Stillbirths: A Neglected Tragedy

An estimated 2.6 million stillbirths occur every year.

Key causes:
- Pregnancy and childbirth complications
- Maternal Infections, like syphilis, malaria and HIV
- Lifestyle factors
- Diabetes and hypertension
- Preterm birth
- Birth defects

Half occur in settings of conflict or emergency
60% occur in rural areas
98% occur in low- and middle-income countries

Most stillbirths are preventable before, during and after pregnancy.

Most stillbirths do not receive a birth or death certificate.

Better data on the number and causes are needed to understand the true burden and prevent future deaths.

Family planning
Good health and nutrition
Quality antenatal care
Quality care during labour and childbirth

Half occur during labour