

13th Session of the Universal Periodic Review

Consideration of the UPR Report of Brazil

Thank you Madame President,

World Vision Brazil welcomes the report of the Working Group on the UPR of Brazil and would like to commend the governments which made recommendations, particularly those related to children's rights and health.

We fully support the recommendations that request the Brazilian Government to reduce maternal, child and infant mortality as addressed by Chile, the Holy See and Iran among others. We also support the recommendations that request Brazil to improve its efforts to tackle the underlying causes of child deaths, such as malnutrition and poverty.

In implementing those recommendations, we urge Brazil to pay particular attention to the problem of child mortality among children born to adolescent mothers. These children are particularly vulnerable due to the inherent risk factors that affect early pregnancy. And, worse than that, they are often invisible in official statistics as child deaths are not disaggregated according to the age of the mother.

We thus believe it is crucial for Brazil to address the problem of early pregnancy, focusing on prevention and the provision of pre-natal, clean/safe delivery and post-natal care services that address the specific health needs of pregnant adolescent girls and their children.

Thank you.