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# 100 die from pregnancy complications, says consultant

**A**BOUT 100 women died last year in Zamfara State following complications related to pregnancy, a consultant with Federal Medical Centre, Gusau, Dr Abubakar Danladi, has said.

Danladi spoke on Tuesday at a one-day meeting of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the media on maternal mortality.

He said although Nigeria

constitutes about three per cent of the world's population of seven billion, it contributes greatly to the global health burden.

He noted that the North largely accounts for more of the nation's health challenges.

Danladi said pregnancy-re-

lated deaths among women are mostly caused by eclampsia and loss of blood.

He added that the government has failed to provide standard facilities, personnel, drugs and equipment, to curb this and other endemic health problems of women.

According to him, women,

especially in rural areas, cannot access adequate health care even when available.

He urged the CSOs and media to ginger the government to do more in ensuring good health care delivery.

Chairman of the Correspondents Chapel of Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) in the state, Mr Maiharaji Sala, promised that the media is ready to carry out its responsibility.

But he advised that stakeholders "should provide information whenever the need arises so that we can give the required publicity".

The seminar was organised by the Advocacy Nigeria Network, an NGO.

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