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As a menstruating girl, she may be set aside as unclean, polluting and made to feel dirty and ashamed. As a teenager, she may be married to someone she does not know and made pregnant before her own body is fully-grown. As a woman unable to bear children, she may be abused and abandoned, even though it may be the husband who is infertile, or even if her infertility is caused by sexually transmitted disease originally contracted by her partner. As a pregnant woman, she may be denied the basic considerations, the rest and the food and the antenatal care, to which she is entitled. As a woman in labor, she will run the risk of dying from the lack of obstetric care and of sustaining injuries and disabilities for which she will not receive treatment. As a woman enduring a prolonged childbirth, she may be left to die alone and in agony. As a woman suffering from childbirth injury, she may die because her husband will not allow her to be seen by a male doctor. As the mother of a baby girl, she may be blamed and beaten despite the fact that it is the chromosomes of the male that determine the sex of the baby. As a wife, she may be forced to submit to sex within a few days of giving birth or subjected to violence if she refuses. As a new mother, she may be expected to become pregnant again before her body recovered. And finally, even if she has sustained any injury or infection that is serious and treatable, and even in those rare cases when health workers seek her out knowing that she will not come to them, she may still not be allowed to go into hospital because there will be no one to cook the meals (UNICEF).