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## Role of nutrition in ending preventable child and maternal deaths

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Good nutrition is essential in reducing maternal and child mortality around the world and reaching to end the Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths (EPCMD) goals. As a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) priority, EPCMD targets 24 countries that together represent 70 percent of child and maternal deaths worldwide and prioritizes interventions that have the largest impact on mortality. Building on the experience and evidence garnered in the past 2 decades of reductions in child and maternal deaths, EPCMD aims to accelerate progress in order to save the lives of 15 million children and nearly 600,000 women by 2020. With under nutrition estimated to be an underlying cause of 45 percent of child mortality and anemia contributing to 20 percent of maternal mortality, investing in nutrition is fundamental to achieving the EPCMD goals. Nutrition interventions are among the lifesaving interventions that can have the greatest impact in ending preventable child and maternal deaths.

### Biography

Felicia Chitra has around 22 yrs. of service, teaching and research experience in the field of Nursing. Published and presented papers in the national and international conferences and Journals. received Various Awards. She is a board member of Pondicherry University and also recognized examiner of various universities. Life member of TNAI, Critical care of Nurses Association and Indian Redcross Society. representative of TNMC as observer too.

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