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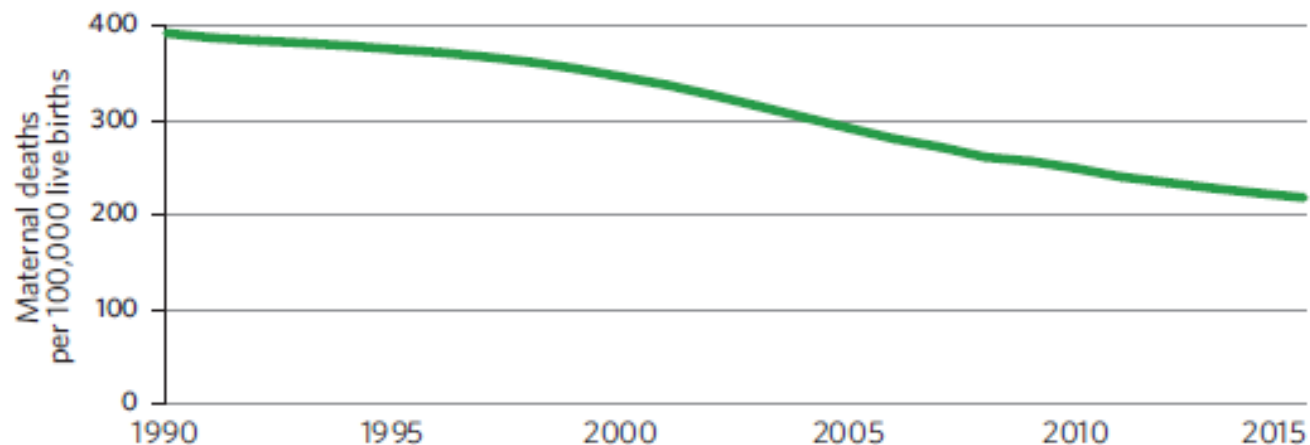Conference Health in fragile context
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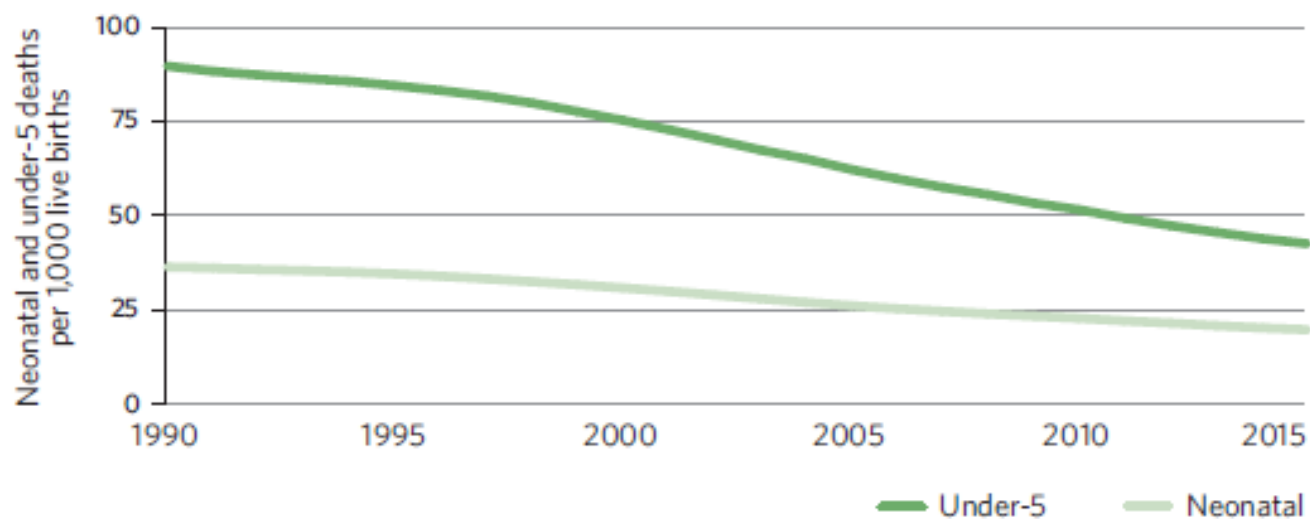**Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz**
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MDG achievements and limitations

