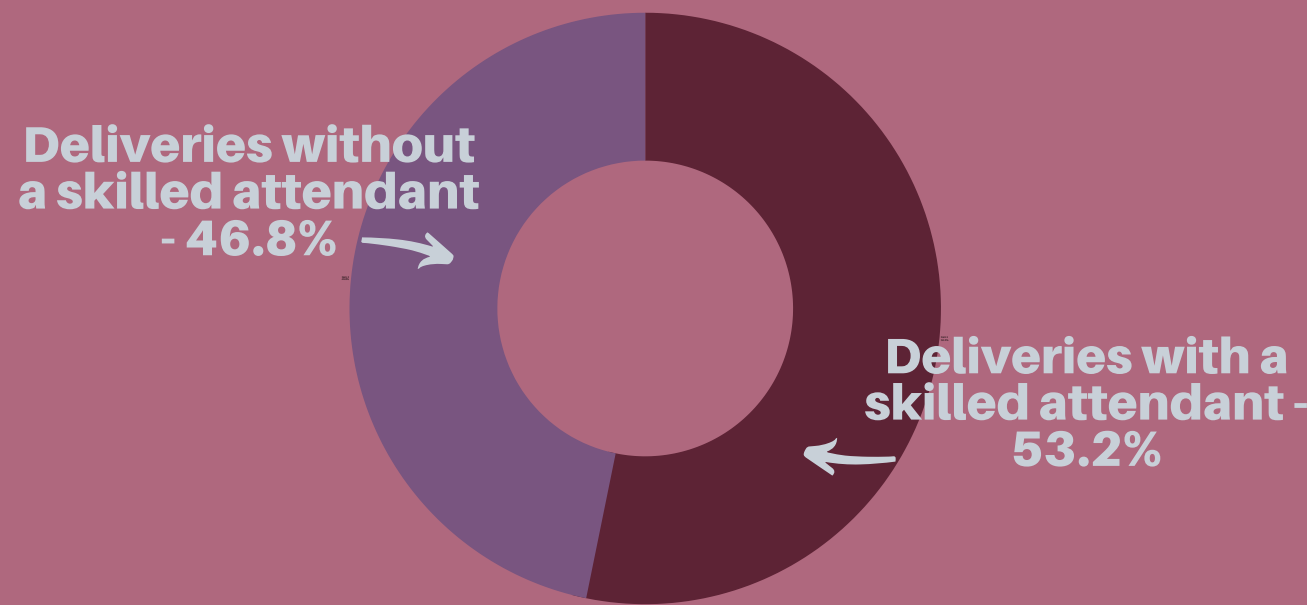


"Despite the introduction of the free healthcare initiative for pregnant women, many women still continue to deliver at home."¹

Delivery with a Skilled Attendant Among Rural Populations, 2013²



21.2% reported not wanting to go alone as a barrier to healthcare access¹

Walking remains the dominant mode of transportation in Sierra Leone²

51.1% reported distance as a barrier to healthcare access¹

A woman in rural Sierra Leone faces numerous barriers in healthcare access, all of which complicate the labor process.

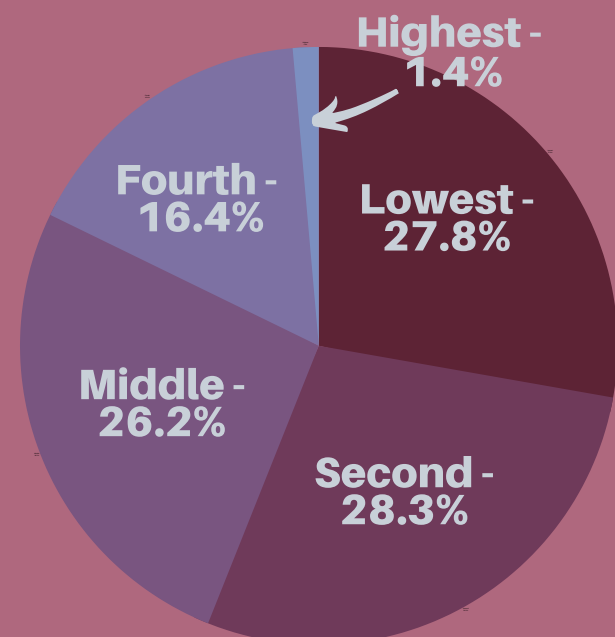
71.8% reported getting money for treatment as a barrier to healthcare access¹

18.3% reported having to ask for permission as a barrier to healthcare access¹

Waiting mothers often bear the indirect costs of childbirth (business, mining, and farming)¹

Many women report that they think their socioeconomic status will influence the type of care or respect they would receive in a hospital¹

Percent Distribution of the Rural Population, by Wealth Quartiles, 2013²



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