



ANNUAL REPORT TERMINOLOGY

TERMINOLOGY WE USE IN THIS ANNUAL REPORT:

- **Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR):** The number of babies out of 1,000 who die within the first 28 days of life. This first month of life is when babies are most vulnerable.
- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** The number of babies out of 1,000 who die within the first year of life.
- **Under-five Mortality Rate:** The number of babies out of 1,000 who die within the first five years of life. Once a child makes it past age five, his or her chances of survival increase greatly.
- **Internally Displaced People (IDP):** Those who have left their homes due to hardship or conflict but remain in the same country.
- **Refugee:** Those who have left their homes due to hardship or conflict but go to a different country.
- **Floating Sex Worker:** A sex worker who does not work in a brothel but either out of her home or on the streets.
- **Red-light District:** An area or neighborhood where widespread sex work takes place.

WHY WE SAY CERTAIN THINGS INSTEAD OF OTHERS:

- **We say *sex worker* instead of *prostitute*.** We want to bring dignity and humanity to the mothers of the babies whom we work. Words like “hooker,” “whore” and “prostitute” imply a thing or a commodity and not a person. Sex work is a profession that receives so much hate and judgment from others, but there are often complex, nefarious reasons that lead or force women to this industry. We believe that women who come to this profession willingly and without coercion still deserve to be treated with respect, care and love.
- **We say *low-to-middle-income country* or *global south* instead of *third world country*.** “Third world country” does not bring dignity to some of the most wonderful countries on the planet and dates back to the Cold War. It implies that these countries are bottom tier compared to other countries. It is better to say “low- to-middle-income country” or the “global south.” These terms classify a country based on income or geography, which are purely objective indicators.

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