Maternal mortality ratio worldwide, 1990-2015

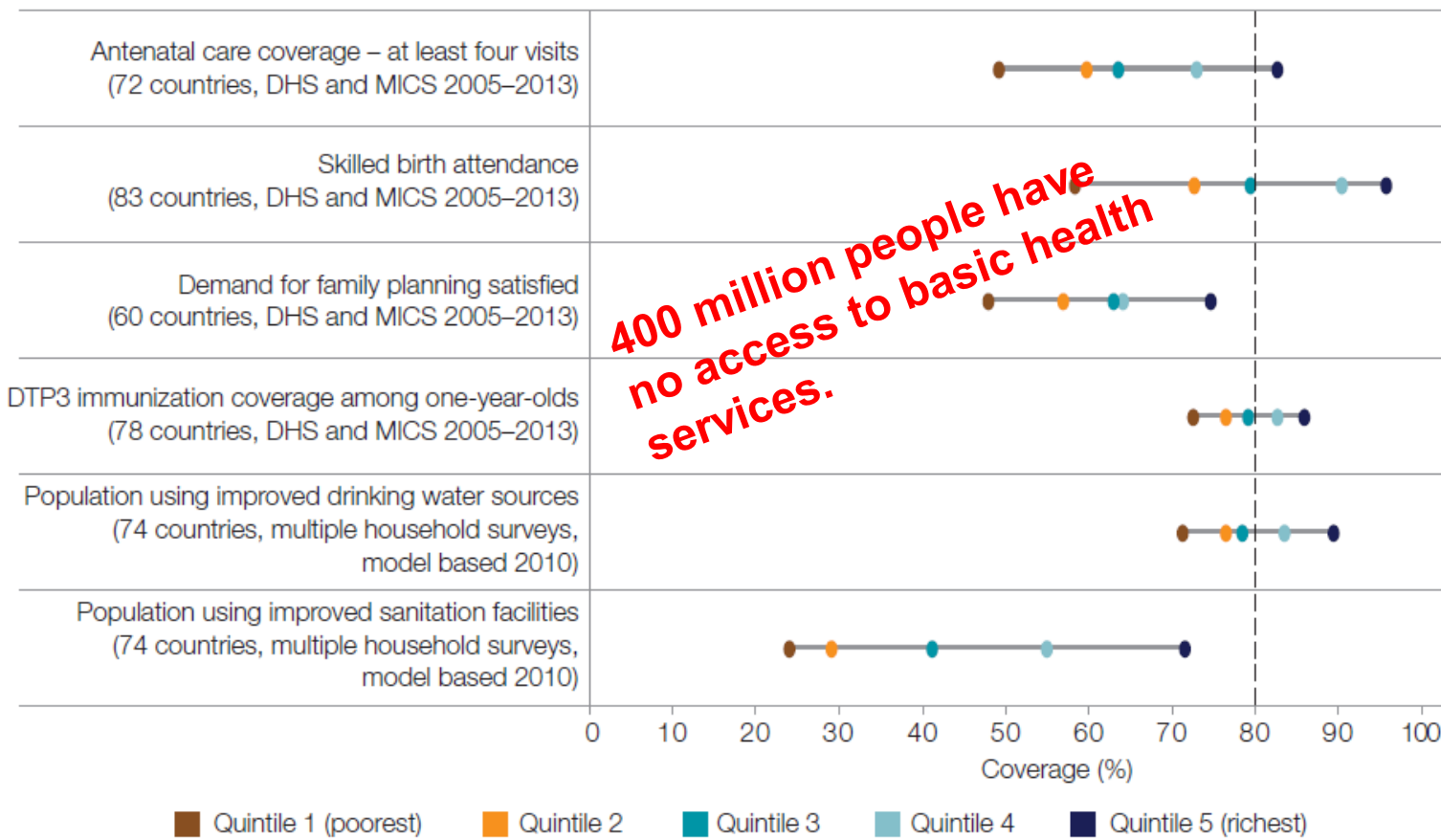**Neonatal and under-5 mortality rates worldwide, 1990-2015**

Under-5   Neonatal

Figure 2.4. Median coverage of selected interventions by wealth quintile, in low- and middle-income countries

400 million people have no access to basic health services.

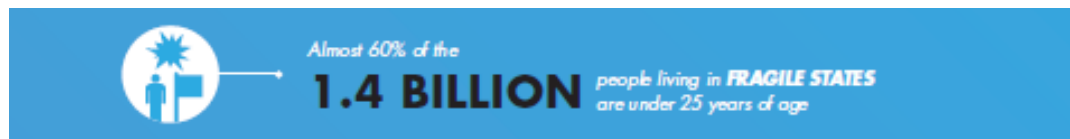Source: WHO/World Bank: Tracking Universal Health Coverage. First Global Monitoring Report

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Vulnerability in fragile settings

60% of maternal deaths, **53%** of child deaths, and **45%** of newborn deaths occur in **FRAGILE STATES AND HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS**

Almost 60% of the **1.4 BILLION** people living in **FRAGILE STATES** are under 25 years of age

