Regan says you can't win with only half the team
The global scale of maternal health
Maternal Health 2016: Global scale of the problem

- 213 million pregnancies per year
- 75 million unplanned pregnancies
- 50 million induced abortions
- 22 million unsafe abortions

- **303,000 maternal deaths** (25% adolescents)

- 225 million women with no access to family planning

- 1 maternal death = 30 life changing morbidities

Levels of Maternal Mortality

- Very high >550
- High 300-549
- Moderate 100-299
- Low <100
- Insufficient data
Lifetime risk of maternal death

• Developed regions: 1 in 7300
• Sweden: 1 in 17400
• North Africa: 1 in 210
• Asia: 1 in 94
• Sub-Saharan Africa: 1 in 22
• Niger: 1 in 17
• Chad: 1 in 8
We have to ask ourselves that 90% of all maternal mortalities in the 21st century are potentially preventable, says @lregan7. 'It's because the societies in which they live have not yet decided that their lives are worth saving'
Top 5 Global Causes of Maternal Mortality

- Haemorrhage 28% 132,000
- Sepsis 16% 79,000
- Unsafe Abortion 15% 69,000
- Pre-eclampsia/ eclampsia 13% 63,000
- Obstructed labour 9% 42,000

If 90% of all maternal mortalities ARE POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE

We must stop fire fighting and focus back upstream to avoid unplanned pregnancies
If we are serious about this question we have to address the two elephants in the room - contraception and safe abortion says @lregan7. Contraception the single most cost effective intervention; 8 women die an hour globally from unsafe abortion #RANZCOG19
Global Scale of Unsafe Abortion

THE WORLD’S ABORTION LAWS 2018
Progress on abortion in Australia vs backwards steps in US & UK says @Iregan7. Bans don't stop abortions, they just make them unsafe #RANZCOG19

- Regulated by the states and territories rather than the Federal Government
- Abortion remains in the criminal code in South Australia
- South Australia has a draft bill under review
- Time restrictions are in place in some states, ranging from 20 weeks in Western Australia, 23 weeks in Northern Territory and 28 weeks in South Australia
- Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, ACT, Queensland & Northern Territory also implement safe access zones around termination clinics
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Women hold up half the sky
Chinese Proverb

19th Century: Abolition of Slavery
20th Century: Racial Discrimination
21st Century: Gender Equity

Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl Wudunn
New York Times columnist & his wife
Awarded Pulitzer Prize 2011

STOP: Firefighting in O&G
START: Talking about contraception & abortion, influencing governments
CONTINUE: Striving for the SDGs... 12 years to go

- @lregan7

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Let's finish the job says @lregan7. O&Gs are the key!
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