



Parliamentary Caucus on Children

“we are all duty-bound; and therefore, how can we effectively contribute to the achievement of MDGs?”



Children's Caucus was formed on August 18 2008 as a voluntary group in the National Assembly.

Membership is open to all parliamentarians based on interest and commitment to the rights of children and women.

An Executive Committee has been established drawn from members on 4 key committees in National Assembly: Health, Education, Governance and Child Affairs.

A work plan for 2009 is under development. Key activities will focus on sensitizing other Parliamentarians on children's and women's issues such as Countdown 2015.

As a pilot a situation analysis in 5 constituencies will be conducted as basis for development of Constituency Development Plans hinged on MDGs.



Fundamental part of the 2009 work plan will be focus on Parliament's support for achievement of the MDGs for maternal and child health.

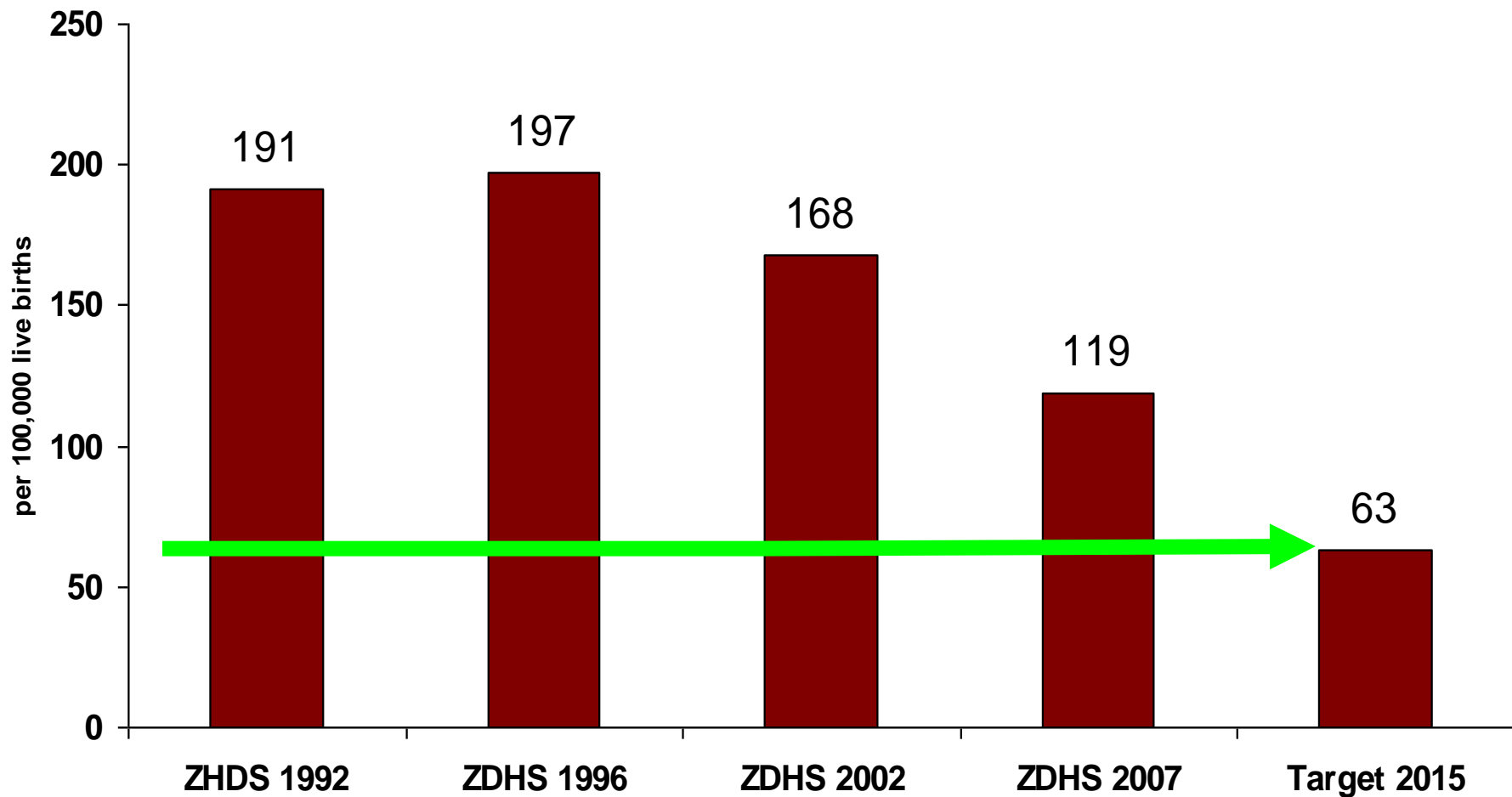


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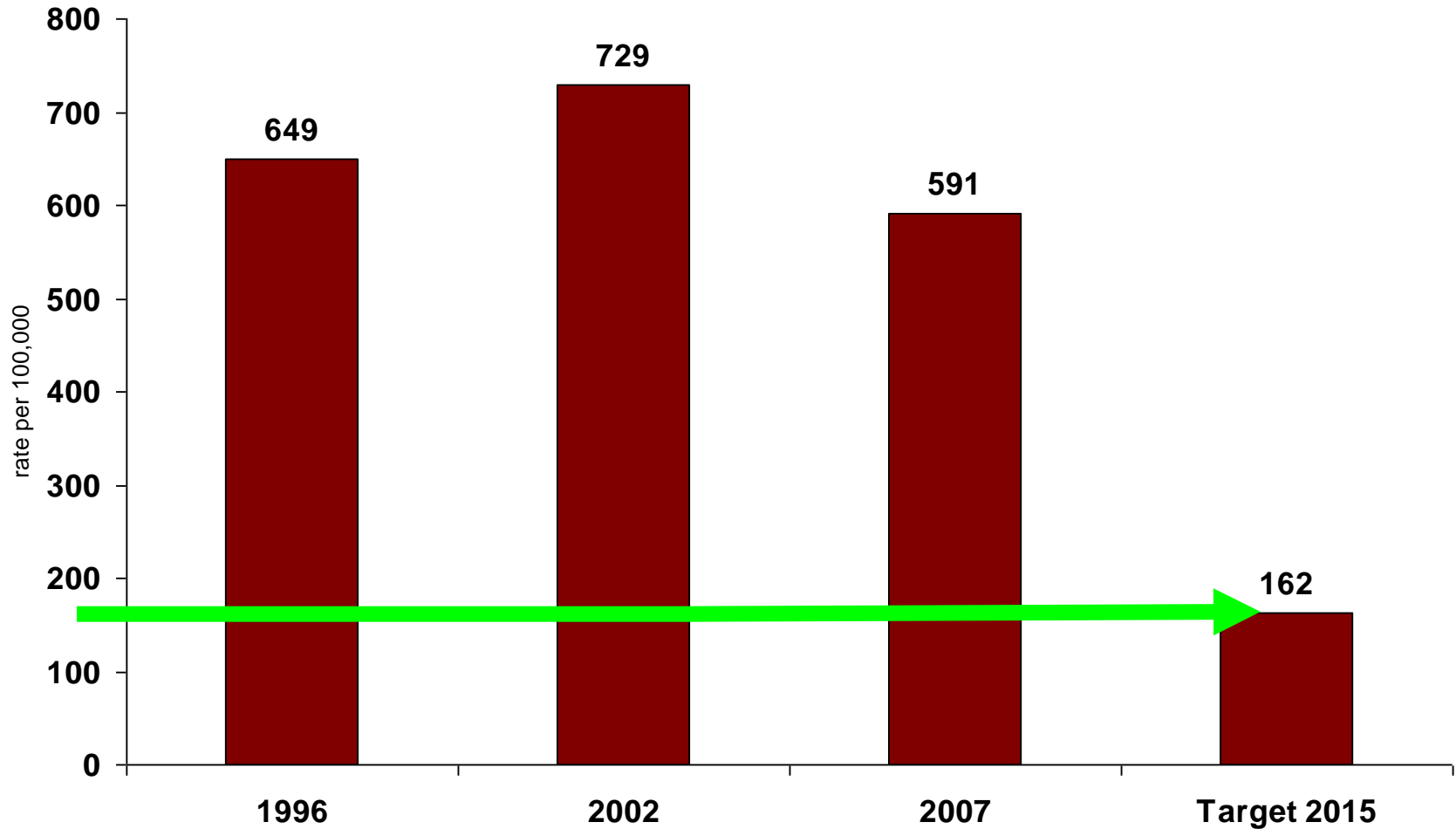
Zambia's Progress in Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5



