



Print a Postcard, Save a Woman's Life

International Health NGO Pressures Governments Ahead of UN Meeting

(NEW YORK | September 08, 2014) The humanitarian organization Doctors of the World will bring its international campaign for women's rights, **Names Not Numbers**, to New York on September 9 to urge the international community to guarantee improved access to family planning services as well as quality maternal care.

As governments gather at the United Nations on September 22nd to debate sexual and reproductive rights, Doctors of the World calls upon the international community to renew its commitment to women's rights and health. "Victims of the lack of access to family planning and maternal care are more than insipid statistics," said Miranda Sissons, Executive Director, Doctors of the World USA.

In 1994, during the International Conference on Population and Development, 179 countries committed to guaranteeing all women access to family planning services and quality maternal care. Twenty years later, world governments have not kept their promises with respect to women's rights and health.

"More than one in four women in the developing world still have no access to modern contraceptive methods," added Sissons. "Over 800 women a day die as a result. These women are people – they are names, not numbers. We're asking bystanders to take action to pressure decision-makers to save women's lives."

After visiting the main capitals of Europe, *Names Not Numbers* will end its journey in Manhattan. Because a woman dies every minute from pregnancy-related complications and unsafe abortions, *Names Not Numbers* has a custom-made machine that prints a postcard with the name of one of the victims each minute. Visitors can claim the card and sign it to help improve women's health and rights worldwide. The petition is also available online at names-not-numbers.org.

Names Not Numbers will be in Manhattan from September 9 to 12, in the Meatpacking District at 47 9th Avenue. The event is open to the public from 9 am to 6 pm each day.

Doctors of the World – Médecins du Monde is an international humanitarian organization that provides emergency and long-term medical care to vulnerable populations while fighting for equal access to healthcare worldwide. Founded in France in 1980, the international network operates 350 programs in 79 countries. In New York, it offers free healthcare at its Rockaways Clinic.

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