

SALVADOR – HEALTH PROGRAMME

Salvador is a country in Central America. Having endured a long period of civil war during the 1980s and 1990s, the country's economic and social conditions are improving only slowly. In 2013, Salvador ranks 107th out of 187 countries listed in the United Nations Development Programme report (UNDP).



Demographic characteristics

Population	6,297,400
Population under 18 years of age	2,378,500
Percentage of rural population	34.7%
Life expectancy at birth	72.4 years

Source: UNICEF 2012



In Salvador, the infant death rate is three times higher than in Switzerland. Worse yet, the maternal death rate is more than 10 times higher than in Switzerland.

Maternal and infant mortality are especially devastating in rural and remote parts of the country. Medical infrastructure is limited in rural areas and the health care available is not good. It is estimated that more than 40 % of the population does not have access to adequate health services.

Data on maternal and neonatal health

Births attended by qualified health care personnel	95.5%
Newborn death rate (per 1,000 births)	6 in Switzerland: 3
Infant death rate (before 1 year of age) (per 1,000 births)	14 in Switzerland: 4
Death rate for children under 5 years of age (per 1,000 births)	16 in Switzerland: 4
Maternal death rate (per 100,000 births)	50.8 in Switzerland: 8

Source: World Health Organisation 2008-2012

Enfants du Monde, in cooperation with local partners, is committed to fighting maternal and newborn mortality through improvements to medical care for pregnant women, mothers and newborns, as well as improving education for them.