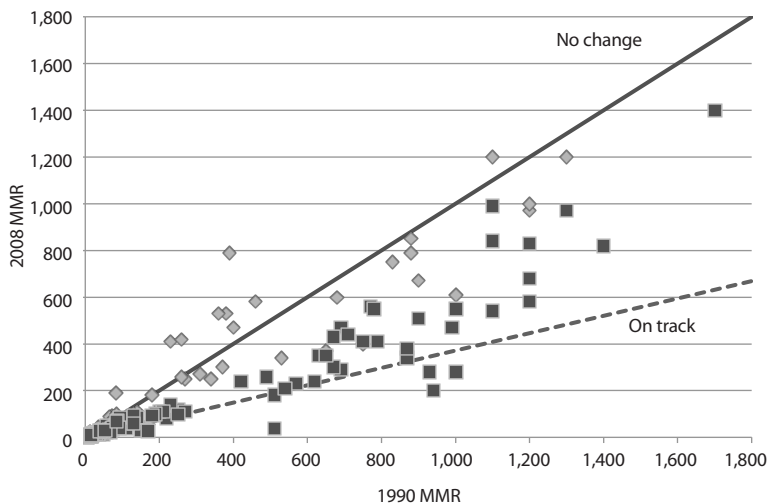
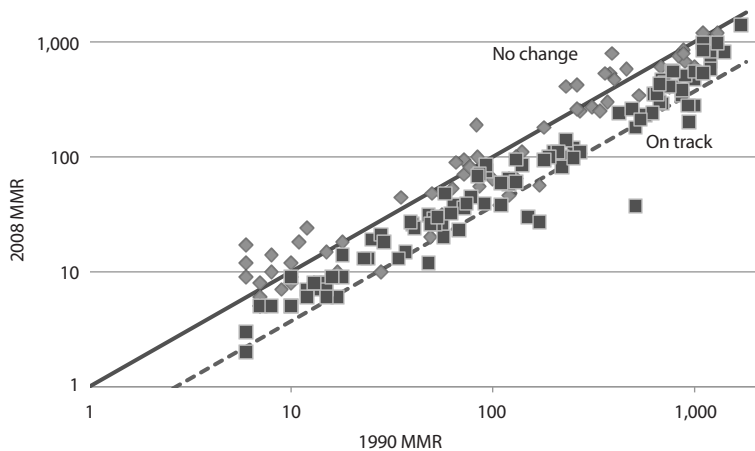


FIGURE 3. Estimated levels of maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in 172 countries, 1990 vs. 2008

a. Absolute scale



b. Logarithmic (relative) scale



- ◆ Countries not experiencing measurable positive decline
- Countries experiencing measurable positive decline

Note: Positive decline is indicated by a 95% uncertainty interval around the estimated rate of change over the period 1990 to 2008 (e.g., as noted earlier, the 95% uncertainty interval around the estimate of average annual decline in the global MMR of 2.3% is 1.8–2.8%, which indicates a measurable positive decline). *Sources:* MMR—reference 8; trend uncertainty intervals—reference 10.