Caption / Description: Lydie Victoire Edah, 40, mother of 6, leaves her home with a box of images under her arm to raise awareness door-to-door in Kpeve, Couffo, Benin, on 14 January 2025.

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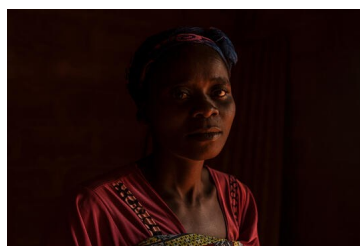
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Caption / Description: Léonie is the mother of five children. She is one of the women in her village who have been made aware of the good practices to adopt when pregnant to stay healthy. Informed of the importance of medical care during pregnancy, Léonie went to a health centre where she was cared for by staff who listened to her needs. As her last pregnancy was particularly difficult, without this medical assistance and...