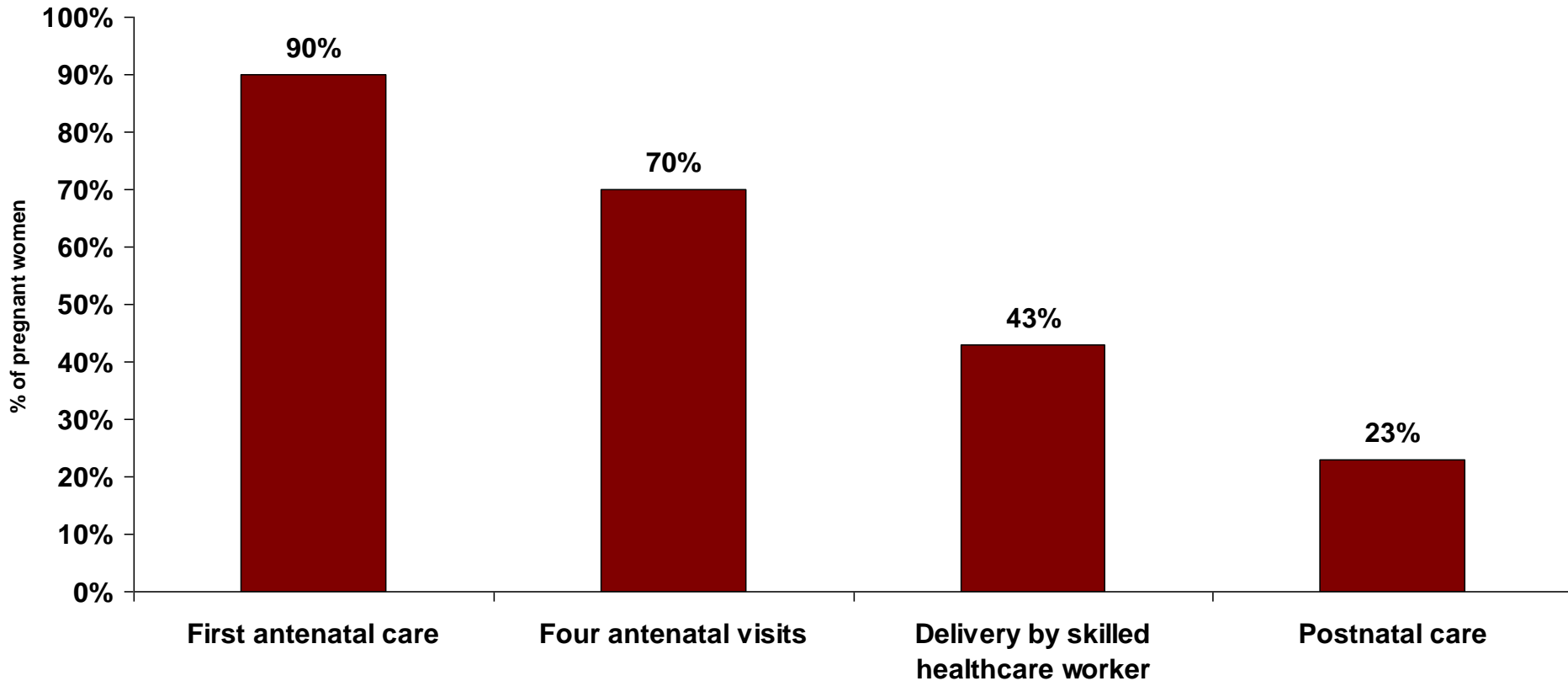
Trends on Under five Mortality Rates



Trends in Maternal Mortality Ratio

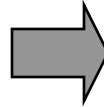


Health seeking behavior by pregnant women



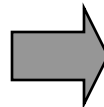
Bottlenecks and Actions for Children's Caucus

- Delay in deciding to seek medical care
 - Low levels of education
 - Low access to care



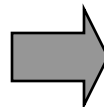
- Compulsory, free education up to grade 12, with focus on girl child
- Increase resources to health to meet Abuja target of 15%

- Delay in getting to the health facility
 - Weak communication and transport systems



- Ensure resource tracking and monitoring systems are in place
- Improve infrastructure development and service delivery

- Delay in receiving medical attention
 - Human resource for health crisis
 - Inadequate resource and budget allocation
 - Inadequate accountability systems



- Increase training and retention
- Community involvement on provision and access of health services



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