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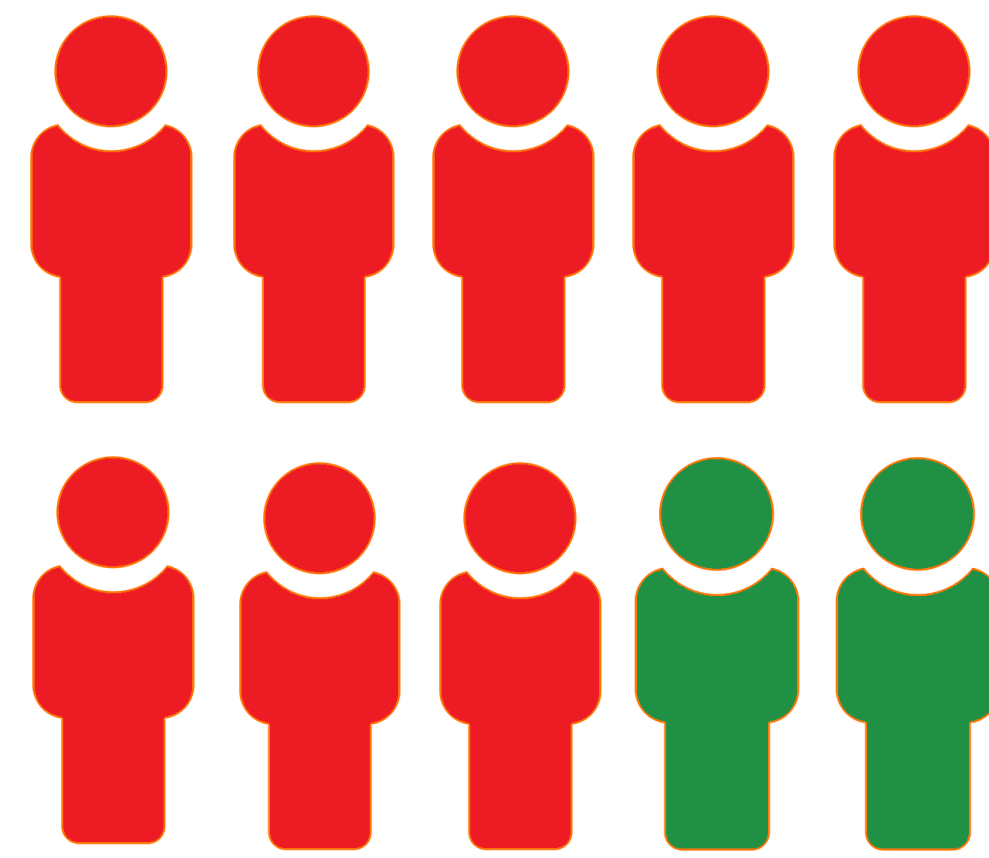
WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

# FACT SHEET

THE GLOBAL ANAESTHETIC CRISIS\*

# 30%

More than 30% of the Global Burden of Disease stems from conditions that **could be treated through surgical intervention**

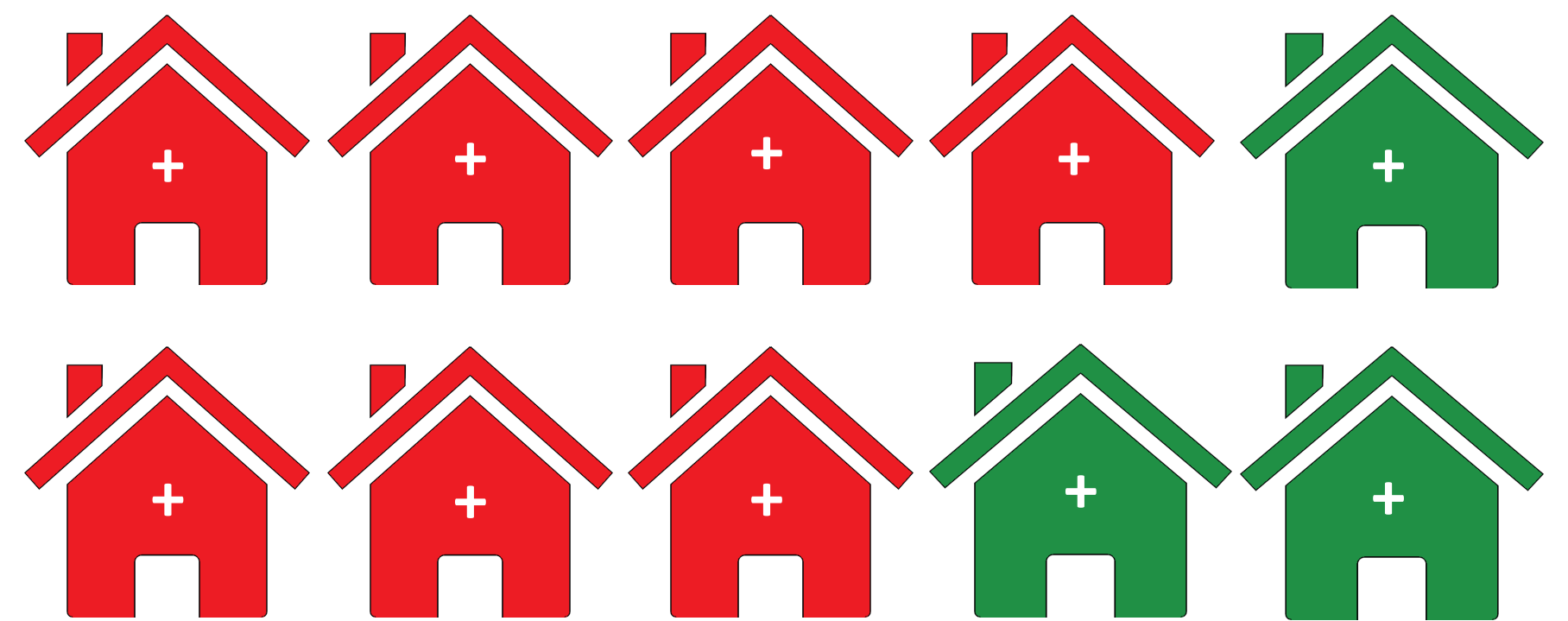


More than **80%** of children in the world's poorest countries are likely to have required surgical treatment by 15 years old

## Over 5 billion people do not have access to safe and affordable anaesthesia & surgery when they need it



There is a shortage of more than **1 million** specialist surgeons, anaesthesiologists and obstetricians worldwide



**70%** of district hospitals in parts of sub-Saharan Africa don't have a pulse oximeter

Globally people are suffering due to a lack of access to safe surgery and anaesthesia. This includes access to procedures that are often straightforward and cost effective.

- ◆ In the world's poorest countries **9 out of 10** anaesthesia departments do not have the equipment to provide a safe anaesthetic to a child.
- ◆ More than **290,000** women die from pregnancy and birth complications every year - **90%** of these deaths are preventable

**2.28 million** additional anaesthesiologists, surgeons and obstetricians will be needed globally by 2030.

**SAFE ANAESTHESIA IS ESSENTIAL FOR SAFE SURGERY.**

**SAFE ANAESTHESIA SAVES LIVES.**