

# Big Problems, Big Solutions: Maternal Mortality in Tanzania



**Tanzania has a Government Accountability Plan!**

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## Tanzania Fast Facts

**Total Women of Reproductive Age**

**11.2 Million**



**ANC Coverage**



**94% make one or more Antenatal visits**

**Percent of Public Spending allocated to health:**

**11.3%**



**Neonatal Mortality Rate:**



**26/1000 Live Births**

Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%):

**49%**

Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 births):

**410/100,000 live births  
1 maternal deaths/hour**

With proactive and deliberate interventions, policy changes, and community buy-in, Tanzania can eliminate preventable maternal mortality deaths.

## THE PLAN →

- \* Created due to failure to meet the MDG target of reducing maternal mortality
- \* It is a national economic agenda centered on Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child health
- \* Unveiled by President Kikwete in February, 2013

## OBJECTIVES →

- \* Improve community outreach about and demand for basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care services.
- \* Upgrade facilities to offer these services
- \* Expand voluntary blood donation services to address needs associated with the expansion of emergency obstetric care.

## GOALS →

- \* Transition the country from a low to a middle-income economy
- \* Reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in key regions by 20 percent by June 2018

## Main Causes

**Hemorrhage 34%**

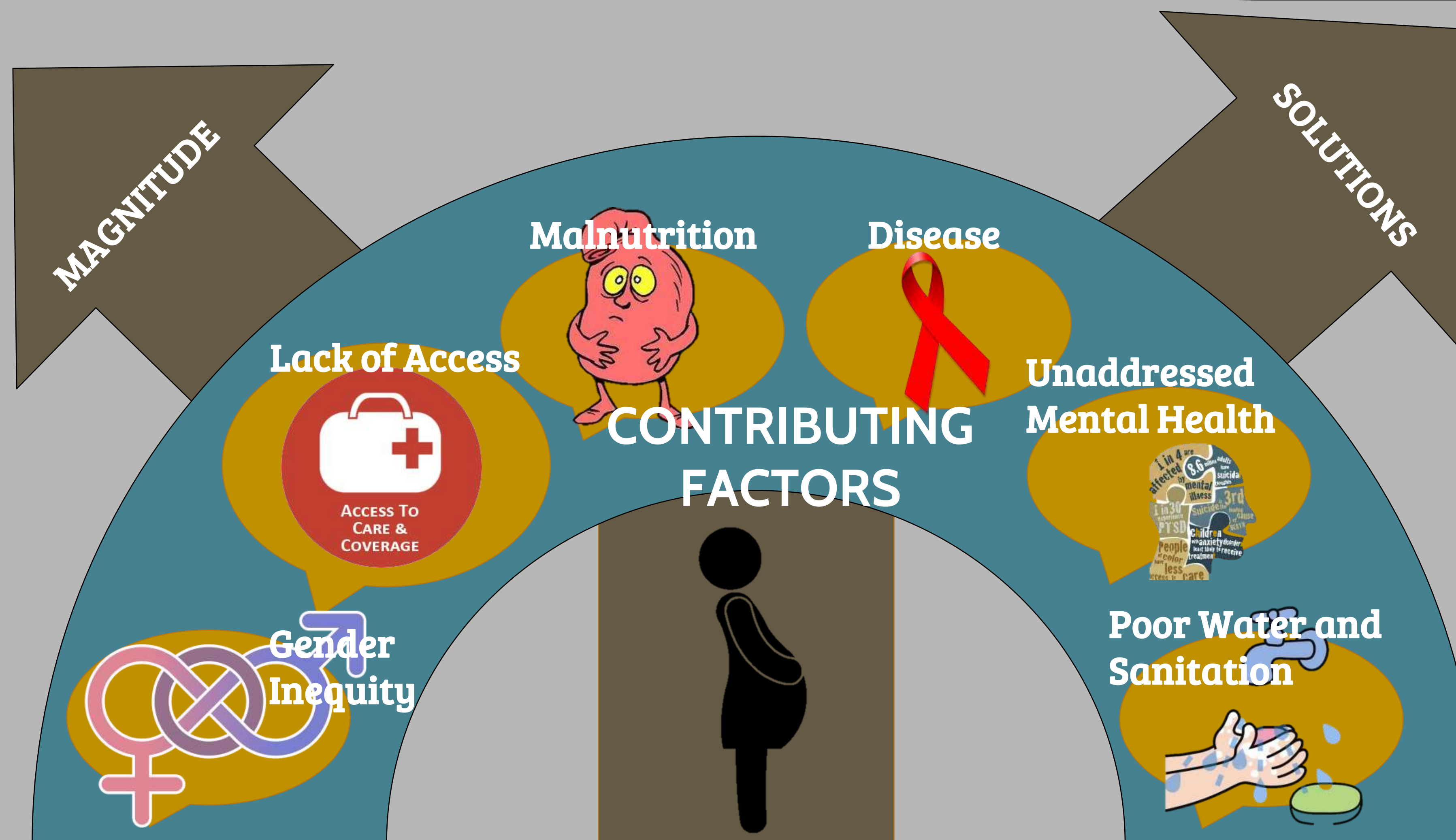
**Hypertension 19%**

**Indirect 17%**

**Other Direct 11%**

**Abortion 9%**

**Sepsis 9%**



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