• 5 billion people cannot access safe surgical care & anaesthesia when needed
• 16.9 million lives were lost due to untreated surgical conditions in 2010
• Surgical conditions represent 28-32% of the global burden of disease
• The poorest 1/3 of the world receives only 6% of all surgical procedures
• The annual surgical deficit is approximately 143 million procedures

• A UN report found that surgical care has a 1:10 cost-benefit ratio
• $350 billion: the cost of increasing surgical capacity
• $12.3 trillion: the cost of NOT investing in essential surgical care & anaesthesia

• Anaesthesia mortality is 3 times higher in low - and middle-income countries (LMICs) than in high-income countries (HICs)
• In some parts of Africa, anaesthesia-related mortality is up to 1500 times higher than in the US

• Obstructed labor contributes to 9% of all maternal deaths
• 2-3 million women live with obstetric fistula resulting from neglected obstructed labor, with up to 100,000 new cases occurring every year
• Timely detection and obstetric surgery can prevent up to 90% of maternal deaths

• 95 million children live with a disability resulting from congenital conditions and injuries. Less than 10% of those children attend school
• Up to 70% of neonatal deaths could be prevented with increased access to cesarean sections

• Only 1/3 of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are preventable
• LMICs are expected to see a 70% increase in disability & premature death from cancer by 2035
• 60% of cancers will require surgical intervention

• Improvements in trauma care can save up to 2 million lives in LMICs each year.
• 25% of disabilities could be treated with surgical interventions
• 10 million+ people suffer severe burns annually in LMICs, where 95% of all burns occur