AT LEAST 1 IN 5 female refugees and internally displaced persons in countries affected by conflict are victims of **SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Source: UN: The global strategy for women's, children's, and adolescents' health (2016-2030)
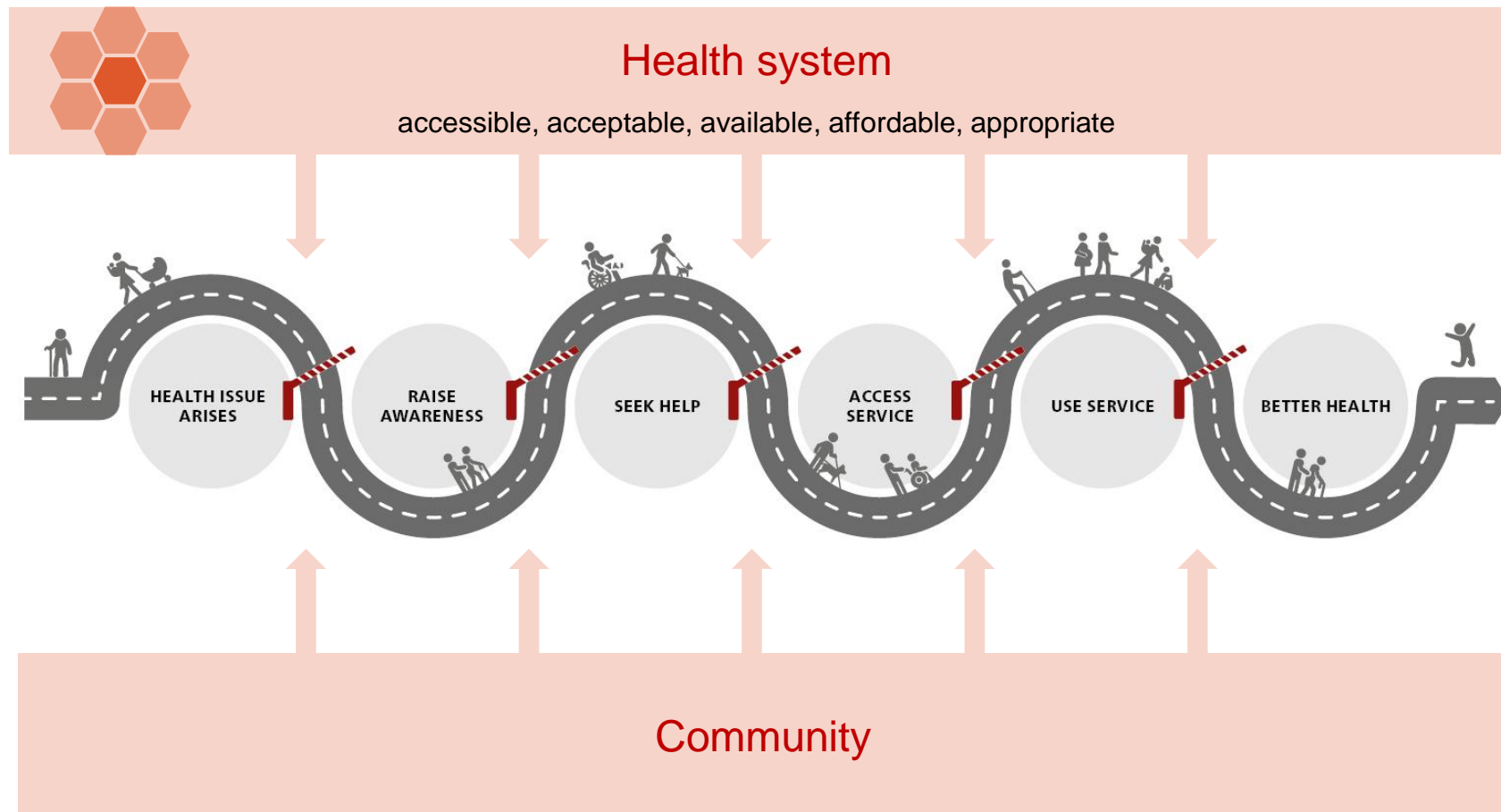
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The absence of resilient health systems

Source: WHO health system building blocks (adapted)

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SRC framework on access to health

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SRC access study

Access to health services for vulnerable groups declined 5-10 years after project completion:

- lack of **financial protection mechanisms** targeting the poor
- lack of investments in **outreach services** to the poor and remote population
- lack of **culturally adjusted approaches** to for marginalised groups

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Health programming in fragile context: Conclusions

1. Know your local health access barriers

2. Build resilient health systems, do not undermine local health systems

3. Include emergency preparedness and response in local health systems

4. Advocate for free access to basic health services at point of delivery

5. Ensure financial protection for universal health coverage

6. Invest in community health workforce

7. Strengthen local partner organisations

8. Lobby for increased health expenditure as a percentage of GDP

9. Monitor equity in SDG progress

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