## STELLINGEN Maternal mortality in Suriname

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- 1) Identification, classification and review of maternal deaths improved in the recent ten years by implementing maternal death surveillance and response this thesis
- 2) Most maternal deaths occurred postpartum, in hospitals, and in women of low socio-economic class and African descent this thesis
- 3) Maternal deaths were mainly from direct causes that differed between 2010-2014 (obstetric haemorrhage, hypertensive disorders, sepsis) and 2015-2019 (other direct obstetric causes suicide, amniotic fluid embolism, hypertensive disorders, unspecified) this thesis
- 4) Application of WHO-ICD MM in the attribution and classification of underlying causes of maternal deaths differed within Suriname and among countries this thesis
- 5) Responses on maternal death review recommendations were the installation of a maternal mortality review committee and the development of national obstetric guidelines this thesis
- 6) Implementation of maternal death surveillance and response, obstetric guideline development and emergency training should always be done 'bottom-up' with early involvement of all end-users to enhance commitment and local ownership this thesis
- 7) Antibiotic treatment was not initiated within the golden hour in sepsis-related maternal deaths this thesis
- 8) Prevention and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage was not according to the national guidelines this thesis
- 9) Almost half of the maternal deaths between 2010 and 2019 were preventable this thesis
- 10) To reduce preventable maternal deaths, improved access to higher quality of obstetric health care is essential this thesis
- 11) Believe you can and you are halfway there Theodore Roosevelt
- 12) Te tu sma e har wang boto, a mus go na tapu. If two people carry a boat it must come ashore *Sranang Odo*
- 13) Bee nyan köo, a didon neen tapu. Even if the (uterine) contractions end at labor, the pain doesn't Okanisi Nongo
- 14) Haath Kangan Ko Aarsi Kya. You don't need a mirror to look at your hand *Hindi Proverb*