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greatly due to unequal access to health services. Particularly evident are the conditions of exclusion experienced by people living in rural areas, those with lower levels of education, indigenous and Afro-descendant populations and the poorest segments of the population.

In some countries, the risk of dying before the first year of life is almost three times higher in rural than urban areas, and up to four times higher among indigenous children than among non-indigenous children. The mortality of children of mothers with low educational attainment is five times that of children of mothers with higher educational levels, even in countries that have achieved low levels of mortality. Children in the

poorest quintile. In the case of adolescent fertility, young women with less education may